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## Central School clinches State Championship Gold

Walcha Central School proudly represented at the Central Schools State Finals held in Dubbo, competing across three divisions: Boys U16's Touch Football, Boys U14's Rugby League Sevens and Boys U16's Rugby League Sevens.

Teams from across New South Wales compete at regional gala days with the top two teams from each region qualifying for the state finals, showcasing top level competition.

The standout achievement of the carnival came from the Boys U16's Rugby League Sevens team, who were crowned State Champions. Their attacking play was dynamic and their defensive line near impenetrable, earning them the well-deserved title. The fixture had them up against Lake Cargelligo in their first match, which ended in a very hard-fought 22 all draw. They played the combined Baradine/Gulargambone side next and had a dominating win 24-12. Their semi-final was against Bingara/Barraba, a grudge match against local rivals who beat them at the regional gala day. Walcha won with a scoreline of 16-8. The final was then between



State Champions: Cameron Mooney, Jack Wall, Ethan Foster, Jack McKern, Jordan Bloomfield, Koby Brennan, Jethro Fuge, Jaxon Marsters, Campbell Smith, Ryan Smolders and Logan Stace

Walcha and again Baradine/Gulargambone which finished in Walcha's favour 28-10. Special mention must go to Jaxon Marsters who captained the side demonstrating powerful leadership, leading try scorer Jethro Fuge for his gutsy hit ups, and Koby Brennan who was named Player of the Final. It really was a team effort, the side combined skill, strength and strategy to dominate throughout the tournament.

This victory is a testament to the team's hard work, dedication, and the support of their coaches and school community. A big thank you goes to Sean Pendleton, the Community Liaison for Winterbourne Wind, their generous donation supported the students to make the most of this opportunity and showcase what kids in small rural towns are made of.

Walcha Central School congratulates all students who participated in the finals. Their efforts both on and off the field reflect the school's values of respect, achievement and leadership (see page 7). A special acknowledgement once again to the U16's Rugby League team for bringing home GOLD MEDALS – an achievement that will be remembered proudly within the school community for years to come.

Students were trained and coached by Bonnie Brown, Jodie Provost and Ben Ussher.



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## around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

Spring has arrived, and our landscape is transforming by the day to a vivid green from new pasture growth. Looking at temperatures we could let the fire go out, but don't put the wood away as there is another cold front coming through early next week. Last week's rain was timely with falls of up to an inch falling around our district which has really made a difference to our grasses. The ground being so wet throughout winter has set it a bit hard which follow up rain will soften and help growth. Looking at pasture growth, many are still yellow in colour as they are in much need of nitrogen due to excessive leaching throughout our winter months.

Last week's rain band stretched far and wide with excellent falls of 20mm or greater recorded from Queensland to the south of NSW. Parts of the Central West recorded 100mm which will set those areas up for a big grain crop in the coming months, also helping hay growers and cereal croppers to maximise growth. Reports are it is a magical season for some, yet Victoria and South Australia are still hoping for their big rain event to come as they edge closer to warmer weather. The rain that has been in the south will be enough for croppers to get a light crop or even make hay to replenish diminished supplementary feed reserves.

The Albanese Government's world first social media ban for children under the age of 16 is set to come into place in early December. Children under 16 will not be able to use social media platforms like Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, X and Reddit. I have no idea what the last two are, but this is to help protect the mental health and wellbeing of our children and teens. Cyberbullying and exposure to harmful content outweigh any positives of our children having these accounts and I would have to agree, let children be children and get them outside. No doubt the government will still have issues with age verification and teething problems as plenty of children will try to get around these bans with fake accounts, but I believe it's a step in the right direction and good on the Government.

Speaking of social media, maybe some people shouldn't be on it at all if you believe the news that feeds into your account. Fake news is always an issue but looks extremely real to some, especially when it's aimed at the older population. An example is the recent posts claiming 60+ year olds can't drive between 10.00pm until 5.00am. We had one very disgruntled worker who read this. I am happy to inform him that it was fabricated news, the laws aren't changing, and that Transport for NSW are sorry if it caused him any distress.

Last week's rain really helped the confidence of restockers with weaners once again stepping to another level on AuctionsPlus. Light restocking steers topping at a whopping \$7.18 per kilo for 250kg, but the general run of Angus weaner steers are now making \$6-6.5/kg, while the quality heifer portion to join have started to rally, making from \$5-6 per kilo.

2791 head of cattle were in Tamworth on Monday with a full field of buyers present in a firm to shade cheaper market. Weaner steers back to the paddock made 526c/kg for 300kg, feeder cattle are still in high demand with Angus steers topping at 538c/kg, XB feeders to 478c/kg while the feeder heifers topped at 508c/kg for 412kg. Heavy cows are still in hot demand with 780kg cows topping at 430c/kg, that 3350 per head. The sale of fat cows still makes breeding cows with calves at foot look good value, plenty of these units are still selling for less than \$3000 a unit which also shows us that the grinding beef market is the real driver behind our current beef prices.

7000 sheep and lambs were yarded in Tamworth on Monday with trends dearer through the suitable kill lambs. Store lambs bound for the south topped at \$195, trade lambs topped at \$289 while heavy lambs made to \$389. Mutton sold to dearer trends with the heavy mutton topping at \$322.



# Linmac Co. now open for business!

Linmac Co. is open for business with new owners Charlie Norton and Will Nicholls, combining with existing staff members to offer the Walcha community the same services, along with many new exciting products.

Charlie, Will and their families (Alison Jones and Deanne Baines) have teamed up to keep this vital business open. Norm Goodwin and Brian Mansfield are still available for your engineering requirements; while Lisa Green and Lisa Zorgrager will continue to operate the front office.

This week Charlie and Will welcomed James Curtis to the Linmac team. James is a small engine mechanic and has a great touch when it comes to getting your lawnmower or whipper snipper going and running just right. With the warmer weather making the grass grow, now is the time to get them in to James so you can keep your lawns under control over the weekend. James can also repair Quad Bikes and Side-by-Sides, and for those without trailers, or short on time, he can collect your items for repair, and return them afterwards – what a fantastic service!



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## letters to the editor



Julie pictured on her first day in October 2016.

## Walcha Taxi will cease at the end of September

On October 2016, I started Walcha Taxi Service. My goal was to provide a service to the community and earn a small income.

I dropped off my posters to the hotels and clubs on Friday afternoon and went home and said to Michael, "I wonder if anyone will ring?" I was so excited when the phone rang and it was the RSL to pick up Davey Fletcher, my very first customer. I had no idea where he lived and he said, "That's OK, I know the way".

For the next nine years the Walcha community supported the taxi through good times and bad. I have so many memories, and am extremely grateful to the community for the support you have given to both me and the taxi business. So it is with great sadness that I announce Walcha Taxi will be closing down as of 30 September 2025.

There are many people to thank, and so many stories I could tell (I might have to write a book). I have formed so many friendships, too many to name, however I would like to say a very special thank you to drivers, Diane and Geoff, for all the support they have given me over the years.

Over the past few months I have tried to find someone to take over, but unfortunately at this stage there have been no takers.

The vehicles will now be for sale with Norbury Motors. If you think it is something you could do, please contact Peter or Cameron Norbury.

Julie Keogh

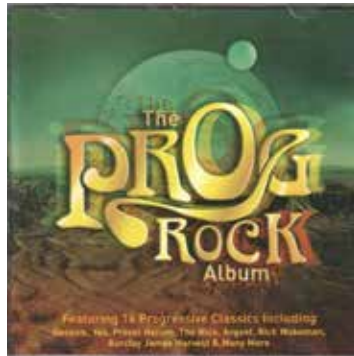
## thumbs



- 👍 To the community for their fantastic support of the weekly street stalls. Your contributions really help our local organisations.
- 👍 To the CWA Ladies last Wednesday for their information about flowers, frogs and feral pigs.
- 👍 To the Quota ladies on Saturday, a great and enjoyable fashion parade.
- 👍 To the CWA for the Ag and Environment Day with excellent speakers.
- 👍 To the Walcha Hospital and its staff for their professional, empathetic work practices.

**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.**

# Walcha goes Prog Rock with a Progressive Dinner



Get ready to eat, sip and groove — Walcha is turning up the volume with a Prog Rock Progressive Dinner on Saturday 27 September.

Kicking off at 4:30pm at the Commercial Hotel and finishing at the Bowlo, the event takes diners on a five-course journey across five local venues, all linked by an easy 1.1km stroll.

Each stop serves a carefully paired dish and drink, blending bold flavours with the theatrical flair of progressive rock.

Think long solos, wild costumes, grand décor — and a chance to sing, dance and laugh along the way. Guests are encouraged to dress up and embrace the genre's playful, larger-than-life vibe.

The progressive dinner is more than just a night out — it's designed to build opportunities for Walcha's hospitality businesses, showcasing the creativity and friendliness of local venues while bringing the community together.

Your ticket covers all five food courses and five paired drinks — a feast for the taste buds and the imagination.

Five places. Five courses. One epic night.

Bookings are essential and can be made at: <https://events.humanitix.com/prog-rock-progressive-dinner>

# Melbourne Cup proceeds to help local groups

The amazing support of the Walcha community at the gala reception for the Melbourne Cup recently has allowed the organising committee to make donations to local community groups of just over \$5000. The proceeds were raised at the auction held that evening at the Bowling Club where around 140 people enjoyed their opportunity of seeing the 2025 Melbourne Cup trophy and learning about how it is created.

- Walcha Historical Society
- Walcha Support Group
- Westpac Rescue Helicopter
- Walcha Men's Shed
- Walcha Telecottage
- Walcha Central School
- Niangala Public School
- St Patrick's School
- Yarrowitch Public School

# Farmers' Market is back

As the region gradually awakes from winter, so will the Walcha Farmers' Market this Saturday. The market, with its motto of *Make It, Bake It, Grow It*, will return to McHattan Park after its three-month break.

There's everything you need for a platter, from sourdough to cheese and salami, and sweet treats to impress the family at smoko.

You can brighten the house with a bunch of native flowers, plus there'll be local art and craft. The market will welcome a stallholder selling homemade tallow products.

Enjoy a coffee or a Thai meal while you're at the market, or grab a takeaway for later. The Rotary barbeque will be fired up, and the morning will be a great chance to catch up with friends who've been in hibernation.

The market is held in McHattan Park from 8.30am to 12.30pm. The market operates on the third Saturday of the month.

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# 2025: a season to celebrate for the Rams



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2025 saw a lot to celebrate, while no premierships both first and reserve grade took out the minor premierships for both grades.

- First Grade**
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- D.A.C Laurie Trophy Best and fairest R/U ..... Toby Marshall
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- Don Armstrong Trophy Best and fairest.....Tom Costello
- Best and fairest..... Connor Rogers
- Players Player .....Tom Costello
- Under 19s**
- Ron Cameron Memorial Trophy Best and fairest .....Jack Power
- Best and fairest R/U ..... Chaden Hawkins

- Other Awards:**
- Best Defensive Player ..... Toby Marshall
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- AC Fletcher Memorial Trophy Most Improved .....Ben Fussell
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- Highest Point Scorer.....Ed Pitt
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# Walcha local named as PLC Armidale announces 2026 Student Leaders



*Ella will keep the Walcha flag flying in the PLC Armidale Student Leadership Team following the graduation of two recent Walcha Leaders – Emily Blake (2025 Head Prefect) and Poppy McLaren (2025 Boarding Prefect and Swimming Captain).*

PLC Armidale has announced its 2026 Student Leadership Team, with every position filled by a young woman of character, including Walcha local Ella Jenkins, who has been appointed Sports Prefect.

The rigorous process saw nominees write manifestos, deliver speeches, and sit in interviews with Principal Mrs Nicola Taylor and Head of Senior School Mrs Kate Clynch, before students and staff cast votes.

The 2026 leadership team comprises Head Prefect Molly Chard and Deputy Head Prefect Jessica MacMahon, alongside prefects for Creative Arts, Sport, International, Boarding, and the four Guilds: Lovell, Hamlin, Dixon, and Wilkie. Spiritual Leaders for 2026 were also named.

Mrs Taylor said Ella has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities in 2025 through her role as Rugby Captain, where she has shown commitment and dedication to both her team and the broader sporting community.

"Ella has been actively involved in College sport through Opens IGSSA Hockey, Indoor Hockey, Touch Football, and U18 Rugby, while also representing the community through her participation with Armidale Blues U18 Rugby," she said.

"Ella's generous spirit is evident in her volunteer coaching of Indoor Hockey, demonstrating her commitment to developing younger players."

A collaborative nature and positive attitude mean Ella particularly enjoys the opportunity to work through challenges together with her peers and she said she was excited to be selected.

"I'm honoured to be able to follow in 2025 Sport Prefect Bridie O'Neill's footsteps and I will try my best to lead sport at PLC well," she said.

"I'm looking forward to supporting the Sport Program at PLC Armidale, as well as introducing some new traditions along the way so I can't wait for the year to come."

Mrs Clynch said the new leaders will play an important role in shaping College life next year.

"Our girls showed passion and maturity throughout the process. We're proud of the example they set," she said.

The students will be officially inducted at a College service later this year and also includes Kimberley Blake who will be inducted as a Spiritual Leader.



## Central School State finalists

### U16s Touch Team

Pictured at top: Kobie Brown, Flynn O'Connell, Nate Bloomfield, Lachie Provost, Cameron Mooney, Jack Wall, Jordan Bloomfield, Koby Brennan, Jaxon Marsters, Campbell Smith, Ryan Smolders and Jacob Wellings

### U14s League Team

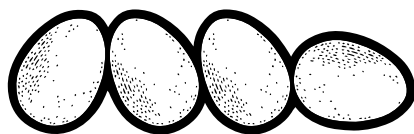
Pictured at below: Bentley Brennan, Cooper Broadbent, Kobie Brown, Flynn O'Connell, Nate Bloomfield, Brax Kemp, Charlie McKern, Lachie Provost, Nathan Ross, Nixon Smith and Simon Wellings



*Left: Sean Pendleton, Community Liaison – Winterbourne Wind, presenting Jaxon Marsters with a certificate for their donation of support.*

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## Walcha hosting first-ever Regional Latte Art Smackdown

Walcha is about to become the centre of the coffee world – at least for one night. On Wednesday 24 September, Walcha Coffee Roastery will host the Regional Latte Art Smackdown, a high-energy barista showdown usually reserved for the big city. For \$2 a ticket, spectators will get front-row access to dazzling coffee art, impressive out-of-town competitors, and amazing rising stars from right here in our own backyard. It's not just about coffee – it's about community spirit, creativity, and seeing Walcha shine on a regional stage.

The afternoon kicks off with Sensory Training and a cupping session, before the Junior Latte Art Competition begins at 4:30pm. Then at 5:30pm the first round of the main smackdown gets underway, leading into an evening of games, mini-comps, and spot prizes that will keep the crowd entertained right through to the finals.

Tickets at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/regional-latte-art-smackdown-walcha-nsw-tickets-1599209371279>

## what's the goss



with AJ Cross

**Last week the opening WTGoss paragraph** listed the NSW Central Schools Rugby League U/16's Sevens Championships Walcha where Lachie Stace was listed as one of the members of the team. That in fact was incorrect as his younger brother Logan was part of winning squad and not Lachie who hasn't been to Walcha Central for a number of years now. Sorry about that Logan.

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**Between now and when the Newsagency doors close** for the final time this Saturday around 12 noonish, co-owners Bill Duncan and his partner Trish Carraro would like to invite anyone looking for a bargain into their shop before they shut up for good. Sad to see the Newsagency close, but as Bill mentioned it's hard to prop up a business that isn't viable anymore. Besides the 'Paper Shop' customers, the people that will miss it most are the organisations conducting regular street stalls directly out the front of the building. All the Best in your next chapter Bill and Trish.

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**Still on Bill**, he along with locals Barry Hoy and Dale Brazel teamed up with former Colts player Craig Stoddart in the New England Over 60's Vets Cricket team last weekend to defeat Tamworth at Armidale. NE amassed 2/166 of which Bill topscored with 24, Barry made 22, Craig 18 and Fox 13 (all four were not out) before holding their opponents to 6/120 when they batted. Good on ya Boys.

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**Apsley Street resident Mark 'Turbo' Peters** reversed into his driveway the other day thinking to himself as he carried out the delicate manoeuvre there seemed to be a lot more concrete present than usual. Simple really, Mark was attempting to back into the driveway of his next door neighbours Michael and Michelle Schaefer but it didn't take him long to vamoose after realising his mistake.

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**The Tamworth Minor League** held their Gala Day in Tamworth last weekend which was attended by Walcha Players Lucas Eveleigh and Bonnie Forrester (U10), along with Myla Eveleigh (U9s) who played with the

North Tamworth Bears this season. Another Walcha player Alex Hobbs took the field for Dungowan in 2025. One of the highlights of the day was when Myla creamed her older brother Lucas during an exhibition game between the two teams. A crowd favourite by all accounts.

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**The Newie NRL Footy Tipping Party** was held last Saturday attracting 60 of the 83 tipsters who participated in the competition this season. Winners announced on the day were 1st Johnny Byrne on 264 points made even more meritourious as he is a diehard Sea Eagles supporter who selected his team every week despite Manly's ordinary form at times; 2nd - Rodger 'Jagger' Jamieson and Liam Brennan both on 262; 3rd - Charlotte Lyon and Kev Creighton both on 260 certainly a close finish. Well done to the winners.

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**There was a slight lack of communication** between Newie publican Peter Berry and butcher Jonnie Cross with regard to the supply of meat for the Newie Tipping Party. Word has it Jonnie was waiting for Perc at the Butchers Shop last Saturday morning while Perc was at Jonnie's house looking to pick up the meat. The main thing is it did get sorted out and the meat made it to the BBQ.

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**A final reminder that the Bowling Club Tipping Party** is on this Saturday kicking off at 3.00pm. One of the main attractions should be a seafood selection put together by G.J. Natty. The following Saturday 27 September the Apsley will be finalising their tipping season with their own get together from 12 noon.

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**Calling all Touch Footballers** your Annual General Meeting is being held tomorrow Thursday at the Apsley Arms Hotel from 6pm. All teams intending on playing in the Walcha Touch's 49th season are requested to have a representative present at the meeting. Walcha Touch commenced in October 1976 and next season will be Association's Big Five-Oh!



# Basketball Grand Final 2025

The basketball season has come to an end. It was great to have two new Women's teams join the competition this year. Also there were a few new faces in the Men's comp. It is great to see keen young fellows playing and improving each week.

In the Women's first semifinal Bandits defeated M&M's to progress straight to the grand final. The second semi between Pacifika and Thunderbirds Pacifika went through.

In the Grand Final Bandits and Pacifika could not be separated at half time with both on 14 points. Midway through the second half Pacifika started to pull ahead and came out victorious 29 – 22. There was great defence from both sides. Top scorer for Pacifika was Maine Watts and for Bandits Amanda Scott.

In the Men's semi's Kings defeated Hawks and Bulls defeated Tigers.

The grand final between Kings and Bulls started basket for basket and at half time Kings lead by just three points. As the game progressed nobody would have been game to pick a winner as it could have gone either way. When the full time buzzer sounded Kings were ahead 40 – 37. It was a very close and entertaining game, well done to all involved.

Top scorers for Kings Hayden Carter and for Bulls Johnny Cross (who always says he's too old to play).

Thank you everyone who took part in the competition this year and a special thank you to anyone who refereed and benched especially for the finals. Thanks also to Kim Lisle for doing the draw.



**Pacifika:** Joscisca Matapakia, Tai Wicks, Maureen Matapakia, Beta Baumer, Apii Fontanella, Maine Watts, Xaphyn Petuha, Nikita Wallace and Veja-lee Petuha



**Kings:** Tete Petuha, Jack Ackling, Hayden Carter, Micah Hayton, Adam Barillaro and Jordan Bloomfield.

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## Ladies Bowls

Due to the awful weather no bowls was played last week. We have an invitation to the Uralla Friendship Day on 24 September. Names to be on the board by tomorrow. We also have an invite to Kootingal's President's Day on Wednesday 15 October. RSVP 7 October. Please place names on board if you wish to attend. Two teams have nominated for both the Regional Triples being played on 11 – 12 October, and Senior Fours 18 – 19 October. Our monthly meeting is tomorrow 18 September 1.00pm in the clubhouse. There will be social bowls tomorrow 9.00am for 9.30am.

## Bowls

Triples championships have finally been decided with Jamie Kerr, Greg Carter and Gordon Bird declared the winners with five wins. They were closely followed by Brian Goodwin, Noel Goodwin and Mat Andrews. Congratulations to the winners. Thanks to all who participated especially to those who filled in when needed. Thursday bowls results for last week, John McCormack, Warwick Hogan and Mark Hogan defeated Noel Goodwin, Mick Bullen and Peter Hayes 9/5. Tony Asmus and Denis Makeham defeated Brian Goodwin and Geoff Salt 19/14. Tony and Denis won the chooks and Noel collected the raffle. Local players Normie Goodwin, Kyle Goodwin and Matt Hamel had success in the Triples carnival held at Uralla last weekend. The boys had four wins and one loss to finish in second position, and received a nice piece of

the pie. Well done fellas.

Twilight Bowls start on 11 October. Entry forms are on notice board. Don't forget the footy tipping party this Saturday at 3pm.

## Tennis

**Round 3** of the Spring Prelude Comp was played out on Tues the 2nd of Sept in crisp conditions.

**Group 1:** Hayden Carter came up trumps with a total of 23 points. **Group 2:** Harry Locke (floating for D A Locke) won well with a total of 20 points. **Group 3:** Ella Habermann took the win with 18 points and **Group 4:** Steve Blake was the winner with 20 points. Well done to these players.

**Round 4** of the Spring Prelude Comp was played out on Tues the 9th of Sept. **Group 1:** Hayden Carter pipped Sam Payne on the post to take the win with 20 points to 19. **Group 2:** Will Archdale was the winner with a solid 22 point score. **Group 3:** Ella Habermann and Michael Lockyer tied with 15 points all and **Group 4:** Ed Blomfield (floating for Dave Sweeney) was too good taking the win with 23 points. Well done to these players. Thanks to all our floaters. See you all at the net soon.

## At the Nineteenth

A stableford round was played last Sunday for a trophy donated by Alex Gill where Jenny Lisle accumulated 36 points to win the event by a point from runner up John McCormack on 35 points who collected the first sweepstakes prize.

The remaining sweepstakes went to Will Archdale, Will Nicholls, Doug McDonald, Wayne Brennan and Andrew Robertson all on 34 points.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Jenny Lisle (3), Don Brooks (9) and Simeon Cross (16).

In Match Play Allan Laurie defeated Jamie Bowden in a battle of the 'Mollydookers' 2 up.

Last Saturday Lyn Livingston survived a countback with Brian Lynch who came out of 'Winter Hibernation' to win the weekly 9 hole competition after both players racked up 16 points. No player was clever enough to reach the beach on the third hole.

This Sunday is the monthly stroke medal round for a prize supplied by Andrew Crawford while on Saturday the Walcha P&C are conducting a Three Person Ambrose fundraiser commencing at 2.30pm followed by presentations, dinner and auction.

Best of luck to the half a dozen golfers who are representing the Walcha Club at the NSW Veterans 4BBB Championships at Narromine this weekend.

## Netball

Walcha Netball Club was well represented in the preliminary-finals in Armidale on Saturday. Walcha Pacifika met their arch rivals, VIP Funbags, in the Ladies Social Division conceding the match 39 – 27. The Walcha Opals dug deep and played a magnificent game, holding strong to the end, conceding the match to VIP Stars 13 – 9. Walcha Diamonds will verse VIP Stars next weekend in the Grand Final for the Primary 1 Division.

# Championing business opportunities in Walcha

The Walcha Business Group, formally established in December 2024, has quickly become a driving force for local enterprise. Representing the wide variety of businesses across the Walcha LGA, the Group is committed to fostering collaboration, encouraging the exchange of ideas, and creating initiatives that strengthen both the local economy and community connections.

Since its inception, Walcha Business Group has taken a proactive approach to supporting business. Efforts have included collective advertising to offset trade disruptions during road closures, hosting innovative events to boost awareness of local businesses, introducing government procurement specialists to trade-related enterprises, and designing support programs with a focus on young people.

As the organisation grows, so too does its structure. A formal executive board has now been established to guide its direction, while bi-monthly networking and educational meetings are offered to all businesses within the LGA.

President Fiona Barden said, "We are really excited by the support, involvement, and interest of business owners to work together and build opportunities for the community, each other, and themselves."

The next networking event will be held this Thursday, 18th September at 5:30pm at thebigblackbuilding. This complimentary event provides a unique chance to meet Walcha Council's new General Manager, Mr Stephen Parry. Local business owners attending are encouraged to come prepared with a 30-second elevator pitch to highlight their role and contribution to Walcha's economy.

For more details and registration (for catering purposes), visit: <https://events.humanitix.com/meet-walcha-councils-new-gm>.

Local businesses interested in membership with the Walcha Business Group can email [walchabusinessgroup@gmail.com](mailto:walchabusinessgroup@gmail.com) or contact Fiona directly on 0429 690 679.

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### In Memoriam

#### Kemp James Haines: JJ

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#### Derby Street Upgrade Project (Phase 1)



#### Tree Planting

Tree planting for the Derby Street Upgrade Project – Phase 1 is scheduled to begin on 15 September 2025; weather permitting.

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Council thanks you for your patience and understanding as we complete the final works of this project.

Stephen Parry, General Manager

Walcha Council, PO Box 2, Walcha NSW

### Public Notice (cont)

#### Walcha Skatepark

#### Official Opening



The official Opening Ceremony of the Walcha Skatepark will be held at the Skatepark, 18E Fitzroy Street, Walcha on Thursday 25 September 2025 at 3:30pm. All welcome.

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### Meeting Notice

**Walcha Support Group** Thursday 25 September 1.30pm WCCC Rooms Middle St. Relaxation 12.30pm, Lunch (BYO) 1.00pm, Meeting 1.30pm. All Welcome.

**Yarrowitch Campdraft AGM & GM**, Wed 1 October 2025 – 6pm at Yarrowitch Hall.

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### Thank You

I would like to sincerely thank the wonderful Walcha Community for the care and kindness shown to me after my accident. To everyone who stopped to help, stayed with me, and offered support until the ambulance arrived - your generosity and compassion meant so much.

With heartfelt thanks Esther Hunt.

## church notices



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