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Our new General Manager

Walcha Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Stephen Parry as its new General Manager, following a comprehensive recruitment process.

Mr Parry brings over 30 years of senior local government leadership experience, including 23 years as Chief Executive of Gore District Council in New Zealand. During his tenure, he led major infrastructure projects, organisational reform, and economic development initiatives that delivered tangible results for rural communities.

Mayor Eric Noakes welcomed the appointment, saying, "Stephen's depth of experience in leading rural councils, combined with his transparent, people-focused approach, makes him an outstanding fit for Walcha. His track record in building strong council cultures and navigating complex regulatory and planning matters will serve our community well."

A qualified lawyer and experienced negotiator, Mr Parry has led multimillion-dollar developments,



including a new wastewater treatment facility and a 35-lot residential subdivision, and has played a direct role in negotiating major public-private partnerships and utility infrastructure deals. He is known for his decisive leadership, strong governance literacy, and commitment to community wellbeing.

Mr Parry said he was drawn to the role by Walcha's unique rural character and the opportunity to make a real difference. "I look

forward to working with the Mayor, Councillors, staff and community to support growth, improve services, and foster a strong, collaborative council culture," he said.

Stephen and his wife Wendy have seven children and six grandchildren in Australia and New Zealand. They will relocate to the Walcha Shire in August, in time for Stephen's commencement date on 1 September 2025.

Outside of work, Stephen has a keen interest in thoroughbred horse racing, community sport, and playing the drums.



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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

It's about to get a whole lot wetter with not one, but two weather fronts passing through over the next week with the potential falls of up to 50mm widespread. These fronts have a real spring demeanour about them, building in the west and sweeping east across Australia. The fronts are set to stretch from SA to QLD and bring much need rain to drought-stricken areas. Our moisture profiles are so full that it takes bugger all rain to make the gullies run, let alone creeks and it wouldn't take much to make the rivers flood.

Victoria and southern NSW are holding their breath for more rain as crops are just sprouting out of the ground and their winter crop season is on a knife's edge. There is no soil moisture so they need for the rain to continue to have any chance of yielding a crop, especially the big hay making areas that supply a lot of hay to farmers and exporters in the south. Livestock are still being hand fed with some producers containment feeding cattle for the past 6 months. I've heard of people feeding more than 2000 cows in these containment areas, now that would be a bill! If they can jag these fronts and begin to build soil moisture towards spring, then I think we will see the restocking market skyrocket in both sheep and beef.

We have a perfect storm brewing for livestock producers, especially us when you look at the current dynamics of what matters to our farm gate livestock prices. Export demand is outstripping our current supply for both beef and sheep meat; a large portion of southern Australia will hopefully come out of the worst drought on record so domestically, restockers will outstrip supply; and the key ingredient to the trifecta for us will be hopefully the weather goes with us and so far, it is.

The Walcha district is full of progressive farmers which all take different paths in the running of their properties. A lot of graziers improve their country through pasture improvement and selective clearing to be able to improve carrying capacities and overall farm gate profits. If you improve your asset through these pathways then I suggest you take notice of the Native Vegetation regulatory map. This map, accessible to anyone gives landholders an aerial view of what land will be regulated for improving and which land will be exempt. I'm not entirely sure what parameters they use to class each zone, but it seems confusing to say the least. Regardless, do yourself a favour and download the app, 'Check My Land' and it will show you the regulatory map that covers your property. Numerous landholders have recently found themselves in hot water as approval wasn't sought pre-improving which is as simple as improving an open paddock that has never been improved previously. Regardless, the eye in the sky and the technology available to monitor land is phenomenal so don't be working in your birthday suit as anything can be caught on camera.

How brazen are thieves getting after breaking into two StabilCorp roadworks trucks which were parked on the Flags Road in plain sight. The diesel tanks were drained, tools stolen and then the cabs of the trucks torched on Sunday night. Not only will the contractor be out of pocket, but it will delay the roadworks for an extended period. What is our society coming to when people do these things in our district.

Livestock markets continue to improve as we see short supply really start to bite in the south. Cow prices on Monday hit 384c/kg for 745kg cows in Forbes, heavy cows in Tamworth topped at 352c/kg while heavy cows in western Victoria topped at 394c/kg and saw bullocks make to 445c/kg. Feeder cattle look to be improving weekly, especially on AuctionsPlus with local vendors having a huge sale on Friday. EU feeder Angus steers topped at 510c/kg while feeder Angus heifers made to 458c/kg with the trucks pointing south this week.

The national lamb record price was once again broken last week with heavy lambs hitting \$454, while trade lambs in the south quoted to be hitting \$12-13/kg in the yards.

The Race that stops a nation is coming to Walcha

Walcha is set to come alive with colour and community pride as the 2025 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour makes its grand stop in town on Friday 15 August. From school visits to a vibrant street parade, a community afternoon, and an elegant evening reception, the day will be packed with unforgettable moments, with the whole community invited to be part of it.

Street Parade

The magic begins at 2:30pm, as local school children dressed in jockey silks lead a colourful community parade through the streets of Walcha. The iconic Lexus Melbourne Cup trophy will be the feature of the parade aboard a horse and cart, with Melbourne Cup winning horse trainer Sheila Laxon also aboard.

The parade will include students from Walcha Central and St Patrick's schools, local riders, a police escort, and local horse groups, making their way from the Post Office intersection, along Derby and Fitzroy Streets, and finishing at McHattan Park, where the celebrations will continue.

Community Afternoon at McHattan Park (from 3:30pm)

Following the parade, everyone is invited to gather at McHattan Park for a relaxed community gathering filled with stories, speeches, and photo opportunities with the Lexus Melbourne Cup. Hear from Sheila Laxon as well as a representative from the Victoria Racing Club, and experience the magic of seeing the iconic Cup up close. It is a wonderful moment for families, friends, and fans to come together.

Evening Reception & Auction – Walcha Bowling Club (from 6pm)

Cap off the day in style at the Walcha Bowling Club for a ticketed civic reception featuring guest speakers, a short clip showing the "Making of the Cup", and the presentation of the Breeders' Cup to Norm and Di Bazeley, proud breeders of *Knight's Choice* (2024 Lexus Melbourne Cup winner). The evening includes canapés, drinks, and

a community auction supporting local not-for-profit groups.

Tickets are on sale at: www.trybooking.com/1430616

Be Part of the Journey

The Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour is about more than racing, it is about celebrating the spirit of community, connection, and champions. Whether you are a lifelong racing fan, a proud local, or simply love a good parade, this is your chance to be part of Australian sporting history.

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To thank this group of selfless individuals we hosted a lunch at the Bowling Club and had an amazing meal provided by Di and her crew and drinks served by Tom (all of who make sure we can offer affordable outings regularly). Thank you all so much for your time and attention to Walcha's seniors- it is so appreciated.



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Adam Dark and his team of Tim Baumer, Harry Partridge, and support team of Arokiya Dark and Leonie Wall. Voters comments included: "Excellent service. I mean excellent. Weekends, public holidays, any time of day. Then they ring to check if the problem has been fixed." Another voter added: "They come when needed, they fix problems, and all of their staff are respectful to customers and to each other."

Voters were also impressed by the way the business supports the local community and is a great sponsor of local sporting clubs, with one voter commenting: "Great community spirit, customer service and attention to detail."

Adam said it was great to hear that they had won and thanked his customers and crew.

"A big thank you to Tim, Harry, Leonie and Roke for all their help and hard work. The business would not be what it is without them," Adam said.

"Thanks to our customers for their support over the last 5 years."



Tree Yarning

The Tree Yarning project in McHattan Park which was created as a part of the Winter Festival has drawn interest by visitors to the park over the school holidays.

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RUGBY REPORT WALCHA V ROBB

By Eric the Spider

WOMENS

Walcha Rugby Club celebrated a historic milestone with the Walcha Ewes inaugural women's rugby match against Robb College, played as part of the vibrant Walcha Ladies Day at Peter Fenwicke Oval. This landmark event marked the first-ever women's game for the Walcha Rams, drawing a passionate crowd and showcasing the strength and spirit of the women in the club.

Led out by the empowering Robyn Broadbent, Walcha set the tone early with her relentless performance in both attack and defence. Broadbent's powerful carries broke through the Robb College line, while her bone-crunching tackles left opponents reeling, cementing her as a force on the field. Equally dynamic, Ellie Clarke was a standout, chasing down every loose ball and ripping into the Robb College team with unyielding energy, disrupting their rhythm and inspiring her teammates. Lacey Newton orchestrated the Ewes' attack with composure, distributing the ball effectively to keep the team moving forward, along with Bonnie Brown, who dictated momentum in the wider channels, the two linked well, showcasing their skills and talent.

A historic moment came when Charlotte Scales scored the first EVER try for the Walcha women's team, etching her name in history and Walcha folklore. The match's defining moment came from Karina Partridge, who delivered the hit of the year—a thunderous collision that, as local legend has it, required OK Earthmoving to bring an excavator in to dig the unfortunate Robb player out of the turf!

Tahlia Bird anchored the defence with her organisational skills and communication, making crucial covering tackles to thwart Robb's advances. Lilly Stace proved difficult to stop, her quick feet dancing past defenders to create opportunities, while Megan Tisdell, undoubtedly one of the top two rugby players in her family, powered over the gain line with consistent, bruising runs. However, as the match wore on, fitness levels began to tell, and Robb College's depth allowed them to pull away in the latter stages. The final score saw Robb College triumph. Walcha Ewes 10 Robb College 30.

This historic match was a monumental achievement for the Walcha Ewes, who left the field with heads held high. The entire club and community salute the Ewes for their trailblazing effort on this unforgettable Ladies Day. Points 3 Ellie Clarke (Players Player), 2 Robyn Broadbent and 1 Bonnie Brown.

FIRST GRADE

Both teams came out firing, with bone-jarring collisions setting the tone for a fiercely contested match. The game began with Walcha conceding early penalties, handing Robb College a strong attacking platform and forcing the Rams into a defensive stance. Sam Colwell was immense in the early exchanges showing intent and aggression in defence, repelling the Robb attack. Despite the pressure, the Rams found their rhythm, settling into their structure and shifting the game into Robb's half. A moment of brilliance from Eddie Pitt turned the tide, as he snatched an intercept and raced 60 metres to score, opening the Rams' account and igniting the crowd.

With momentum on their side, Walcha began to dominate territory, piling pressure on the Robb defence. Cole Tweedy and Toby Marshall led the charge with powerful carries and relentless work rate, securing prime field position for the Rams. The forwards rolled up their sleeves in the tight exchanges, sucking in Robb defenders and creating space out wide. This set the stage for Moses Tuvou to capitalize, darting through for a try on the wing.

Nathan Cullinan was a rock in defence, organising the line with authority and racking up a huge number of tackles to keep Robb at bay. At halftime, the scoreboard read a tight Walcha 18, Robb 17. The second half saw a stop-start affair, with Walcha struggling to maintain their fluency and put Robb away. Handling errors and lapses in execution disrupted their flow, allowing Robb to stay in the fight. Ritchie Hunt stepped up with a series of bruising runs, churning out hard-earned post-contact metres to keep the Rams pushing forward. Matty Tisdell had a standout game, seamlessly linking the backs and forwards while throwing himself into big tackles in defence. Ross Monie matched his teammates' intensity, delivering a high work rate and making crucial hits to stem Robb's attacks. Despite Walcha's efforts and strong patches of play, Robb College proved too clinical, capitalizing on the Rams' mistakes to take control in the closing stages. The final score saw Robb emerge victorious, 29-23. Handling errors and a lack of cohesive execution

ultimately cost Walcha, who showed flashes of brilliance but couldn't string together a complete performance.

Points 3 Toby Marshall, 2 Billy Porter and 1 Matty Tisdell.

Players Player Ross Monie and Billy Porter.

SECOND GRADE

The Walcha Rams Reserve Grade continued their unbeaten rampage through the season, demolishing Robb College 71-0 in a commanding performance. The resounding victory further solidified the Reggies' position at the top of the table, showcasing a team firing on all cylinders and gelling like a well-oiled machine. From the opening whistle, the Rams played with a unity and cohesion that overwhelmed their opponents. Every player contributed across the park, with seamless teamwork evident in their relentless attack and impenetrable defence.

The tone was set up front by the Rams' forwards, who established their dominance early, driving Robb College back with ferocious scrummaging and powerful rucking. Jack Power was a juggernaut in attack, consistently smashing through the gain line with brute force, leaving defenders grasping at air. Connor Rogers matched Power's intensity, making life unbearable for the Robb defence with his hard, direct carries that bent the line and created space for his teammates. Enda Love caused havoc, his destructive runs cutting through the Robb defence like a hot knife through butter, leaving a trail of broken tackles in his wake. Captain Stephen McAnally delivered his finest performance in a Rams jersey, leading with composure and tactical nous. His decision-making was flawless, consistently choosing the right options to keep Robb on the back foot while dictating the game's tempo with authority. Brent Clarke complemented McAnally, controlling the game with a calm hand, ensuring the Rams played in the right areas of the field and distributing the ball crisply to unleash the backline. Nick Rogers, as ever, was a constant attacking threat, adding a thunderous "don't argue" fend to his growing highlight reel, brushing off would-be defenders, a real treat for the ladies on ladies day.

From the set piece to open play, the Reggies were relentless, their teamwork and cohesion proving too much for their opponents. The 71-0 scoreline reflected not just their individual brilliance but the strength of their collective squad, as they continue to set the standard in the competition. The Walcha Reggies have become a pleasure to watch playing a heads up expansive brand of rugby that everyone loves to watch.

Points 3 Steve McAnally, 2 Connor Rogers and 1 Jack Power.

THIRD GRADE

The Walcha Rams 3rd Grade took on the Walcha Barbarians in an electrifying 7s rugby match to kick off the Walcha Ladies Day at Captain Cook Oval. With Robb College unable to field a 3rd-grade side, the Walcha boys turned the occasion into a spirited local derby, splitting their squad to face off in a fast-paced sevens format that thrilled the festive crowd. The standout performers from each team were Will Hyles and Digby Bell, who lit up the field with their blistering pace. Both players showcased their try-scoring prowess, weaving through the defence to notch multiple tries and keep the scoreboard ticking. However, the 7s contest proved a challenge for the burley lads Tom Hoy and Jack Alcock. The big men, more accustomed to the tight confines of traditional 15s rugby, may have wished for a smaller pitch. Despite the demands of the format, their efforts in the set pieces and physical presence added a gritty edge to the contest. The game was played in good spirits and both teams enjoyed the opportunity to have a run around.

Points 3 Will Gunn, 2 Will Hyles and 1 Digby Bell.

NEXT WEEK

First Grade will enjoy a well-earned bye, while Reserve Grade gears up to face the newly formed Dorriggo Rangers at Peter Fenwicke Oval. Expect another cracking day of rugby action at home.

A massive thank you to all the supporters and volunteers who turned out for Walcha Ladies Day, making it a historic and memorable occasion. Your support brought the event to life, and we're grateful for everyone who contributed. A special shout-out to the Walcha Ewes for their outstanding performance in their debut match—well played, and the entire club is proud of your efforts.

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Congratulations to the 13 ladies who made history for the Walcha Rugby Club when they played Robb College at Peter Fenwicke Oval last Saturday. Karina Partridge, Katlyn Gollan, Megan Tisdell, Tahlia Bird, Lilly Stace, Ellie Clarke, Robyn Broadbent, Bonnie Brown, Lacey Newton, Katie Williams, Jess Taylor, Charlotte Scale and Molly Franklin all played well in front of a great 'Ladies Day' crowd. Good job by referee Steph Lennon along with the girls' coaches Andrew Crawford and Sam Payne.

What an experience for local 6 year old Aussie Rules player Jake McKenna and his family when they attended the AFL game between the Sydney Swans and North Melbourne at the Sydney Cricket Ground last Saturday. Thanks to Matt Pine at the New England Nomads Jake was the only kid from N.E. to take part in an Auskick exhibition match at halftime in the main game. And there was no prouder person on the planet than his old man Matt who officiated as goal umpire in Jake's match.

Both Jake's older brother Shaun and sister Olivia, who are attending boarding school in Geelong, play Aussie Rules representing their schools' 1st grade teams.

Jake did mention to Shaun that he was the first out of the two to play on the S.C.G.

The Walcha Squash Club was represented by 15 players when they travelled to Uralla to take on the hosts in their annual competition last Wednesday night. Walcha had a good win 11-4 and would like to thank the Uralla Squash Club for hosting the evening particularly Michael Boyd and Paul Byrnes.

Although no individual scores were available bus driver Will Nicholls Lachlan Brown, James Norton, John Byrne, Robbie Burnett, Henry Williams, Robyn Broadbent, Jim Boyd, Marco Zavaglio, Katrina Campbell, Danielle Hoy, Jim Nivison, Deanne Baines, Matt and Shaun McKenna were the Walcha players to participate.

Five Walcha Golf Club members Bill Fletcher, Simeon Cross, Peter Norbury, Willy and Wayne Brennan were joined by Uralla's Charlie Murray along with Coastal Ring Ins and former Walcha residents Michael Fraser and Steph Sweeney when they travelled to Kooralbyn Golf Resort last week. Charlie carded the best score on the first day when he racked up 36 points, a couple better than Simeon on 34 points. Most improved was

Peter Norbury who managed just 8 points on Day 1 only to back up with 30 points on Day 2. There was a mention 'Granite' must have only played 9 holes on Day 1. See Peter for how he did it.

The Walcha/Uralla Cricket Club are holding their annual Presentation Day at the Commercial Hotel this Sunday from 12 noon for both Senior and Junior players. In fact Senior trophies will also be awarded for the 2023/24 season as no presentations were made then. All our cricketers from the past two seasons are invited to attend the prize giving afternoon.

Big Wigs of the Week Round 20 - Bowling Club - G.T. Natty; Newie - Lisa Swanton, Wilba Haslem, Audi Dunn; T.B.W Cafe - Miles Lawrence, Lisa Swanton; (All picked the Card) Vet Supplies - Raya Kirby, Pete King, Jason Scott; Apsley - Cheryl Cameron, Katie Smith, Mick O'Reilly, Mick White, Ryan Withers, Ian Cameron, Beau Smith, Kilgore Trout, Barry Partridge, Normie Goodwin, Todd Cross and A.J. Cross (all 14 points).

Special mention to my niece and Newie tipster Audi Dunn who certainly went from one end of the scale to the other in the last two weeks. In round 19 Audi managed to select just one winner but in Round 20 bounced big time to Pick the Card. Good on ya 'Audrey'.



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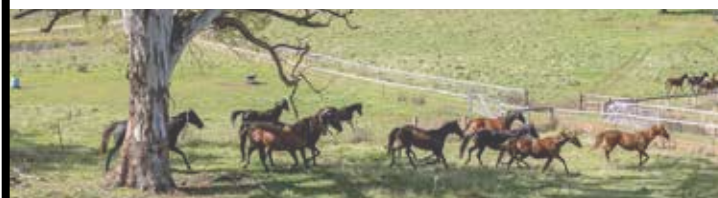
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Bowls

Congratulations to Ross Bellinger who is the new B grade champion. Ross defeated Matt Andrews 31 to 22 in the final. Well done to both players. A grade for you next year Ross.

One game on Thursday, Barry Kliendienst & John McCormack were too solid for Noel Goodwin & Jonny Watts.

Two local teams played in the Urunga carnival last weekend. They had a great weekend but no chocolates. Ex Walcha player PT Clarke and his brother were in the winning team.

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

Ladies Bowls

The final to the three bowls pairs championships was played last Monday and the score changed hands numerous times until the last three ends which Carmel and Lee won to give them the win 22-18 over Wendy and Lyn. This is three finals in which Wendy has been runner-up this year.

On Thursday two games of pairs was played with Jan and Lyn defeating Marie and Pam 12-9. In the other game Janice played twice and was defeated by Rosie and Lee 15-7.

Coming events are Tamworth City Ladies Day 7th August, West Tamworth Mixed 4's Bowls Carnival on the 4th and 5th October. Both these are on the notice board.

Sheets are on the board for anyone interested in the regional Fours and Triples to put their name down.

The Club Ladies Bowls AGM is Thursday 21st August with nominations closing on the 14th August.

Club affiliation fees are now due and are \$90.00 to be paid to Carmel.

Four bowl pairs competition will commence this week, with 3 teams nominated, it will be played as a round robin.

Draw: Thursday 24 July: Carmel & Pam v Jan & Rosie - 9am and Lee & Marie v Carmel & Pam - 1pm.

Thursday 31 July: Jan & Rosie v Lee & Marie - 9 am

Wednesday Golf

It was a playoff last Wednesday that decided the result of the Captains trophy stroke round. Three players all came in on 74 nett, which meant a playoff took place, as the Captains trophy is one of our major trophies.

Penny King, Pauline Carter and Robyn Salt saddled up for the deciding three holes, and congratulations to Robyn Salt who was the winner of the decider.

Pauline and Penny were sweepstakes winners and Anthea Macpherson was our fourth sweepstake winner with 75 nett.

The putting was won by Jill Burnell accumulating 25 putts, and Polly Locke was NTP on Hole 3, and Sally McCormack on Hole 16.

Monthly mugs were won by Jenny Lisle, 0-21, Penny King 22-29, and Pauline Carter 30-45.

Today we are playing par for a trophy donated by Ruth Fletcher.

On Saturday a junior golf Clinic was held here with a full house of 20 young golf enthusiasts. Our Northern NSW regional manager, Sophie Cusack ran the clinic.

Part of Sophie's role is Junior development, and it was wonderful to have her here to deliver this junior golf program.

The children enjoyed a fun-filled hour of developing their skills, followed by a sausage sizzle.

Sophie indicated that another clinic will be held in the third term School holidays.

She is also going to look into maybe running an older group for 13-17 year olds, in the afternoon to follow the younger group.

At the Nineteenth

A stableford round was contested last Sunday for a trophy donated by James Norton where Will Archdale accumulated 40 points to run out a fairly comfortable winner by three points from runner up on countback Anne Martin on 37 pts.

Sweepstakes went to Margaret Davidson 37, Jenny Lisle 36, Pauline Carter 35, David Sweeney 35, Armidale visitor Amanda Carr 34, Vicki Heffernan 34, Michael Stackman 33 and Don Brooks 33.

A field of 31 teed off including three other Armidale players former Walcha resident Dimity Fenwicke, Kay Nash and Lexie Archer along with Uralla duo Marj Chappell and Margaret Macready who were all ticking off their away game in the Graham Betts competition.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Kay Nash (3) who by all accounts missed a hole in one by a matter of a few millimetres and Andrew Robertson (9).

Chief organiser of the weekly 9 hole competition, John McCormack reports there was no play last Saturday as he and Vicki Heffernan were the only players that turned up.

Regional Manager of Golf NSW Sophie Cusack conducted a clinic for 7 to 13 year olds last Saturday where a full house of 20 players attended. Another clinic is planned for the September School Holidays including a session for an older group 13 to 17 year olds.

This Sunday is a Par round where Craig Morgan is in charge of supplying the prize.

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Meetings

Walcha Support Group Thursday 31st
July 1.30pm. WCCC Rooms Middle Street.
Relaxation 12.30pm, Lunch (BYO) 1pm,
Meeting 1.30pm. All Welcome.

Meetings (Cont)

Walcha Garden Club AGM and Monthly
meeting Friday 1st August 2025, commencing
9.30am at the Walcha Tennis Club. Enquiries:
P.Hoy 0428 772 822, D.Lisle 0429 799 083.
New members most welcome.

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- 👍 To Fiona for the marvellous work she
does promoting local business and our
community.
 - 👍 To the Walcha Rugby Club who put on
a fantastic Ladies Day last Saturday.
 - 👍 To the Walcha Ladies team who played
the first game for the Rugby Club, well
done girls what a crowd pleaser.
 - 👍 A huge thank you to Diana Lisle and
her wonderful volunteers who attended
the rose pruning demonstration on a
cold and wet Friday at Riverview. The
residents and staff greatly appreciate
your efforts and are looking forward to
seeing the roses in full bloom!
 - 👍 A big shout out to Rob Powell and
his team at Council for organising a
trailer for the green waste. It is much
appreciated.
 - 👍 To the person who stole the flowers
from the public toilets twice recently.
- Contributions will be received in
person, by phone or email and must
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contact details. They will be printed
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Oxley Highway scheduled closures extended

Motorists are advised that ongoing restoration work and scheduled
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The weekly scheduled road closure times are:

- **Every Tuesday to Thursday from 7am to 4.30pm**
- **Every Friday from 7am to 3pm**

The closure points are at Fenwicks Road, Yarowitch and Forbes
River Road, Yarras.

There will be no closures on weekends, Mondays, NSW school
holidays and public holidays.

The road closure will also be lifted for special event dates below:



- August: Thursday 7 to Friday 8, Thursday 14 to Friday 22
- NSW school holidays (27 September to 13 October)
- Friday 24 October
- November: Thursday 4 to Friday 7, Wednesday 12 to Friday 14.

The road will remain open during the above times under 60km/h
reduced speed limit with sections of single lane alternating traffic flow
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Transport for NSW encourages motorists to plan their trips around
these closures, avoid the area during work hours and defer travel if
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For more information on the recovery work on the Oxley Highway,
visit <https://www.livetraffic.com/incident-details/222355>, download
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