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## Forty years of service and dedication to Walcha

Forty years ago, John and Margaret Cross purchased a humble engineering shop from Lindsay McMillan, better known simply as 'Linmac'.

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John said, "from the beginning, we listened to the needs of our town and responded by expanding our services and taking on agencies that mattered to the community, such as CountryLink, a vital service for Walcha." Going on to say, "We've proudly provided employment opportunities throughout the years, supporting long-standing staff and training over 15 apprentices, helping them build meaningful careers in the trades.

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With heartfelt gratitude from John and Margaret: "To all the staff who have been part of our journey, thank you. To our current team Stephen Goodwin, Tracey Hoy, Lisa Green,



*Margaret and John say farewell  
to forty years at Linmac Engineering*

Brian Mansfield, and Lisa Zordrager. Your dedication means the world to us."

"To our customers, suppliers, and the entire Walcha community: thank you for your trust, your loyalty, and your friendship. We wish you all continued success and prosperity in the years ahead."

All the best to the new owners. We will still see John as he continues to drive the connecting bus service to the Walcha Road train station for the community.



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## around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

We have finally reached the official start to spring and how nice are the sunny days we have been having of late. Saturday was a stark contrast with a horrible day reminding us that winter wasn't over yet, but gladly it was short lived. The week ahead looks dry and sunny, the grass is slowly starting to grow and it would be ideal if we could avoid any more frosts.

I travelled south last week, beyond Wagga, and I must say if looked pretty good the entire way. The crops were late, the feed short and green but it appeared like the country had turned a corner. Falls of 15 – 25mm were widespread and the further south you went, the higher the rainfall totals were into Victoria. Crunch time is coming for everyone as once it heats up, the moisture that they have had will not last long and they are all hoping the weather has changed for the best. Generally this area is heavily populated with sheep and cattle but I didn't see a lot of livestock on our trip. Speaking with some southern NSW producers they had decided to put a crop in instead of restocking. Their confidence with the current season was low, not wanting to buy livestock just to have to feed them if they ended up getting a dry spring. Similar to our drought in 2019, I heard stories of stock losses and RSPCA cases where people had left it too late to feed their livestock hoping it would rain. Southern producers who found agistment in northern NSW and QLD are currently reaping the benefits of improved livestock prices and increased weights. It's nice to hear some positive stories surrounding agistment as all too many times producers are lucky to break even.

The cost of fencing is, no doubt, becoming dearer but good fencing is essential in running efficient livestock businesses. I had an interesting conversation surrounding virtual fencing with a livestock Stud in Tasmania who has adopted the new technology and are having success with the cattle collars. Locally, I know someone who was going to trial the technology and I look forward to seeing the results. Technology is no doubt improving the way we farm and with the rising cost of inputs and labour issues, technological farming support is becoming more widely adopted.

Confidence in the beef industry looks to be growing after a Wagyu heifer sold at Auction last week for \$350,000. An IVF embryo company brought the heifer to breed multiple calves each year. When you spread her genetics across 30 calves per year, they start to recuperate that purchase price quickly and the value is realised. The Wagyu market is currently sitting behind the Angus market, but sales like this show strength and confidence in that market. Once again I think demand will outstrip supply for the next few years to come, for those still in that enterprise, I believe you're now on the upside of the bell curve.

If our market continues its upward trend and market analysts are correct, we could see Angus feeder steers hit \$7.50 per kilo, that's \$3,375 for a 450kg steer. There is no doubt we are seeing the shortage of lean beef that was predicted with cows currently making over \$4 a kilo in the saleyards. Grass eligible cow grids are also hitting \$8/kg carcass weight - only two months ago we were struggling to get that for premium MSA yearling cattle. The forward contracts that were about for winter grass kills now seem well under the rate. The processors knew the shortage was coming and at the time, \$8/kg look exceptional but once again we have played right into their hands.

The lamb job seems to have bounced back towards the end of last week with prices quoted \$15 – \$20 per head dearer. It will be interesting to see if last week's wet weather forecast was the main driver for the lift in the market or once again, the new season lambs are not there.

Goodluck to the Walcha Rams first grade side who take on the Armidale Blues this Saturday in Armidale at 3.00pm. Head on up and support the boys to bring the shield home.

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# Peter inducted into Transport Hall of Fame

Peter Betts, of Betts Transport, was caught by surprise when he heard his name reverberate from the speakers last weekend, announcing his induction onto the *Shell Rimula Wall of Fame* at the National Road Transport Museum in Alice Springs NT. This honour comes to him in recognition of *Lifetime Service to the Australian Road Transport Industry*.

Peter's family were there to witness his induction and celebrate his success, having made a trip of it for this year's Festival of Transport Truck Parade. Betts Transport took a fleet of trucks from various era's to the Red Centre in support of the event.

Peter's association with the industry all started when he was just 15 years old in the family business. His grandfather and father began hauling timber with bullock teams in the Wingham region. Peter, the third generation, later split from his brothers at Gloucester in 1989, relocating with his wife Bev and two children, Chris and Liz, where he continued in the industry, logging hardwood for relatives of Bev's, Fenning Timbers, Walcha.

In 1996, exiting the logging industry Peter and Bev went in to the business of long-haul logistics, initially in sawn timber and later in general freight. They started with two trucks, Peter primarily out on the road while Bev managed operations from home. Their continued success and persistence has seen their fleet now grow to fifty five trucks, firstly in general freight and later diversifying into livestock cartage.

This year saw Peter purchase his 100th Kenworth truck however it is Mack that he holds dearest to his heart, it being the truck that started it all. You will still occasionally find Pete behind the wheel and he is currently awaiting the delivery of a brand new Mack truck.

Peter's late wife Bev was inducted into the Hall of Fame last year, a true testament to their impact on the transport industry through years of dedication and service.

Peter's son, Chris, who had previously been in the trucking industry in the Hunter Valley, came back to join Betts Transport in 2015 seeing their legacy continue on for a fourth generation.



*Peter, with his daughter Liz and son Chris. Privileged to be present to witness their fathers' induction onto the Wall of Fame at the National Road Transport Museum, Alice Springs.*

*Peter and his brother Michael (left), two stalwarts of the trucking industry.*



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# Boulton's have done it again!



**By Kate Connors**

Nutrien Boulton's Walcha have once again proven why they are among the best in the business, taking out the 'Top Throughput Agency' award for cattle on AuctionsPlus for the second year in a row.

The Boulton's team sold more than 10,236 head of cattle in the past financial year, holding their reputation as the leading cattle-selling agents in the country and in their words, the world.

Each year, AuctionsPlus recognises assessors and their teams with the highest throughput nationwide, assessing both quality and volume. State finalists are named before national winners are announced across a range of categories. Winners are determined by total livestock listed on AuctionsPlus in the financial year, combined with a proven track record of assessment quality and compliance with the AuctionsPlus User Agreement when selling and purchasing.

Last year, Boulton's topped the list with more than 9,500 head of cattle sold through the platform. This year, they raised the bar even higher.

For the Boulton's team, it is not just about numbers. "All clients are made to feel important and recognised," they said. "A highlight for us is helping clients achieve maximum results for their sales." Boulton's would sincerely like to thank all of their vendors for entrusting them with selling their stock on AuctionsPlus and are looking forward to another strong year.

The win is not just another feather in the cap for the agency, having won this award five times since 2013. Congratulations to the team at Nutrien Boulton's for once again putting Walcha firmly on the map.

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# Cheer, cheer the red and the white!

## Rams in the Grand Final on Saturday

There will, no doubt, be a convoy of cars along Thunderbolts Way from Walcha to Armidale this Saturday, September 6, for the highly anticipated New England Rugby Union Grand Final to be held on Bellevue Oval at the University of New England.

Walcha Rams will verse Armidale Blues in First Grade with looming expectations of a close game. The Walcha Rams defeated Armidale Blues in the Major Semi Final a few weeks ago, causing much excitement after a very close game. In what was a tooth and nail battle, the Rams claimed victory in the final moments against the culprits who knocked them out of contention in the 2024 Prelim Final.

Local coaches, Barry Hoy and Greig Steir will no doubt be focused in the lead up to the Grand Final, and have prepared the boys well and believe in their ability to perform.

The unfortunate exit of Rams Reserve Grade last weekend may play in Walcha's favour, offering a few more 'fresh-legs' available to them on the bench.

Be sure to get yourself to Bellevue Oval on Saturday to help create a sea of red and white in support of the mighty Walcha Rams – shooting for their first New England title since joining the competition after leaving Central North. First Grade will kick-off at 3.00pm.



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In other good news, Knight's Choice is back in work and has trialed twice since the Melbourne Cup for two wins. He hasn't done that his whole career!

## Good luck Rams

Best of luck to the Walcha Rams in the New England Rugby Union first grade grand final against the Armidale Blues this Saturday at Bellevue Oval.

I am sure it will be a cracking game with the previous contests between the two sides very close.

It is an honour to play in a grand final and I wish every player luck as they chase the Sawers' Shield.

## Roads open

Thunderbolts Way is back open for public access. This is great news and hopefully it brings back people to Walcha and the businesses really flourish. Although it will be reopened to traffic, roadworks will continue along the route with traffic control and reduced speed limits will remain in place.

Please continue to drive carefully.

Thank you to the crews and everyone involved in restoring access to Thunderbolt's Way.

## NSW Women of the Year Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2026 NSW Women of the Year Awards. The awards celebrate the women and girls who show determination, bravery, skill and passion has inspired their communities, as well as improving the lives of people in NSW.

Nominations are open for the following six categories:

- Woman of Excellence
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- Community Hero of the Year
- Young Woman of the Year
- Regional Woman of the Year
- One to Watch

More information about each of the Award categories and how to nominate can be found at [www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/women-nsw/awards-and-events/nsw-women-of-year-awards](http://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/women-nsw/awards-and-events/nsw-women-of-year-awards)

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## Award for Knights Choice

Knight's Choice was the Queenslander who shook the Australian racing scene in the race that stops the nation, and now the J G Symons and S Laxon trained star claims the Australian Champion Stayer of the Year crown!

Bred locally by Norm and Di Bazeley at Elswick Park, the now six year old bay gelding was awarded the title at the 2024/2025 Sportsbet Australian Racehorse of the Year Awards held on Sunday 31 August. Knight's Choice beat a strong field for the title, that included the impressive Arapaho, Dubai Honour, Duke De Sessa and Zardozi.

The gala lunch, hosted by Racing Queensland at The Star Brisbane, was held in conjunction with the Sportsbet Australian Racing Hall of Fame ceremony, which saw both Winx and Black Caviar elevated to 'Legend' status.

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- 👉 To Simon Newton for writing great articles in Around the Traps. Enjoying the insights into our rural communities.
- 👉 To the Walcha Council road crew, for the spot grading and rolling, in the worst places, on Tia Diggings Road, after the recent heavy rain and the damage it caused to our road. You guys are under the pump, in the district! We appreciate your response!
- 👉 To the lady who does a fantastic job maintaining Quota Park.
- 👉 To Scott and his team at the Brooklyn Quarry for their time spent with WCCC Men's Group. A wonderful business that Walcha is lucky to have.
- 👉 To the Walcha Council for providing free access to the tip for all our broken down trees and to the workers there who keep the mountain of timber stacked up so we can continue to unload easily.
- 👉 To Ricky Brazel for attending to the trees and shrubs in my yard. Thank you very much.
- 👉 To everyone who came and showed their respect and support at Kim's funeral. A heartfelt thank you.
- 👉 To the excellent customer service at Kings Pharmacy last Friday.
- 👉 To Nutrien Boulton's for taking out the AuctionsPlus Top Throughput Agency award for cattle, well done.

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**A service to farewell Joe Van Eyk** will be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Uralla this Friday commencing at 12.00pm. Sincere condolences to his wife Steph, children Hain and Abi, along with all other family members and friends. Sadly 47 years is way too young for anyone to leave this world. May Joseph Marius Johannes van Eyk Rest in Peace.

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**Congratulations to Peter Betts** from Betts Transport on being inducted into the Hall of Fame at Alice Springs for his Lifetime Service to the Australian Road Transport Industry when a ceremony was held last weekend. Good on ya Peter very much deserved.

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**Congratulations are also in order** for former Sugarloaf Road resident, Walcha Central and TAS School Student Lachlan Creighton after he coached the Uni-Norths Owls to their first premiership in the clubs 24 year history last Saturday in the Nations Capital. The Owls defeated the Tuggeranong Vikings 29-19 in the 'Big Dance' after both teams were locked up at 14 all when halftime oranges were taken. Way to go Lachie.

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**To add a bit more icing to the cake** Lachie was named Canberra Coach of the year early last week and had his parents 'Birthday Girl'

Belinda and 'K.C.' in attendance to witness the Owls John Dent 1 Cup Grand Final victory.

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**Well done to local junior cricketer Leo Blomfield**, who currently attends Farrer High School, on being selected in the Cricket NSW Central North Youth Academy Winter development program designed for talented athletes who demonstrate the skills and attributes to progress through the elite pathways at cricket NSW. Leo is the youngest member of the squad and according to his mother Lizzie is very excited about his selection and dreams of reaching higher levels in the game. Good on ya Leo.

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**A big pat on the back to Darcy Macpherson** son of our Apsley Advocate 'Fearless Leader' Anthea on being named 'Forward of the Year' for the St Ignatius College Riverview Rugby 2nds last Friday night. Darcy wasn't quite as excited earlier this week before going in to have a shoulder reconstruction but as we all know – no pain, no gain Darc.

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**Best of luck to the Walcha Rams** when they take on the Armidale Blues in the First Grade Grand Final of the New England Rugby competition this Saturday at Bellevue Oval UNE from 3.00pm. Go the Rams.

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**Bad luck to the Walcha Rams Reggies** on going down to the Dorrigo Rangers in their NE Reserve Grade Preliminary Final last Saturday

at Bellevue Oval 33-12. Well done boys on finishing Minor Premiers this season.

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**Five Walcha netballers** – Sophia Marchant, Leila Tate, Sharnie Webb, Veja-Lee and Xaphyn Petuha are members of the PLC junior girls team who are currently sitting in third position on the Independent Girls School Association Netball ladder after two trips to the 'Big Smoke'. The girls head back there in a fortnight to play in the finals which will be determined on games still to be played, which doesn't involve PLC.

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**Big Wigs of the Week Round 26 NRL BC** – Kyle Goodwin, Pick the Card – really? Good on ya Kyle; Walcha Vet Supplies – Raya Kirby; Apsley – Katie Smith, Tim Rumble, Ian Cameron, Mick O'Reilly; Newie – Peta Lisle, Charlotte Lyon, Emma Hillier, Brent Clarke, Peter Steep, Mick Wall, John Byrne, Jag Jamieson all 14; TBW Cafe – Cindy Swanton, Bec Bullock, Tracey Crisp and Miles Lawrence 12 points.

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**Well it all comes down** to the final NRL Round this weekend. Leaders: BC – Carly Goodwin 255, Kyle Goodwin 249, John Dobson and Red Hoy 247; Walcha Vet Supplies – Pete King 254, Jason Scott 249 and Raya Kirby 237; Newie – Johnny Byrne 252, KC, Jagger and Liam Brennan 250; Apsley – Killgore Trout 248, Mick O'Reilly 246, Mick White and Katie Smith 244; TBW Cafe – T.C 241, Bec Bullock 239 and Cindy Swanton 235.



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# RUGBY REPORT

## Walcha vs Dorrigo Preliminary Final

Walcha Reserve Grade were looking to join First Grade in the Grand Final when they took on competition newcomers Dorrigo Rangers on Saturday in the Preliminary Final. It was the first meeting of the two sides for the season with matches scheduled earlier in the year washed out. Given the stakes however, there was no time for feeling each other out as both sides got stuck into some heavy hitting both in attack and defence. Dorrigo managed to get early ascendancy with a grubber through the line bouncing off the upright back into former Walcha Ram Bevan Wood's arms for the games first 5 pointer. Walcha were quick to bounce back with a try to Ben Fussell and the Rams breathed a sigh of relief as he took himself off the dreaded nudie run for the season.

Some early injuries meant Walcha had to call on reserves early with Josh Moloney, Archi Lawrence and Andrew Kelly called into action. Dorrigo clearly came in with a plan centred around a strong kicking game and a foundation laid by their big forwards and while Walcha were mostly up for the challenge, Dorrigo were able to find two more tries with the wind in the first half, taking a 19-5 lead into half time.

Walcha came out firing in the second half and put the pressure back on Dorrigo. The entire forward pack were huge with some great carries and strong defence. The bash brothers, Chaden and Troy Hawkins, were dead in the mid-field and broke a number of tackles. Unfortunately, Dorrigo managed to repel Walcha's raids and when it looked like Walcha were about to get the hit-back try, Dorrigo pounced and took their lead to 26 - 5. Walcha hit back before Dorrigo rounded out the scoring with another long range try off a grubber kick. Nothing much went right for Walcha, but the boys can be proud of their efforts throughout the season, where weather disruptions and forfeits and injuries meant that a large number of players pulled on the red and white throughout the year and

managed an undefeated Minor Premiership. Despite this, the two losses in the finals will burn deep for the players and hopefully they will be back firing next year.

**First Grade Grand Final:** The Rams will take on the Armidale Blues this weekend on Saturday 6 September, at Bellevue Oval, Armidale. Kick-off will be 3.00pm. Calling all business, shopfronts and mailboxes - let's decorate in red and white to show the Rams our support.

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## Wednesday Golf

Wednesday Ladies Golf was the President's Trophy, Stroke, Monthly Mug, putting round in very windy conditions; along with the 5th medal round. The winner was Sue Partridge with a score of 76 nett. Sweepstakes went to Anne Martin with 77 and Jenny Lisle with 78.

The nearest the pin on 3 was straight shooter Anne Martin and second shot on 16 was President, Simone Sweeney. Best putter was Sue Partridge with 24 putts. Monthly mugs were Division 1 to Jenny Lisle, Division 2 to Anne Martin and Division 3 to Jill Burnell.

This Wednesday we are playing Par for the Jeannette Wark Memorial Trophy.

shooters at the pins were Michael Stackman (3) and Will Nicholls (9), while no player was clever enough to reach the beach on 16 and 18.

Unsurprisingly there was no play in the weekly Saturday 9 hole competition due to the inclement weather.

This closing round of the 4BBB Championship is scheduled for this Sunday, where Peter Norbury and Tony Asmus are in charge of supplying the prizes.

## Bowls

Twilight bowls starts again on 11 October. Entry sheet on notice board, all welcome. One game last Thursday Brian Goodwin and Peter Hayes had a win over Noel Goodwin and John McCormack. Hopefully with spring upon us it will be more pleasant on the green.

## Netball

Final round of the 2025 netball comp saw Walcha Opals and Diamonds compete against tough opposing teams in very chilly, windy and wet conditions. Diamonds defeated VIP Dragonflies 17-16 and Opals defeated the team on top of the ladder, VIP Stars 13 - 10. This has put Opals on the top of the ladder for the Primary 1 Division and Diamonds second on the ladder! Great results! Next weekend sees these two Walcha teams go head-to-head in the first round of the finals. Sapphires have loved playing their first competition of netball and are to play one more game this season. They also had a very close match in the chilly conditions, winning against PLC, 16 - 13. Pacifica had a roaring win over Uralla Cougars, 34 - 20, a close match, which finished in a win over VIP Funbags 32-27 and are

sitting third on the ladder in the Ladies Social Division. Players of the Week were Sapphires - McKenzie Wark and Diamonds - Lyzie Nivison.

## Tennis News

The 2025 Spring Prelude Comp commenced on Tuesday 12 August with a practice run to get all our players organised. **Round 1** was played out on Tuesday 19 August in pleasant conditions. **Group 1:** Sam Payne was too strong coming up with a total of 25 points. **Group 2:** Michael Lockyer got over the line by 1 point from Craig Ireland with 19 points. **Group 3:** Will Archdale was well ahead of his rivals with a total of 21 points. **Group 4:** Andrew Blomfield came away with a good win picking up 23 points.

**Round 2** was played out on Tues the 26th of Aug in brisk conditions. **Group 1:** Sam Payne played well to win again with 23 points. **Group 2:** Hyde Thomson and Will Archdale tied on 20 points each. **Group 3:** Jock Rutherford took the win with a handy 20 points accumulated. **Group 4:** Dave Sweeney was the winner with 24 points.

**After two rounds:** Sam Payne heads Group 1 with 48 points, Will Archdale heads Group 2 with 41 points, Andrew Blomfield heads Group 3 with 40 points and David Sweeney heads Group 4 with 36 points. Well done to these players and also their opponents who made them work hard to earn their points.

Emma will be posting exciting news in regards to Junior Tennis coaching and competitions in the weeks to come. Stay tuned for that.

The next Club Meeting will be held on Monday 15 September at 6.30pm. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. See you all at the net soon.

The opening round of the 2025 Mens 4BBB Championships was played last Sunday for trophies donated by Jimmy Nivison and Jock McLaren, where the Birds Boys Dion and Darren blew their opposition away after they carded a seven over par 77 which equated to an eye catching 50 stableford points.

Runners-up were Andrew Crawford and his son Ollie 44, while the remaining sweepstakes went to Simeon Cross and Don Brooks 41, Jim Nivison and Will Nicholls 40, Miles Archdale and Willy Brennan 39 on countback from Lee Fletcher and Bruce Rutherford along with Will Archdale and James Norton also on 39.

In the scratch section of the event the Bird Boys are equal leaders with the Crawfords on 77, just a shot ahead of Willy Brennan and Miles Archdale, Bruce Rutherford and Lee Fletcher, Will Nicholls and Jim Nivison all on 78. Sharpest



## Public Notice

### Walcha Council

#### Update on Private works



Due to frequent recent weather events and current staff resource availability, Council is experiencing a significant maintenance backlog across most of our infrastructure assets.

To ensure that Council can continue to meet its responsibility of maintaining public assets and ensure the safety and well-being of the community, we have decided to place a pause on all private works effective 19 August 2025.

Council will endeavor to complete all private works jobs that we have already scheduled but the timeframe for completion of these works may be lengthy.

Council staff will be contacting residents who have scheduled private works to be completed, and advising them of the timeframe for completion of works. If that timeframe is not suitable then those residents should engage a private contractor.

Council will advise residents if the ability to undertake private works becomes available in the future.

Please note; private works for low loader shifts will still be carried out at the discretion of staff, pending there are no impacts on Council's planned low loader shifts at the time of the request.

Council thanks the community for their understanding.

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

### Walcha Council

#### Winterbourne Bridge Temporary Closure



Works are progressing on the Winterbourne Bridge Replacement Project. To safely manoeuvre and connect large, heavy structural components on the replacement bridge, access across Winterbourne Creek on Winterbourne Road will be unavailable during the following times (weather permitting):

- **5 September – 8:00am to 1:00pm –  
Installation of headstocks**
- **9 September – 8:00am to 3:45pm –  
Installation of girders**

These closures have been coordinated with the local school bus operator to avoid disruption to their bus route in their operating times at this location.

Council thanks you for your patience and understanding during this essential infrastructure replacement project.

**Christian Martin, Acting General Manager  
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## Public Notice (cont)

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**Book Signing** Author Peter Spencer will be signing copies of his books *I am Captain Thunderbolt* and *Too Young to Hold a Gun* at Walcha Coffee on Sunday at 10.30am.

## Meeting Notice

**Walcha Senior Indoor Hockey** Association advises that it's Senior Hockey AGM for the 25/26 season will be held on Thursday 4 September at the Apsley Hotel from 6pm. We welcome new members to the committee. Please have team nominations to Jordie on Messenger or 0427 727 990 by the AGM.

**Walcha Touch Football AGM** will be held at the Apsley Hotel on Thursday 18 September at 6pm. All positions declared vacant. A representative from each team to attend.

### Amaroo Local Aboriginal Land Council (ALALC)

Notice of General Member Meeting  
20.09.2025 | 11am | Amaroo LALC Cafe

1. Welcome/Open Address
2. Attendance/Apologies
3. Minutes of previous member meeting
4. New Membership Applications
5. Land Claims Update
6. Roads to Home Update
7. Next member meeting date and time

BBQ Lunch provided

All questions relating to this meeting should be directed to the Chairperson, Ms Katrina Bloomfield at the Amaroo LALC Office on (02) 6777 1100 or via email to [chair@amaroolalc.com.au](mailto:chair@amaroolalc.com.au) during business hours.

## Meeting Notice (cont)

### Amaroo Local Aboriginal Land Council (ALALC)

Notice of General Member Meeting  
20.09.2025 | 12.30pm | Amaroo LALC Cafe

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** In relation to the election for **Board members:** A voting member of Amaroo LALC is not entitled to vote, nominate, accept a nomination or be elected to office in elections for Board Members if the voting member has not attended at least 2 meetings of the Amaroo LALC in the preceding 12 months as a voting member.

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## church notices



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2.00pm Niangala Service

**September 14:** 9.30am Walcha Service  
2.00pm Nowendoc Service

**September 21:** 9.30am Walcha Service  
**September 28:** 9.30am Walcha Service

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