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WCS clinches Most Outstanding School prize



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WCS Principal Amanda Cooper with Neil, Thea and Jacqui Dunn at the Awards on Friday evening
Below: Dinah Jones congratulates Hadley on being a finalist in UNESAP

The opening night of NERAM's University of New England School Acquisitive Art Prize was held last Friday night 25 July.

Hadley Jones and Thea Dunn were both finalists in this prize, where 583 entries were submitted and only 60 works were chosen as finalists.

The night saw many attendees viewing the exhibited work and ended with the announcement of prize winners. Thea Dunn was awarded winner of the senior secondary school division prize with her photography and textiles work 'The Invasive'. Congratulations Thea, an amazing piece and well deserved.

Walcha Central School was awarded winner of the 'most outstanding school' in recognition of the large number, and high standard, of entries from Walcha Central School. This could only be achieved by all our amazing student submissions and the hard work of Art teacher Michelle Bruton.



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around the traps

By SIMON NEWTON

It's always a nice feeling when you see the first wattles of the season flowering which gives us hope that spring isn't too far away. We are almost in August and speaking to numerous locals, they can't remember the last winter we had being this wet. We had chalked up totals of 80mm for the month of July with the moisture not slowing down at all this week. The week ahead looks bleak to say the least, more rain, especially on the weekend, potential snow falls and not much sun. The country is extremely wet, and it didn't take much rain to make our creeks and rivers run, spring is shaping up nicely.

Australia has gone and bowed down to the USA because they are now stating that they have made a scientific decision to lift the ban on imported beef from the USA into Australia. Anyone in the livestock game knows that the cost beef in the USA is extremely dear and not much would be heading to our shores, but it raises a whole new biosecurity threat for our industry. The problem with US beef is that they can't guarantee its origin as plenty of beef that is killed in the USA, isn't grown in the USA. Mexican beef producers sell plenty of cattle into the US beef feedlot system and their biosecurity is terrible. Australia has just opened the door to another biosecurity threat to our beef industry which I think is ludicrous considering this will be used by our government as a bargaining tool with Trump, or so they think. To put our beef industry in jeopardy is completely wrong and I hope the government has scientific insurance if one of these nasty diseases or parasites come into our country and brings the beef industry to its knees, just like the flesh-eating parasite that Mexican cattle producers are dealing with now.

I believe that Australia has got this whole new potential super tax completely wrong considering what we are seeing in the USA right now. Trump has announced he will eliminate estate tax for family farms and small business. The reason he has done this is to stop the foreclosures that forced generations of farmers to sell their land because of these taxes and yes, if this unrealised capital gain tax eventuates in Australia, we will find ourselves with the same problem. Who will be able to afford these extra taxes when the average age of our farmers is in their sixties. We need to be encouraging family farms to continue, to grow and to have younger people wanting to continue farming.

I've been looking at the current US beef market and this value will blow you away with 460kg feeder steers making \$5350 Australian, that's each! Our Angus feeder steers have just nudged north of \$5/kg so that's around \$2300. They keep telling us that our prices have a way to go yet but those values are insane and maybe given the demand for Australian beef we might just see that \$7/kg for feeder steers that an industry expert was predicting.

A new TRLX lamb record was set by a local producer when extra heavy XB lambs off the Tia Diggings Road topped at \$435 on Monday. We are seeing extraordinary results for district lamb producers with a producer just last week killing lambs to a top of \$478.80, that's a 41.60kg dressed lamb and the dearest I've heard.

Finally, we have seen a widespread rain band over the last week drop rain in the south to much needed drought areas, no it's not enough to break the drought but it's a start which could be a turning point. Markets responded immediately with fat cows hitting 450c/kg, heavy bullocks to 475c/kg and light restocking weaner steers yesterday making 600c/kg. A bull in western Victoria Livestock Exchange made \$5884 for a 1435kg cull bull which implies it would be an excellent time to trade in your old bulls for new genetics, this upcoming bull sale season.

Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour evening reception

The 2025 Lexus Melbourne Cup is on the move, and it is coming to Walcha!

Don't Miss Walcha's Night with Racing Royalty – Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour Evening Reception, Friday 15 August.

Join us for an unforgettable evening on Friday 15th August from 6pm at the Walcha Bowling & Recreation Club as our town becomes part of the prestigious Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour.

This is your chance to get up close with the iconic \$850,000 Lexus Melbourne Cup Trophy, hear the stories behind it, and mingle with some of racing's greatest contributors. The evening includes a canapé-style cocktail dinner, a fundraising auction and special guest speakers.

You will hear firsthand from Sheila Laxon, the celebrated dual Melbourne Cup-winning trainer, and representatives from the Victoria Racing Club, who will share exclusive insights into the Cup's remarkable history and the craftsmanship behind the Lexus Melbourne Cup Trophy.

Be there to cheer on Walcha's own Norm and Di, as they are officially awarded the 2024 Melbourne Cup Breeder's Trophy for the incredible victory of Knight's Choice in the 2024 Melbourne Cup race.

Auction highlights include two tickets to the Melbourne Cup, along with other fantastic items. One lucky guest will walk away with the ultimate prize; Two seats in the Lawn Stand at the Lexus Melbourne Cup Day at Flemington Racecourse, positioned directly in line with the finish post!

This is a night of celebration and community pride, don't miss your chance to be part of it.

Tickets are on sale now: Scan the QR code or visit www.trybooking.com/DDKHS to secure your spot. Let's give the Lexus Melbourne Cup the warm Walcha welcome it deserves!



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Origin support kicks a goal for local juniors



It is another huge year for Walcha Junior soccer with 83 players ranging from 5 to 11 years of age taking the field. Whilst the wet weather has resulted in a few missed training sessions and games the kids are really enjoying the season so far.

Thanks to a generous \$5,000 contribution from Origin Energy and \$500 from Walcha Council our club was able to purchase brand new soccer goal posts. The new goal posts will be a fixture on our grounds

for years to come, supporting training and weekend matches.

“We are deeply grateful to Origin for championing grassroots sport and helping create a space where passion, play, and growth thrive,” Kimberley Lisle said.

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Inaugural Life Members

The Oxley Riders inducted their Inaugural Life Members recently at the New England Hotel. Bernie Brady, Sally O'Shannessy and Shane Carey are pictured above, with Sally's husband and fellow Life Member Spook not available for the photo.

Congratulations on your efforts with a Club that does so much for the Walcha community.

Permanent variation to Bush Fire Danger Period

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) New England Zone has announced a permanent variation to the starting date of the Bushfire Danger Period.

Acting District Manager, Inspector Matthew McKean has confirmed that the new Bushfire Danger Period will now commence from 1 September 2025.

Inspector McKean explained that this permanent variation for the Armidale, Walcha and Uralla Local Government Areas (LGAs) will see the Bushfire Danger Period run from 1 September through to 31 March moving forward. Fire Permits to burn and notifications to neighbours and RFS will remain the same as in previous years.

"Fire Permits to burn are a free service provided by the RFS and can be obtained by visiting the RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and clicking on the Apply, Notify, Enquire link on the front page of the website."

"Once the permit is issued, the permit holder will need to lodge their notification through the RFS website by again clicking on the Apply, Notify, Enquire link and selecting Notify of your planned burn."

"Additionally, permit holders can contact their local Fire Permit Officer directly for a paper permit or by contacting the New England Fire Control Centre on 6771 7700 between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday and we can put you in touch with your Brigade Fire Permit Officer", Inspector McKean said.

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garden clippings



From Walcha Garden Club

Whoever declares there is no colour in a winter Walcha garden is in for a big surprise! Now that we are past the winter solstice and the days are getting longer there is some colour coming into our gardens. Our national emblem, the wattle, is certainly starting to show plenty of blooms. Along Oxley Drive there are Apsley and Cootamundra wattles either in bloom or just beginning to bloom. The Cootamundra wattle variety is *Acacia baileyana purpurea* (grey foliage with a new growth of purple leaves). They both add warmth to an otherwise wintry look. Grevilleas are also putting on a great display in late winter. Especially the ground cover varieties. Native birds really do enjoy their flowers as they are laden with nectar.

Bulbs are now starting to raise their pretty heads from the ground including jonquils and daffodils. Lots of annuals are also starting to put on a happy display too. Bulbs in pots are usually the first to flower followed annuals such as Iceland poppies, primulas, heart ease, violas, pansies, daphne and hellebores. We must not forget the camellias too. *Sasanqua camellia* hedges are nearing the end of their display. A great time to prune them back and give them their early spring dose of fertiliser before they start their growing season. Neutrog Kahoona,



From left: Jonquils, daffodils and the pretty silk tassel bush (*Garrya*)

Troforte M and Searles are certainly good quality fertilisers that are specifically made for your camellias.

An interesting addition to any garden is an evergreen shrub called *Garrya* or silk tassel bush. It requires water to establish then it can survive quite well with seasonal rain. Its standout appeal is its beautiful flowers (catkins) which drape down in late winter and early spring. Some catkins can drape 50cm.

Witch hazel is a wonderful deciduous shrub in a winter garden. It has yellow blooms along its bare branches in early spring. Winter flowering apricot trees are very pretty this time of year. The weeping form is probably the best variety for a feature tree.

For anyone who has a vegetable garden, a hot house or somewhere to create protection from frost, then you can start to sow seeds such as snow peas, broccoli, beetroot, broad beans and spinach. This will allow your seedlings to be mature enough by early spring so you can transplant into garden beds. Onions and garlic can be planted now and be ready for harvest by late in the year. Potatoes can also be planted in pots but must be kept in a well-protected area with lots of mulch to slow their growth until the weather warms up. Herbs could be sown into mini hothouses using plastic milk cartons. Cut the bottom of the milk bottle off to place them over your pots. Take the lid off the carton during the day to allow ventilation.

The Walcha Garden Club is holding their AGM and monthly meeting this Friday 1 August commencing 9.30am at the Walcha Tennis Club. We hope as many members will attend these important meetings.

Our annual lunch will be held on Friday 5 September, at the Walcha Golf Club. Cost: \$35 per person. Our guest speaker is Angela Sole, who is a horticulturist and runs the Sustainable Plant Design business with her husband, Ian, based in Armidale. Angela will be speaking on garden design with cold climate plants. Bookings can be made at the AGM, Paperdolls Boutique or post to the Treasurer. PO Box 10, Walcha. Enquiries: P Hoy 0439 310 844 or D Lisle 0429 799 083.

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Over \$35,000 in equipment donated by Auxiliary

Walcha Hospital Auxiliary recently held their AGM where President Margaret Cross welcomed everyone and spoke on their achievements for the year.

Presidents Report: We are proud to say that Linda Cross and Sally-Ann Hoy had been presented with Walcha Branch Life Memberships earlier in the year and recently Kate Hoy and Debbie Wall.

During the year we have purchased 4 x UHA Signs for each of the entries into Walcha which were erected by Council and we would like to thank them very much for doing that.

We have manned the gates for the Antique Truck and Machinery Show, the Rodeo gates; catered for Bull and Ram sales, a Clearance sale and held a Quilt display. We have held two very successful street stalls and we have supported the Walcha Show Society in their application for a new Entry shed for the front gate.

We held a successful forum in March with Auxiliary representatives from many towns and nine members from Walcha.

This financial year, we have purchased two recliner chairs, a Sit Stand Lifter and 2 slings, a Vaccination Fridge for Community Health, new baby scales, a podiatry/treatment chair for Community Health, 2 x Foot stools, 2 x Medication Trolleys, set of steps for Physio, donated many Baby Bundles for the newborns, we supply Emergency Toilet bags, International Nurses Day gift and donated the RM Williams magazine bi-monthly. Total cost of \$35,567.33 and we have volunteered at least 1037 hours this financial year.

Other members receiving awards were Kate Hoy and Debbie Wall a 30 year Bar and Certificate each, Ian Levingston a 10 year Bar and certificate, and Jan Pointing a 15 year Certificate.

Margaret thanked all members for their contributions and help to the Auxiliary during the year, and thanked Secretary Vicki and Treasurer Marie for their hard work and Peter our silent worker for all he does. Marg finished by saying that we should be proud of what we have achieved and we could not have done this without the generosity of the Walcha community.





New Executive Committee: Chloe Hoy – Secretary Asst, Linda Cross – President, Marg Cross – 1st VP, Marie Spink – Treasurer, Pam Clare – 2nd VP, Front Vic McIvor – Secretary and Cecilia Brennan – Treasurer Asst



New members: David Campbell, Chloe Hoy, Jess Goodwin, Marg Morris and absent Peta Lisle. Pictured with President Linda Cross and Past President Marg Cross.



Life Members: Marg Cross handing the newly manufactured Badges to Branch Life Members, Vic, Linda and Sally-Ann. Absent Carol Bird, Kate Hoy and Debbie Wall.





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A Celebration of Life Service was held at the St Andrew's Hall to farewell Rhonda Partridge last week. Condolences to her partner Paul Summers, sons Khoby and Josh, daughter Heather along with other family members and friends. May Rhonda Belinda Partridge Rest in Peace.

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Had the pleasure of attending the 90th Birthday party for former Walcha resident Johnny 'Jack' Wright, uncle of my much better half Linda, at the Charlestown Bowling Club last Sunday. A great afternoon was had catching up with relatives over a few beverages which ended up sadly when Manly were belted by the Hushpuppies when we watched the game on the big screen at the club.

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Congratulations to local equestrienne Anna Benson on her selection in the All Australian Polocrosse junior girls squad to take part in a program which will bring talented players together for high performance training team development and preparation for future international and representative competition. Way to go Anna.

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A belated pat on the back to Bob Burnell, John Stuart and Peter McNeill on each being recognised by the SES for their 50 years of service to the SES and Walcha community at a ceremony recently held here in Walcha. Good on ya guys. A truly remarkable commitment by each one of you.

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The Walcha/Uralla Cricket Club held a bi-annual Presentation afternoon last Sunday afternoon at the Commercial Hotel where Jay Grills was named 2024/25 Player of the Season which Daniel Boyd collected for 2023/24. The reason being no presentations were made last season but please stay tuned for a full report next week.



2023/24 Uralla/Walcha Cricketer of the Year
Daniel Boyd



2024/25 Walcha/Uralla Cricketer of the Year
Jay Grills

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Due to the constant weather the Walcha Golf course was closed last weekend due to the state of the course which caused both the 9 hole Saturday competition and the 18 hole Par event on Sunday to be cancelled. Weather permitting a Stableford round is scheduled for this Sunday where Bill Fletcher is in charge of supplying the prize whereas the Boggabri Open is also on offer. Members please note that starting this Sunday August 3rd tee off time will be from 10.30am which has been set for all year round.

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Congratulations to Oxley Riders Shane Carey, Bernie Brady, 'Spook' O'Shannessy and his wife Sally on having Life Membership bestowed on them at their recent Annual General Meeting. The 'Awesome Foursome' are the inaugural Life Members of the Oxley Riders.

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Big Wigs of the Week Round 21 - Apsley Arms - Ray 'Choom' Foster, Tim Rumble, Jim 'Bob' Smith 14 points. Newie - 27 tipsters picked up the 12 points while 7 at the B.C, 5 at Thunderbolts Way Cafe and 4 at Vet Supplies also selected six correct winning teams.

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With just six rounds remaining in the NRL competition it is certainly on for young and old at the Newie where just 4 points separates the top seven players on the leader board. Sea Eagles supporter Johnny Byrne leads the way on 200 just ahead of Bill 'CWN' Fletcher and Zac Mallise 198, Bree Wayte, Mark Notley, 'Red' Hoy and Liam Brennan all on 196.



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Friends of Riverview year in review

Friends of Riverview held their AGM recently

Patron	Hazel Cameron
President	Olive Chandler
Vice President	Anne Martin
Secretary	Jan Cross
Treasurer	Don Murchie
Gift Organiser	Carol Bird
Bingo Organiser	Jan Cross

Olive Chandler's President Report:

As Friends we have held our monthly meetings throughout the year which gives us the opportunity to stay connected with staff and residents.

We are very grateful to Julie as Facility Manager, Tonia as RAO and Carol when needed to avail themselves at our meetings to keep us informed and let us know what we can supply to add to the wellbeing of the Residents.

Friends continue to contribute to the wellbeing of the residents by purchasing extras as requested. These items this year included outdoor furniture, umbrellas, Christmas trees, decorations, lights, birthday gifts, Christmas stocking fillers, bingo prizes, outings, special lunches, Mother and Father's Day gifts, Easter eggs and papers delivered.

Friends continue to fundraise to enable these items to be purchased through street stalls and generous donations received.

Thank you to our members and families of residents who support the street stalls with raffle prizes, cooking and other saleable goods and the community for supporting these stalls.

Some of the residents themselves contributed with knitting. How wonderful is that.

A big thank you to Gary & Rhonda Olrich for donating wood for our raffle, St Pauls PWA donation of \$200, the Regional Australia Bank for their Community Partnership Program \$3,315.78 (and the members of RAB for nominating Friends) WAMATS for \$500.

Thanks to Tonia who continues to look after the interests of residents by making special days special, every day running by having afternoon activities and bus trips.

Abig thank you to Janine who once again stepped in and shopped to fill 30 plus Christmas stockings for each resident and making sure that they were there for Christmas morning. A wonderful gesture Janine.

We are excited to have 5 new members this year.

Members of Friends are active in different areas to suit their availability. Some help with fundraising while others are active volunteers within the facility helping with bingo, reading, visits and bus trips.

The facility has lost some loved residents this year and we as Friends feel this loss also.

Thank you to Carol for taking over the birthday cards and gifts after the loss of our member Pam Fairweather, Tracey Hoy for monogramming the handkerchiefs and face washers, free of charge, Mary Moran for checking the books, Jan for so ably recording the minutes and attending to all jobs the Secretary has to do, Don for managing the finance and investigating what and where money can come from to benefit the facility and our wonderful members.

This year as everyone knows was a massive year for Apsley Riverview being taken on by Walcha Council. So much was undertaken over the last couple of years by Council, Graham Barnes, Presbyterian congregation and PAC, members of our community and Julie.

The aim was for nothing to impact on the residents which was achieved through Riverview's caring and attentive staff. We as Friends were kept up to date throughout.

Julie has handed in her resignation but will still be part of the casual staff.

Julie, for the hours and hours, years and years you have given to Riverview we thank you for and hope you enjoy some family time until you are rostered back on.

Being part of the facility in a small way as a volunteer is a privilege.

We are always looking for new members, so if you would like to be one of those people, please contact Jan Cross on 0428 772 037 or myself on 0428 772 067.

advocate sport



Ladies Bowls

The first round of the four bowl pairs was played last Thursday morning with Pam Makeham and Carmel Ryan winning triumphantly against Rosie Aitken and Jan Cross. Pam and Carmel then played Lee and Marie during the afternoon to narrowly win 17-12. Tomorrow the four bowl pairs continues with Rosie Aitken and Jan Cross playing Lee McCoy and Marie Spink. The winners will be declared on a point system.

Sheets are on the board for anyone interested in playing in the Regional Triples and Fours competitions. There are also club invitations. Please put your name on the board by the closing dates.

Don't forget the street stall Saturday 16 August. Saleable goods most welcome.

The Ladies Bowls AGM is Thursday 21 August. Nominations close 7 August. Nominations forms are on the board and the box is behind the bar for nominations. There will be social bowls tomorrow 9am for 9.30am start for those not playing the championship game.

Tennis

The Walcha District Tennis Association will be holding a Street Stall on Saturday 2nd August from 8.30am until 12.30pm. 1st prize a load of wood, 2nd Prize a \$25.00 meat voucher and third prize a \$25.00 fruit and veggie tray. Sweet goodies will be on sale as well. Any support will be gratefully received.

Our Spring Prelude Comp will start on Tues 12th August and conclude on Tues 23rd September. The format will be climb the ladder graded doubles. Names to Trev 0459 799 119 and Hyde 0427 780 391. Nominations close on Friday 8th August.

The next Club Meeting will be held on Mon 11th August at 6.30pm. Membership Subs are due so please make sure your Membership is up to date. See you all at the net soon.

Bowls

The final rounds of triples will be played this Saturday starting 9.30 am. Hopefully it will be finalised and we can celebrate with the winners Saturday arvo. All teams are still in the running. Thursday scores: Bun and Peter defeated Noel and John W 20 to 5. Matt and Ross defeated John Mc and Dace 21 to 8.



Funeral Notice

Colin Murray Fox

28th July 2025

of Towers Street, Walcha.

Loving father of Mark, Angela and Andrew.

Loved grandfather of Kooper and Sam.

Loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle of his family.

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Public Notice

New England IT (Tim Sutton) will be away from 1 August, resuming work 25 August.

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Tennis Spring Comp. Tues 12 August to Tues 23 September. Climb ladder graded doubles. Names to Trev 0459 799 119 and Hyde 0427 780 391. Closes 8 August.

Walcha Council 2025 Winter Tree Maintenance Program



Residents are advised that the 2025 Winter Tree Maintenance Program is currently underway and will consist of the following works (weather and other arising urgent works permitting):

Tree Removal: Apsley Street (6 x Lace Lady Robinia and 1 x Chinese Elm), North Street (11 x Honey Locust & 1 x Gum Tree), Lagoon Street (2 x Honey Locust), Angle Street (4 x Honey Locust), Fitzroy Street (13 x Robinia on western end & 1 x Ornamental Pear on eastern end), Commercial Lane (1 x Gum Tree), Middle Street (2 x Plane Tree, 1 x Liquid Ambar & 2 x Prunus) and Walsh Street (1 x Claret Ash).

Sucker Removal: All roadways within the town limits.

Crown Raising: Apsley Street & North Street.

Council thanks residents for their cooperation during these works.

**Alan Butler, Acting General Manager
Walcha Council, PO Box 2, Walcha NSW**

Meetings

Walcha Farmers' Market AGM and general meeting. Tues 5th August, 6.30pm, Commercial Hotel. New members with a passion for local produce are very welcome.

Walcha Road Historic AGM and bi monthly meeting, Thursday the 21st of August 2025 commencing at 6:30pm at the Club Rooms at the Walcha Road Hotel. Enquiries: Kooka 0497 844 316 and Carmel 0410 036 011. New members and visitors are welcome.

Position Vacant

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Applications close: 29 August 2025



- 👍 To all who braved the weather to come to our 'Christmas in July' at Woolbrook.
- 👍 To our fantastic small Woolbrook committee who gives all our events 100% commitment.
- 👍 To Jayde at IGA for going above and beyond to find fresh produce.
- 👍 To the parents who do not supervise their young children adequately while enjoying themselves at functions.

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Local lamb record

With a new TRLX lamb record being set by a local producer on Monday when extra heavy XB lambs off the Tia Diggings Road topped at \$435, we thought we would take a look back at lamb marketing in days gone by around Walcha.

At these prices, it would be interesting if someone could calculate for *The Advocate* the price a train load of lambs would make!

The below excerpt is from Bob Walsh's book, More Walcha Stories:

A few more Yarns from the Early Days Tim Fenwicke's Recollections

Tim recalled that in 1961 Geoff Taylor invited John "Stainless" Steel to come to Walcha to purchase lambs for McPherson Bros at Homebush in Sydney. Over a period of seven days enough lambs were purchased locally to make up a trainload. These lambs were then delivered to Walcha Road railway station by both the Walcha Carrying Company and L.P. Cross & Co. Geoff and Tim then loaded the lambs into railway sheep vans. They also had to shunt each of the sheep vans into the loading position. Over a period several train loads of lambs were sent by train to McPherson Bros. at Homebush. "Stainless" Steel continued to purchase lambs from Walcha for many years.

Cattle were sold at the Walcha Showground until the Walcha Associated Agents built their cattle yards on the western side of town. The cattle were sold in a round yard at the Showground with buyers, agents and others standing around, sometimes with a spirited beast clearing the yard of interested spectators.

Some cattle would arrive at the yards and whichever was there would get the sale, a sort of Johnny on the spot system. Dan Hoad from Nash and Crossman almost always was the agent who arrived earliest at the yards.



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