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After weeks of promising a snowy Winter in Walcha, the skies finally delivered — and then some! On Saturday, Walcha was blanketed in the kind of snow locals say hasn't been seen in decades, with some suggesting it was the biggest fall since 1966!

What started as a dreary, wet morning quickly turned into something magical. By lunchtime, thick flakes were falling across town, coating rooftops, paddocks and backyards in white. Children grabbed makeshift sleds, snowmen started popping up, and the whole town paused to marvel and take photos.

While it did cause a few travel hiccups, there was no denying the beauty of it. From the riverside to the hills, Walcha looked like something out of a postcard.

For many, it was a rare chance to experience a true alpine-style snowfall, right here at home.

To cap off what's already been a memorable season, the final Winter in Walcha market, brought to you by the Walcha Business Group, will be held this Sunday the 10 August from 9am to 1pm at McHattan Park. "Snow" is still guaranteed (the machine kind this time), along with plenty of new stalls, face painting, more yarn bombing, great food, hot chocolate, fire pits, and of course, marshmallows to toast.

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around the traps

By MAT LARKINGS

Well the weekend weather certainly caught us all by surprise. As we entered August most were hoping that spring is just around the corner, I myself thought it was too wet for the snow to settle but settle it did! Whilst the snow is a wonderful sight and our social media pages were filled with stunning images, the harsh reality hit quickly, with power still out in some areas and roads cut off. Saturday quickly went from stunning to chaos. The true cost of the snow event is yet to be determined with a monumental clean up effort ahead with vast amounts of trees and infrastructure crumbling under the surprising weight of the snow. I'm sure stock losses have occurred with producers lambing and calving.

A big thanks must go to all those that lent a helping hand with many travellers stuck, I have heard plenty of stories of people sleeping on pub floors and the like. Essential Energy have a big job ahead of them fixing damaged lines and restoring power in less than ideal conditions. Also the local council clean up crew have swiftly sprung into action removing debris and alike.

On the back of last week's announcement that Australia has "bowed down" to America's threats and opened up our doors to their beef, another blow to our biosecurity has occurred with the DPI announcing 165 job cuts. This includes at least 15 roles in the biosecurity team, and closure of the critical Wollongbar environmental lab. With testing now to be shifted to Wagga questions are being asked of the limited capacity there. If we are to see an outbreak we will be wishing we had those men and women back on the front line. I'm sure these decisions are well thought out by smarter people than myself but I struggle to see the benefits long term.

We have once again seen improvements in all livestock markets over the past week. With the cow market leading the charge, pushing past \$4.50 per kg live weight in Tamworth this week. Those cows returned a value of over \$3000. I feel we have misunderstood the actual cow herd in Australia and will see supply tighten in the grinding beef sector in coming months, particularly with the rise in restocker prices.

A largely reduced yarding at Tamworth saw a jump in all categories this week. No records were set in the lamb sale however last week's record setter had a good day by all accounts. Dubbo holds the trophy at least at the time of writing with the best of their lambs selling for \$477.20, these lambs sold to a bidding frenzy with two export buyers clashing. The story behind these producers is in my opinion the best part, where the previous generation of this family also once held the national lamb price record, sold through the same yards and by the same stock and station agency.



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A local bull has been sashed as the Heaviest Bull on Grounds at this years Royal Queensland Show.

The Station Angus King T106, affectionately known as 'Buster' was lucky to make it to The Ekka on Saturday before roads were closed due to snow and ice.

"If we had left an hour later we wouldn't have made it through before the New England Highway was closed," said Emily Scrivener. "It was a long trip, but we took our time and made it safely to Brisbane."

On Sunday 3 August 'Buster', the 35 month old Angus bull, joined the line to hop on the scales and when he did he weighed in at a whopping 1,356kg.

His new claim to fame has seen him photographed from top to toe, and Emily fielding interviews from the likes of Queensland Country Life, the ABC Country Hour and ABC Brisbane's Loretta and James.

This year has seen quite a few seconds for 'Buster'. This will be his second outing to the Ekka, his second Royal Show for 2025, and the second time this year he has been named the heaviest on grounds – Buster took out the title at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in April.

Buster, who is by Bowmont King K306 and out of the homebred Bonny Brooke Jean P75, has been a show bull since a calf, won ribbons at numerous local Ag Shows and took out the title of Reserve Champion Senior Angus Bull at the 2025 Sydney Royal.

Along with two other bulls entered by the AJ & M Scrivener, he will make his appearance in the ring for judging on Friday 8 August.



The Station Angus T106, 'Buster', with his sash for Heaviest on Ground at the 2025 Royal Queensland Show (The Ekka)



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A NIGHT TIME VIEW FROM DERBY STREET



After the severe snow storm on Saturday Riverview Aged Care Facility, like everywhere else, was left without power. At 5:00pm it became clear that it wouldn't be back on that night. Acting General Manager Christian Martin contacted me and asked if anyone in town had a generator that could be used to run the facility. ETE Services had supplied this in the past but Ian Notley took his with him when they

left. John Stuart made it known he had one that would power Riverview and a quick call to Lisa Wratten (who had phone service) saw John, Lisa and husband Martin preparing the brand new generator by the time I got to town. Two problems remained, we needed an electrician and diesel to run it. With no power or phone service this made it more difficult. A knock on Ian Cameron's door at 7:00pm and his first response was "I will be there in 20". A visit to Council Grader Operator Josh Eveleigh, and while he said he didn't have any diesel in his pod he would go to the depot and get some. Half an hour later he was on site with diesel. In the wet it was challenging to place the generator in position and then it was discovered that the power plug was different. Ian Cameron removed the plug and hardwired the generator and two hours later with a flick of the switch Riverview lit up.

Not sure of how much fuel was being consumed, Josh Eveleigh then checked it at 2:30am and with the assistance of John Donnelly 'milked' the truck at the depot to make sure it ran until the morning. At 9:30am I dropped into Riverview to check they were right and Josh was back there checking the generator.

The point of this article is to thank those who helped and to give credit to what people do in this community for absolutely no personal gain. Standing ankle deep in snow in misty rain while six people worked together to provide a warm and comfortable nights' sleep to some of our more vulnerable residents was amazing. They laughed and chatted and never complained once (Lisa did say her feet were cold).

To John Stuart for the loan of, and placement of the generator, Lisa and Martin for their skill and can do attitudes, Josh Eveleigh whose problem solving ability and willingness to help came naturally, while his partner Tayla waited in the car with their children to assist when the crane became bogged. Ian Cameron who at 9:00pm may have been wishing he hadn't answered that knock at his door, your ability to improvise and calm attitude saved the day.

One thing that struck me on the side of that hill was that this was the attitude and loyalty that made Walcha a united and great community it was. I hope it is contagious.

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LAND USE STRATEGY

Last week Councillors saw the first draft of the Cumulative Impact Assessment and Land Use Strategy. The purpose of these documents is to evaluate potential impacts from renewable energy development and to include recommendations for Council to maximise opportunities this development may present.



These documents will be workshopped by Council and placed on public display for 28 days in late August. This will be an opportune time for anyone to comment. In saying this, when finalised these documents will not override applicable State planning laws.

ROADS

Not much I can say here but our roads have been trashed by our winter weather systems. Impassable sections need to still be reported to Council by email, visit or phone but I believe this is going to take a long time to fully repair.

On a brighter side Mid Coast Council have indicated that Thunderbolts Way south should be open on the 11 August.

This is probably a good time to acknowledge the people who were out over the weekend keeping our services operating. No one expected the devastation and impacts that the weather would bring. Many people got caught, whether sightseeing or going about their business. As I write this much of the lower New England is still without electricity but contact with Essential Energy assures us they are going as hard as they can. It is a pertinent time to recognise and appreciate Council staff, fire brigade, SES and Essential Energy often working in challenging conditions for our community.

Showers, power and coffee for those in need

For those in Walcha and surrounds still without electricity and/or phone service, the Bowling Club has electricity and are happy to offer help in the way of use of their wifi and charging your devices.

"We have two showers available (please note one is in the men's bathroom) and a tea/coffee station is available for the community to utilise," Rebecca Taiki said.

The Bowling Club is open Wednesday and Thursday from 12.00pm onwards. The kitchen is also open for dinner both Wednesday and Thursday nights. Everyone is most welcome.

Walcha Coffee is also generously opening its doors today (Wednesday), and if you're still without power, "The coffee's on us," Cameron Hayton said.

"Free hot brews to warm you up, charge your phone, and have a yarn. Sometimes a cuppa and a bit of company makes all the difference," Cameron commented.

Great community spirit all round!

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Snowstorm

The recent storms across the Northern Tablelands saw thousands of residents across the electorate without power for days. This meant people were without water, lost perishables and businesses couldn't trade.

I have written to Minister for Recovery Janelle Saffin requesting the Northern Tablelands be declared a disaster zone. I certainly believe it should be.

With the snowstorms, I would also like to commend the community spirit. There were plenty of stories of people checking on their neighbours, offering up their homes, delivering goods and clearing roads.

Well done to the whole community.

NSW Farmers' Annual Conference

I attended the NSW Farmers' Annual Conference in Sydney two weeks ago which saw farmers, industry leaders and politicians come together to discuss issues facing the industry.

These included the future of farming, artificial intelligence, a first farm buyer's scheme, renewable energy concerns, animal activism, privacy, waste transfers, mobile coverage, funding for feral pig control, pest and weed control, insurance costs, and the next generation of agriculture.

REZ Inquiry

Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) were in focus when the Upper House brought their Parliamentary Inquiry to Armidale two weeks ago. Local mayors, local planning officers, landholders, academics, and community members had the chance to raise their concerns about the New England Renewable Energy Zone.

Our community has clearly and methodically identified shortcomings with the roll out of the REZ and witnesses raised those during the inquiry. No one said they were against renewables, but it is clear the NSW Government has so far failed to properly address fundamental issues such as water security, housing availability, roads and infrastructure, waste and recycling management, current infrastructure, and workforce availability.

Since becoming the local member 12 months ago, I have constantly said that the current planning laws in NSW are outdated and do not achieve fairness for regional communities dealing with large scale renewable projects.

Witnesses also identified the flawed planning process and the failure of the NSW Government to take their feedback into consideration.

The NSW Government now needs to stop overlooking them and start addressing them

Crackdown on Illegal Vapes and Tobacco

Our regional communities have been calling for change on the sale of illegal vapes and tobacco for months and now the Government is finally acting. They have decided to introduce tougher laws.

This comes after the NSW Opposition announced they would introduce a Bill in Parliament to make NSW the hardest place in Australia to sell the dangerous products. These illegal shops run by criminals have moved into empty shops in our towns and have made these addictive, destructive and harmful products readily available, particularly for young people.

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NATIONALS for Regional NSW

Historical Society Presidents Report 2025

A new Executive committee was installed at the recent AGM:

President..... Melanie Oppenheimer

Secretary..... Shelley Marchant

Treasurer..... Mary Brearley

2024 – 25 has been another good year for the Museum, thanks to all those who contributed.

- We started with the eviction of the unwanted resident and her baby, so we are currently Possum free. Thanks to those who loaned us traps, we tried all suggested baits but Kerry came up with the winner "aniseed rings choc coated" and we got mum, bub and another, all now kindly relocated.
- The Support Group assisted us in making one ladies toilet and the men's wheelchair friendly with a mobile seat for each and we also reversed the doors to make them accessible.
- We worked with National Parkes to launch the "rebuild of Youdales Hut". Jane and Matthew Makeham organised a film night, where a feast of a BBQ was cooked by Peter and Ron. The film on Youdales Hut was followed by a short version of the Bob Beer's Simpson's run.
- Focus was on the Family History Centre, with two training days presented by Bill Oates of UNE on current materials.
- We held two successful street stalls which helped the bottom line and we also started a building fund for donations to construct a new shed to house our horse drawn vehicles which are in danger of decay.
- In November we opened the Bob Beer exhibit with family have working tirelessly to create a wonderful tribute to the lone adventurer. Bernie Brady was official MC and he told many tales of Bob's exploits, Dick Smith and Hans Tholstrup. Again a BBQ manned by Peter and Ron was in great demand. Unfortunately Dick Smith was unable to attend.
- We continued with our stand at the markets and sold books and handicrafts and answered many information requests.
- The wooden picnic table at the museum finally gave way and the showgrounds who came to the rescue with a metal table, many thanks.
- Lions Club donated an AED to the Museum, John Wark presented it at a meeting and Ron installed it in the office and put the sign on the building. We are waiting on training to finish the job.
- Our website needed some work and with our web builder having moved to Sydney Michael Luchich stepped in to assist and has now fixed the small problems.

My sincere thanks to Kerry and Jane for their support, but unfortunately my health has made continuing as President impossible. I wish the Society all the best for the years to come and thank you for all the support you have given me.

**Kate Hoy – Outgoing President
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Payne powers past Lions

Classic Wallaby helps seal win



Sam Payne laced up his rugby boots and ran onto North Sydney Oval last Thursday in the Classic Wallabies jersey to tackle the British Irish Legends. This was an Exhibition Match before the Wallabies v Lions Test on Saturday night in Sydney.

In what was miserable conditions, with cold wet weather, the Walcha halfback didn't let age defy him and played 40 minutes in these tough conditions, even though he was the second oldest in the team!

What a show the Classic Wallabies put on for the crowd of 8000 people- down 26-12 at half time to not concede a point in the second half and win 31-26.

The Classic Wallabies are the alumni of all Wallabies that have retired from the game, but going by their determination in the second

half, they have certainly not lost their competitiveness.

Sam's family were cheering him on from the side line and were extremely proud of his efforts.

The Classic Wallabies support the ongoing growth and development of grassroots rugby with a unique network of people with a desire to help the rugby community. They translate this desire into practical support of rugby, with Classic Wallabies involved in junior skills development clinics, fundraising events and exhibition matches.

Sam has been involved in many of these, including a weekend promoting the game in Moree in 2019 and he also played as a Classic Wallaby in the World Cup in Japan.

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Sad to hear Hazel Cameron, Kim McKinnon, Col Fox and former Walcha resident Tony Ryan have all left this world during recent times. Condolences to family members and friends of all four people. May Hazel, Kim, Col and Tony all Rest in Peace.

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Birthdays seem to come and go but I certainly won't forget my 69th last Saturday. Heavy snow altered my plans for the day but at least a lunchtime birthday cake at the residence of my oldest daughter Rachael and her crew was a highlight before the snow really set in.



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The heavy snow certainly caused plenty of damage to buildings and vegetation around town including the Walcha Golf Course. Club President Miles Archdale reports the course is currently closed and

will be indefinitely due to the tree carnage that occurred over the weekend. Now the problem is not only cleaning up the fallen limbs but also their removal hindered by the saturated ground.

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Congratulations to my much better half Linda who has taken over the Presidency of the Walcha Hospital Auxiliary from outgoing President Margaret Cross who remains as 1st Vice President. Good on ya dear!

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When Michelle and Michael Schaefer took their kids Lucas, Myla and Ashton to the deciding State of Origin recently they stayed at the Night Ranch Hotel in Sydney where there was plenty of action after the main game. In the wee small hours of the morning there was a knock on their door which Michael investigated to find Myla outside the door slightly distressed after she experienced a case of 'somnambulism' and let herself out of the room. Luckily during her bout of sleepwalking Myla didn't wander outside the Hotel – scary really.

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Congratulations to the Walcha Central School under 14's Rugby League 7's team who remained undefeated in their six games to be crowned North West Central School Champions at Inverell last week. In no particular order Brax Kemp, Nate Bloomfield, Nixon Smith, Lachie Provost, Kobi Brown, Flynn O'Connell, Simon Wellings, Bently Brennan, Charlie McKern, Cooper Broadbent and Nathan Ross were all members of the winning squad.

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The following day Walcha Central School's under 16's 7's team consisting of Cameron Mooney, Jack McKern, Jack Wall, Jordan Bloomfield, Koby Brennan, Jethro Fuge, Campbell Smith, Ryan Smolders, Lachie Stace, Ethan Foster and

Jaxon Marsters finished runners-up in their competition. Both teams have qualified for the Central Schools State Championships at Dubbo in a few weeks time. Go gettum boys.

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Walcha Baa Baas are hosting a luncheon at the Rams Clubhouse on Saturday 16 August to celebrate their first trip away to New Zealand 30 years ago. All the action kicks off at 11.30am with all Baa Baas who played for the club then, and since, invited to attend. Bookings are essential for catering purposes and can be made with John Burnell on 6778 7334 or Mark Whitehead 0409 780 006.

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Congratulations to FM 100.3 New England Trophies Junior Sports star of the week Anna Benson for Polocrosse. Anna is a NSW Representative and has been recognised as one of the Top 9 junior girls in the nation by being named Australian Junior Squad. Way to go Anna.

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Big Wigs of the Week: Apsley – Amanda Swain; Newie – Davie Fletcher, Mark 'Dwarf' Neil (thanks to a bit of help from Jayne Dunn) all 14 points. Walcha Vet Supplies B.C and T.B.W Cafe – too many to mention on 12 points.

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With just five rounds remaining the leaders are: B.C – Carly Goodwin 215, 'Red' Hoy 205, GJ Natty 203; Walcha Vet Supplies – Pete King 214, Jason Scott 207, Raya Kirby 195; Newie – Johnno Byrne 210, Billy Fletcher 208, Zac Mallise, 'Red' Hoy, 'Jagger' Jamieson, Mark Notley all 206. Apsley – Scotty Swain, Killgore Trout 208, Beau Smith, Mick White 206; TBW Cafe – Tracey Crisp 203, Bec Bullock 201 and Miles Lawrence 196.



Photo: Rebecca Taiki

Come join Walcha Community Consultative committee

You are invited to the August meeting of the Community Consultative Committee. This committee brings together police and their local community to jointly consider local community policing issues and provide police with insight into specific needs of the community. The committee will meet on Tuesday August 12 at noon in the Walcha Council Chambers in Hamilton Street.

This gathering of interested community members hears reports from our local police regarding local police issues including being aware of the services provided by the police and to better understand the co-operation between the community and the police. It is a forum for respectful discussion, face to face communications between police and the community, and a place to consider problems facing the community and seek the means of reducing or eliminating these problems.

See you next Tuesday.

Lyn Smith – Secretary and Bill Heazlett – Chairman

Grills and Boyd players of the season

By A.J Cross

The Walcha/Uralla Cricket Club held a biennial presentation day at the Commercial Hotel recently where players were rewarded for their efforts over the past two seasons as no presentations were made last year.

The E.R Brazel Memorial Player of Season for 2024/25 went to Jay Grills who also won the award in 2013/14. The previous season Daniel Boyd went back to back after he also won the ER Brazel Memorial in 2022/23.

Trophies in 2024/25 went to the following players:

2nd Grade

1 Day Batting Aggregate/Average.....Ed Blomfield 283 runs at 31.44
1 Day Bowling Aggregate..... Matt Harper 21 wickets
1 Day Bowling Average..... Jay Grills 11.53
T20 Batting Aggregate.....Jay Grills 96 runs
T20 Batting Average.....Daniel Boyd 29.5
T20 Bowling Aggregate/Average.....Jay Grills 6 Wickets at 8.33

3rd Grade

1 Day Batting Aggregate Josh McFarlane 148 runs
1 Day Batting Average Blaine Moore
1 Day Bowling Aggregate/AvJock Rutherford 17 wickets at 9.41
T20 Batting Aggregate..... David Morley 48 runs
T20 Batting Average..... Mitchell Foster 21.5
T20 Bowling Aggregate/Average....Mitchell Foster 3 wickets at 18.67
T20 Bowling AggregateBen Ussher 3

Trophies in 2023/24:

2nd Grade

1 Day Batting Aggregate Ed Blomfield 398 runs
1 Day Batting Average Shannon Rafferty 45.88
1 Day Bowling Aggregate..... Matt Harper 21 wickets
1 Day Bowling Average..... Ed Blomfield 9.93
T20 Batting Aggregate/Average Daniel Boyd 338 at 112.67
T20 Bowling Aggregate Ed Blomfield 7 wickets
T20 Bowling AverageWill Fletcher 8.25

3rd Grade

1 Day Batting Aggregate/Average..... Peter Mooney 310 runs at 62
1 Day Bowling Aggregate..... David Morley 16 wickets
1 Day Bowling Average..... Peter Mooney 10.54
T20 Batting Aggregate/Average73 runs at 24.33
T20 Bowling Aggregate/Av..... Cameron Mooney 8 Wickets at 7.0
T20 Bowling Aggregate Chris Watts 8 wickets

Centuries for the last 2 seasons - Daniel Boyd 112 not out, 106 n.o and 104 n.o, Shannon Rafferty 160, Ed Blomfield 110, Ben Hall 118, Blaine Moore 103 and Peter Mooney 109.

5 wicket hauls for the last two seasons – Peter Mooney 5/24 and 5/27, Jay Grills 5/15, Cameron Mooney 5/15, Grant Youll 5/21, Jock Rutherford 5/10, Josh McFarland 5/27, Cooper Boyd 5/15, Daniel Boyd 5/21 while Ed Blomfield picked up a 6/14.



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



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

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Ladies Bowls

Congratulations to Pam Makeham and Carmel Ryan on winning the four bowl pairs championship. Rosie Aitken and Jan Cross redeemed themselves from the previous week's score to gain runner up by winning against Lee McCoy and Marie Spink. Thank you to the cheer squad who braved the horrible weather. That was the only game played as the weather was miserable and no one played social bowls. That leaves the Ivy Makeham trophy to be played some time in the future.

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 1pm tomorrow. 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.

Tennis News

The Walcha District Tennis Association Street Stall held on Saturday 2 August was a great success despite the weather. First prize, the load of wood, was won by Martin Rattan, second prize, a \$25 meat voucher from Cross Bros. Butchery, was won by Joy Hayes and third prize, the \$25 fruit and veg tray from IGA, was won by Red Hoy. The load of wood that was auctioned was won by Lyndon and Karina Partridge who put in the highest bid of \$255. Thanks to everyone who supported the Street Stall and to everyone who worked on the stall in the cold. Thanks also to Hyde and Dennis for providing the wood and to all who supplied cooking.

Please get your names in for the Spring Prelude Comp starting on Tuesday 12 August

and running until Tuesday 23 September. Nominations close on Friday 8 August. Names to Trev please on 0459 799 119.

Membership payments are due. If you have not done so already please make sure your membership is up to date. Adult \$40, Child \$20, Family \$100 and non playing Member \$25.

The next Club meeting will be held on Mon 11 August at 6.30pm. See you all at the net soon.

At the Nineteenth

Walcha Golf course was decimated on the weekend with snow bringing trees down all over the course, which is closed until further notice.





Public Notice

DR GENEVIEVE FREER

Phone 6777 2068 0429 668 583

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.

Church Service at Woolbrook Church, 2.00pm, this Sunday. For info Graham Barnes 6777 2539.

Walcha Business Group will meet this Thursday 7 August at 5.30pm at Walcha Coffee. All businesses in Walcha invited to attend. Please RSVP walchabusinessgroup@gmail.com.

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**

Walcha Council Draft Public Interest Disclosure Policy on Public Exhibition



Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 30 July 2025 approved the Draft Public Interest Disclosure Policy. This Policy will be on public exhibition on Council's website: <https://walcha.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition-public-interest-disclosure-policy/> until Friday 22 August 2025. During this time written submissions on the Draft Policy will be received by Council.

**Christian Martin, Acting General Manager
Walcha Council, PO Box 2, Walcha NSW**

Save the Date

Ladies Day Out!

Saturday 13 September

Meetings

Walcha Ladies Bowls Association AGM
Thursday 21 August 1.00pm at BC.

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Thank you

The family of the late Rhonda Partridge wishes to thank the doctors and nurses, Walcha Community Care staff, Rev Neil Hunt and the wonderful Anglican Church people and locals for their care. Walcha is such a caring place.



- 👍 To Mitchell McElroy, Billy and boys for saving two Betts trucks from the falling shed.
- 👍 To Essential Energy for getting Walcha power back on.
- 👍 To Essential Energy, while unable to give us a restoration date, for doing all they can to get residents still without power, back online.
- 👍 Many thanks to Meg for checking on us during the terrible black out and snow period – much appreciated.
- 👍 To the Walcha electricity workers who worked so hard in trying conditions to get our power back. Big thank you.
- 👍 To the Council for removing the tree from my driveway. Very much appreciated.
- 👍 To the community members who helped tow vehicles out of the snow and clear fallen trees from the roads.
- 👍 To Peta Carter from Nutrien Boulton's for checking on the tenants at Hill Street early Sunday morning.
- 👍 To the Niangala community for helping us while we were down and out.
- 👍 To my little generator!! Not sure what I would have done without it these past few days.

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

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August 10 - 9.30am Lord's Supper
2.00pm Nowendoc Service

August 17 - 9.30am Family Service

August 24 - 9.30am Lord's Supper

August 31 - 9.30am Combined Service with Presbyterians at Anglican Church

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Friday 8 2.00pm – Close

2.00PM BINGO 6.00PM BISTRO

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The Club will be closed for normal business on Friday 15th August to cater for the Melbourne Cup Civic Reception. Ticket holders only will be admitted. There will be no Bingo, raffles or member draw

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