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Meat tray mishap could reap rewards for Walcha horse *Lisztomania*

The *Kosciuszko* is the world's richest race for country-trained horses, carrying \$2 million in prizemoney with Walcha-owned *Lisztomania* in the starting line up this Saturday.

Excited owners, Mark and Cath Taylor are packing their bags and hoping to have the prized trophy with them on their return to Walcha after the chestnut gelding won its barrier trial in Newcastle recently.

Someone who will be cheering as loudly as Mark and Cath will be Blake Palmer from Narrabri. Blake was on a work trip to Coonabarabran recently when he threw \$20 into the pub raffles. When his ticket was drawn out, Blake grabbed a tray of sausages but was soon told by organisers that he hadn't won the meat, instead he had a \$5 sweepstake ticket for the *Kosciuszko*.

Blake had no idea about racing and only knew of *Kosciuszko* as being a mountain!! Then the draw took place on 9 September and Blake was contacted by Racing NSW to congratulate him as being one of the 14 winning slot holders for the big race. Blake then had the task of selecting a NSW country or ACT-trained horse to race as his entry.

With no idea where to start, Blake narrowed the horses down based on location. "He picked *Lisztomania* based on the fact that he is trained in Inverell which is close to Narrabri," Mark Taylor explained. "I was actually negotiating with three other people when Blake called, and when he told me the story of how he became a slot holder, I just had to go with him," Mark said.

"Trainer, Todd Payne has one of the smallest operations in NSW and Blake picked us," Mark laughed. Mark and Blake then had to negotiate how to share the prizemoney with a 50/50 deal being struck. So if the yellow and red passes the post as the winner on Saturday, Blake will receive half a million dollars! Prizemoney for last place is \$12,000, so the worst case scenario for Blake will be that he pockets



\$6000 for a \$20 investment on what he thought was a tray of sausages!

The *Kosciuszko* race is a 1200 metre sprint contest run under set weights and penalties conditions on the same day as The TAB Everest at Royal Randwick.

Lisztomania has an affinity for the Randwick track, with his last start there at Easter where he was beaten by a whisker in the Country Championships. Following that impressive run, he contested the Tamworth Cup where he placed fourth. *Lisztomania* has enjoyed at spell since then, until his barrier trial on 24 September where jockey Kerrin McEvoy was really pleased with the run.

Mark and Cath had a support crew of 20 from Walcha for the Easter Country Championships and they have all put their hand up again to be part of the big crowd flocking to Randwick on Everest Day to cheer *Lisztomania* to victory....and if that happens I'm sure Mark will light the barbie when he arrives back home and invite Blake over the a sausage or two!

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By SIMON NEWTON

October is turning out to be an extremely dry month for everyone, and the warmth has really put the soil moisture reserves under some pressure. Travelling to Ebor just last week and I couldn't believe how quickly that country had gone off, and the grasses were starting to turn brown in the leaf. We aren't that far behind them, and we could really use a couple of inches now that would continue our decent spring. It's been unusually warm for many parts of the inland and its has brought on a wave of livestock into our markets. The week ahead looks fine with temps hitting mid-twenties while our nights will hit low teens. It was only 6 weeks ago and we were all wanting the rain to stop, well it has and now we want it to rain.

News of a change in the transmission line path came out just before the long weekend and it has come as a shock to a lot of landholders around Walcha. The proposed transmission lines have now changed their original path through the Dungowan Valley, to the west of Walcha impacting numerous landholders throughout our district. Landholders have been blindsided to say the least. They only received this information regarding the change of route for these extensive transmission lines pre-long weekend, without any consultation. Where have land holders' rights gone? What about the waste of your tax money that has been spent on extensive studies just to show that this route was the least economical way to direct the transmission lines out of four routes! This battle is a long way from over and the people of our community, like we have done before should stand together to help our fellow community members achieve the fairest result. Regardless of where you stand with renewables, this is a just a complete blindside by EnergyCo and it will affect our district's land values and your pocket for years to come. EnergyCo will have information sessions on 28 October and 11 November at Walcha Vet Supplies.

The markets are starting to show the weight of supply with the dry conditions forcing more livestock into our physical sales, but also the backup of direct consignment cattle have ballooned. We have seen the top end quality Angus feeder steers drop nearly 40-50c/kg, feeder heifers 40-80c/kg while our kill markets have dropped nearly 50c/kg for heavy cows and export cattle. Conversations with processors and feedlots is that they are still concerned where the cattle will come from after this spring sell-off and the fact that a few inches widespread would stem the flow. The dip in the current market is creating some excellent buying opportunities for traders, and I suggest if you have the feed then it would be a good time to be buying while confidence is shaky throughout the industry. AuctionsPlus clearance rates last week dropped to just 51 per cent which was a clear indication of current demand. The sheep and lamb job has headed in a similar direction under the weight of supply, kill lambs are now back to \$10.50/kg while mutton has slipped to below \$7/kg which is still great in the scheme of lamb and mutton values.

3071 head of cattle were yarded in Tamworth on Monday with all categories easing in price on the back of numbers. Weaner steers topped at 514c/kg while heifer portion made to 436c/kg. Feeder steers topped at 496c/kg while the heifer portion made to 430c/kg while heavy kill cows made to 383c/kg while heavy steers to kill made to 450c/kg. Tamworth yarded 6000 sheep and lambs on Monday with trade lambs quoted at being \$30-50 per head cheaper, but quality related. Heavy lambs topped at \$280 while mutton topped at \$253.



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New transport option

Walcha Council Community Care (WCCC) are starting a new program. The loss of the local taxi service has left a big hole for the community members without transport. To help to fill the void, WCCC will be offering a new Community Transport car service from Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 3.00pm. This initiative has been developed to ensure that all residents of our town have access to shops, social events and appointments. The vehicle will be available to all clients that fall within a 10km radius of town.



To use this service, you must be registered with Walcha Council Community Care. If you are over 65 years old you must also register with My Aged Care. All clients will have unlimited access to trips (as many as you want) but all trips will cost \$2.00 each way. If you would like to sign up for this service, please call Walcha Council Community Care on 6774 2471.

WCCC are currently recruiting a casual staff member for this role and are hoping to have this operational by November and available as a long-term option to keep Walcha mobile!

Your chance to see aircraft history in Walcha



Would you like to see the oldest registered flying aircraft in Australia, and the second oldest Gipsy Moth flying in the world? David and Carolyn Salter will have this beautiful one hundred year old aircraft on display right here in Walcha on Sunday 2 November.

It was built in 1925 in England, by de Havilland as a DH60 then sent to Australia in November 1925. Registered in England as G - AUAE , and originally the same in Australia for a few years, it then became the Australian registration VH UAE.

“We are inviting the public to the to come and have a look, with other aircraft also at the airport on the day. Unfortunately there will be no flying when the public are there (due to CASA rules) This exciting opportunity will be happening from 11am until 1pm with sausage sizzle and soft drinks available.

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letters to the editor



Robert Dennis Moore passed away 10 October 2025 at Perth Hospital WA aged 76 after a short illness.

Robert attended Walcha Central in the 1960s and lived at Walcha Road during this period. He worked on the railway at Walcha Road, as a Fireman in Sydney, and was called up for National Service. He also served in the WA Police Force.

Robert was also one of eight young men from Walcha Road to serve in the Army from early 1960s and 1970s. Robert was a Vietnam Veteran.

James Moore – brother

thumbs



- To Troy LeStrande for being so great at his job.
- To James Tickle for delivering the Advocates over the last few weeks.
- To Maddie L Massage Therapy for helping me with severe pain.
- What a joy to see Stephen King's McHattan Park sculpture flowing again in all its splendor.
- To the person who took the beautiful lilacs from McHattan Park toilets. Flowers are for everybody's pleasure.

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.

\$15 locals tickets on sale

The Walcha Motorcycle Rally is back on 14 – 15 November, and locals are getting the best deal. For a limited time, grab a full weekend Spectator Pass for just \$15 giving you unlimited access to the Rally Showground Hub across both days. That's less than the price of a single day pass! They are available now at:

- Walcha Council Office (cash or card, weekdays)
- Visitor Information Centre (card only, weekdays)

But don't wait — this exclusive locals-only offer ends before the event. Gate Spectator tickets will be \$20 per day, so get in early and save!

This year's Rally is packed with action, entertainment, and family-friendly fun.

- Test your aim in the Tyre Throwing Challenge
- Show off your whiskers in the Beard Competition
- Experience the public premiere of the award-winning documentary *Dark Rider* and join a Q&A with record-breaking rider Ben Felten, the world's fastest blind motorcyclist
- Meet our Special Guests across Q&As and discussion panels, including world champions and creative legends

- Get the kids involved in the Strider Bike Challenge and Enduro-X training sessions
- Enter into the barrel racing sessions – open to kids and adults
- Witness Flair Action Sports heart-stopping stunt show
- Test ride the Come & Try electric bikes (for 3-10yr olds) from the Flair Action team
- Don't miss the BackTrack team and their incredible working dog demonstrations
- Feast from a huge range of local and visiting food vendors in the Rally Food Court
- Cheer for the Demolition Derby, a crowd favourite

Plus, enjoy live evening entertainment with Bellingen based blues band *Raven* on Friday night and local favourites *Terra Firma* on Saturday bringing blues, rock, and high-energy vibes to keep the weekend buzzing.

So round up your mates, bring the family, and get behind this incredible event whether you ride, spectate, or just love great local fun.

For details please visit the rally website www.walchamotorcyclerrally.com.au



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Find out if your child is eligible for free dental care at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/cdb



75 years protecting our community – join the celebration

In 2025, Fire Station Walcha marks a remarkable milestone: 75 years of service to our town and surrounding district. On Saturday 25 October, the station will throw open its doors in celebration, and the organisers hope as many members of the community as possible will join the festivities.

A Legacy of Service: From NSW Fire Brigades to Fire & Rescue NSW
The story of Walcha 481 is part of a much bigger story — the evolution of fire and rescue services in New South Wales, from small volunteer brigades to today's modern, integrated emergency service.

In the early days, firefighting in NSW was performed by a patchwork of volunteer and insurance-company brigades, particularly around Sydney and major towns. Following a string of devastating fires — including the Garden Palace fire in 1882 — the Fire Brigades Act of 1884 established a more formal firefighting body in New South Wales. Over subsequent decades, the organisation expanded into regional towns like ours, forming permanent stations to safeguard communities.

In 1910, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and related services were consolidated under the New South Wales Fire Brigades (NSWFB), bringing more uniformity to training, equipment, and operations. Over the 20th century, NSWFB evolved, gradually adopting more technical rescue capabilities and siege operations beyond just fire suppression.

Then, in 2011, NSWFB was rebranded as Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW), to better reflect its broader role: not just fighting fires, but also structural rescue, road crash rescue, hazardous materials responses, and urban search and rescue. Today, FRNSW is one of the state's core emergency services, coordinating responses across metropolitan, regional and rural NSW.

Today's firefighters stand on the shoulders of those pioneers. At Walcha we honour that continuity — and we also want to give you a look at how modern firefighting works, and how you can play a part.



What's in store for Saturday 25 October

The anniversary event will be a family-friendly open day. Community members will have the chance to:

- Meet the crew and chat one-on-one
- Explore the fire truck and appliances up close
- Watch live demonstrations in road crash rescue and structural fire operations
- Learn more about employment opportunities with FRNSW (including on-call firefighting)
- Book a free safety visit — have smoke alarms checked or installed, and get advice on fire safety at your home

We see this as more than a celebration — it's a chance for the people of Walcha to reconnect with the station, understand modern firefighting work, and even consider joining the service.

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Funding keeps grounds a cut above the rest

The Yarrowitch Public Hall and Recreation Reserve holds numerous events throughout the year and now keeping it in pristine condition will be a lot easier with Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan delivering funding for a new lawnmower.

\$13,636 was secured through the Community Building Partnership program to go towards purchasing a new ride-on lawnmower.

"Yarrowitch is a tight-knit community and there's no doubt the hall and reserve is part of that in being a central meeting point for gatherings, events and in emergency situations," Mr Moylan said.

"Maintaining facilities within these villages is extremely important to maintain social bonds and strengthen the sense of community."

"It was excellent to visit Yarrowitch and meet the community and the people who give up their time to maintain the ground."

The Yarrowitch Public Hall and Recreation Reserve's fund added \$500 to purchase the new mower. Land Managers Louise Clarke and Anne-Marie Pointing said the hall and reserve is a huge asset to the community.

"The hall is the pride of community and visitors often comment on how well maintained the venue is," Ms Pointing said.

"The grounds are used for camping, music events, private events and campdrafting events."

"The hall is the core meeting place in the small village of Yarrowitch. During the 2019 bushfires it hosted many first responders and was a venue that the community came together at to recover."

Markets this Saturday

Dahlia lovers will have the chance to take home a new variety or two for the garden from this Saturday's Walcha Farmers' Market.

Kalingi Dahlias, along with Carinya North Nursery, will be there for garden inspiration, and you can fill up the veggie garden with seedlings from the Men's Shed.

Totra Nui Timbers will showcase their unique furniture, and Tasha Chawner will have her stunning flower photographs and cards available.

There'll be trout, goat's cheese, salami, honey, and spring veg to take home, and sweet treats from Judy Lisle's kitchen for the cupboard.

If you're looking for a gift (perhaps for yourself), there'll be stalls offering homemade, organic, and sustainable products for the body and home.

Enjoy a coffee while the kids get their faces painted, and take a wander while you munch on something from the Rotary BBQ.

Too many eggs or silverbeet in the garden? Potted up more tomatoes than you need? You can bring excess produce to the market's community stall to be sold for a small commission.

The market is held at McHattan Park on the third Saturday of the month from 8.30 till 12.30. The season runs from September to May.

Little A's starts today

Walcha Little Athletics is back for another exciting season, kicking off today Wednesday, 15 October 3.30pm at John Oxley Oval, and we would love to see you there.

Whether your kids are keen runners, jumpers, throwers or just want to burn off some energy and make new mates, Little A's is the perfect way to get them moving and learning.

It's not just about sport: it's about building skills, boosting confidence, learning about teamwork, and having a whole lot of fun along the way.

New to Little A's? No worries! You are welcome to come and try for the first two weeks absolutely free. See how it all works, meet the crew, and decide if it is right for your family. After that, registration fees must be paid by Week 3.

Why join Walcha Little A's?

- Friendly, supportive environment for all ability levels
- Learn new skills in running, jumping, throwing and more
- Great way to stay active, healthy and involved in the community
- Make new friends (for kids and parents alike!)
- Weekly fun that gets the whole family out of the house

Ready to register? It's easy! Just hop online at:

www.revolutionise.com.au/walchalac/registration

And if you are not quite sure yet – just come along on Wednesday and give it a go. First two weeks are on us.

Share the word, bring a friend, and get ready for a season of fun, fitness and learning.

Ladies Day Out

Thank you to all the wonderful ladies who attended Quota's Ladies Day Out last month. Quota hosted over a hundred guests from Walcha and Armidale for a welcome relaxing day among friends.

The three local fashion businesses New Birds, Paperdolls and Emporium on Derby each put on a fashion parade giving

the ladies an early look at this year's spring fashions. Our local models did an excellent job showing the garments and accessories and the commentaries on the items modelled were excellent. Thank you for your support.

Quota ladies provided delicious canapes and dessert slices and Diane's team at the Bowling Club put together the boxed lunch. Julie was a new woman after her make over by Lisa from Glamour Empire in Tamworth who clearly explained makeup technics as she transformed Julie. She made the process easy to follow and I'm sure many in the audience went home ready to try out the technics. There were many prizes given out from lucky spot to raffles to thank you baskets and everyone went home with smiles on their faces.

Thank you to Quotarians Mary and Linda for organising the ECW residents to help produce the baskets. Pam, Julie, Janice, Diane and Chris were the organising committee, but all Quotarians available assisted in some way with making the day such a great success.

From the wonderful comments we received Quota will be encouraged to have another day out next year. As this was the first Ladies Day Out that we have held, suggestions from those ladies attending have been very helpful, and we hope you will all support us again.



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what's the goss

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Last Saturday at the Bowling Club lunchtime raffles local larrikin Tony Martin wasn't a happy chappy when he missed out on collecting a meat tray by just one single number which his good mate Stephen Wall had standing right next to him. Funny how things can change in a short period of time.

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A little while later 'Marto' started doing the dance of joy after he checked his 7 number Keno ticket only to find out he had just won \$10,005. Within the space of a few minutes Tony went from being ecstatic to a state of shock after what had just happened started to sink in.

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On arrival at the Bowling Club Stephen Wall asked bar staff member Rebecca Taiki if the club hadn't paid their power bill because he reckoned it was very dark inside the premises. Ruby suggested 'Wally' take off his sunglasses and put on his normal glasses which by all accounts certainly worked a treat.

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Long time Walcha resident Doug White left this world recently and was farewelled at the St Paul's Presbyterian Church yesterday. Condolences to his daughter Anne, son Chris along with all other family members and friends. May Douglas John White Rest in Peace.

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Congratulations to gifted all-round sportsperson Annie Patterson-Kane on being vice captain of Queensland Under 14s Girls' Hockey team, 'Embers', who won the National Championships in Brisbane last week. The girls played 12 games in seven days, including the Grand Final, some in blistering heat, losing just one game to NSW, but did get revenge when they defeated them 1 – 0 in the 'Big Dance'. Annie attends school in Toowoomba for anyone wondering why she was playing for Queensland. Way to go Annie!

The Walcha Golf Club will be conducting their 'Three Days of Golf' this weekend, commencing with the Veterans' Open on Friday, followed by the Mixed Open on Saturday, before concluding with the Men's Open on Sunday. Hopefully the weather will be kind and best of luck to all players participating.

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The Armidale and District Cricket Season commences this Saturday where Walcha/Uralla 2nd Grade have the bye and 3rd Grade are scheduled to play TAS 3rd XI at Wakefield at TAS. A reminder that the rescheduled AGM is being held at the Uralla Bowling Club next Monday from 6.30pm.

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The Walcha Flippers Swimming Club will be holding their AGM this afternoon Wednesday 15 October at the Bowling Club from 5pm. President Yolanda Mooney is stepping down from her position after several seasons of dedicated service and hopefully someone will put their hand up to take on the job. Suppose we will see tonight.

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Last Saturday the 777's competition at the Newie had reached a jackpot prize of \$354 which was on offer to any punter who could pick the winner of Race 7 in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne that day. When Victory Flame saluted at Eagle Farm, Gangsta Granny won at Rosehill Gardens and Transatlantic was first to greet the judge at Caulfield, Michael Hoy collected the cash. Good on ya 'Red Fella'.

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Great to see the newly renovated Skate Park getting plenty of use lately, especially over the school holidays. How things have changed over the years, especially to the layout of hopscotch where the one at the Skate Park is a lot different than when I won a regional Under 7's bronze medallion back in 1963 at 'Wheelabarrowback'. Our layout seems to be missing a few squares but no doubt that will be dealt with in the near future.



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Wednesday Golf

Wednesdays golf was a stableford event playing for Rose Baumer's trophy. The winner on the day was Margaret Davidson with 41 stableford points. Sue Partridge was right on her tail to be the runner up, accumulating 40 points.

Sweepstakes were won by Cheryl McDonald with 38 points and Rose Baumer also on 38. Ruth Fletcher was nearest the pin on Hole 3, and the second shot on Hole 16 was won by Robyn Salt.

Today we are playing stableford for Cathy Lisle's trophy.

Ladies Bowls

The Ivy Makeham Memorial Singles trophy commenced last week with Marg Tickle losing to Pam Makeham. There was a very close game played where Marie Spink narrowly won against Carmel Ryan. It was 14 all on the last end then Marie won the last 3 shots. Lee McCoy won against Janice Rizzi with Janice being stuck on 9 from the twelfth end and could not move from there. Thank you to the markers Phyllis, Lyn and Jan. There was a game of consistency played with Rosie Aitken scoring 27, Debbie Richards 19 and Wendy Moore 14.

Tomorrow Wendy Moore v's Lyn Burnell, marker Carmel Ryan and Margaret Morris v's Rosie Aitken, Marg Tickle.

Last Saturday Lyn Burnell, Jan Cross, Lee McCoy, Janice Rizzi, Carmel Ryan and Pam Makeham played in the Regional Triples at Kootingal. Janice, Carmel and Pam had a very close game against South Tamworth ladies. The girls had a most enjoyable day in spite of their losses.

This Saturday Team 2 play in the Senior Fours at Kootingal. Carmel Ryan, Lyn Burnell, Jan Cross and Pam Makeham play South Tamworth ladies. Team 1 Marie Spink, Janice Rizzi, Rosie Aitken and Lee McCoy have a bye.

Please see the notice board for invitations to other clubs.

Our monthly meeting is tomorrow in the clubhouse commencing 1pm.

There will be social bowls tomorrow for those not playing for the Ivy Makeham trophy 9.00am for 9.30am.

At the Nineteenth

Last Sunday a stableford round was contested for a trophy donated by David Sweeney which attracted a field of 20 players to tee off before former club green keeper Mark Hogan ran out a comfortable winner after he accumulated 47 stableford points.

Sweepstakes went to Rose Baumer 44, Lee Fletcher 40, Doug McDonald, James Norton and Sue Partridge all on 39.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Mark Hogan (9) and Michael Stackman (16).

Last Saturday Sue Partridge racked up 20 points to win the weekly 9 hole competition

quite easily from runner up Anne Martin on 16 after she counted out event organiser John McCormack.

No player was accurate enough to reach the beach on 3 with their tee shot.

Last Friday 20 players (13 from Kew and 7 from Walcha) played a 2 man ambrose where the overall winners were locals Simeon Cross and Doug McDonald after they carded a par round 70 well clear of runners up Wayne Brennan and Kew organiser Dean Myers on 74 just ahead of third place getters Don Brooks and Col Berry 75.

Former Walcha player Steph Sweeney and Kevin Brennan were runners up in the Kew division on 79 whereas Neil Dark and Chris Campbell carded 85.

Last weekend four Walcha golfers competed in the NSW Mens Sandgreen Championships at Barraba where Col Berry, Wayne Brennan and Simeon Cross finished runners up in the teams event after being counted out by a home town trio.

Individually Simeon won the 18 hole Sunday nett event with 66 nett which contributed to his 36 hole nett total of 140, Wayne registered 141 (71,70), Col 146 (75,71) and Owen Presnell 160 (74,86).

Over 100 players competed in the two day event.

Best of luck to the three lady members who are travelling to Nyngan this weekend to play in the NSW Sandgreen Championships.

Here on the home front is the annual 3 Days of Golf Veterans Open (Fri) Mixed Open (Sat) and Walcha Open (Sun).

Bowls

Thursday results: Noel Goodwin & Warwick Hogan defeated Barry Kliendienst & Tony Batterham 18/12. Geoff Salt & Denis Makeham defeated Ross Bellinger & Peter Hayes 16/13. Denis & Geoff won the chooks. Noel won the raffle.

There was a good rolup for twilight bowls on Friday arvo. If anyone is looking for a game enquire at the club there is still a couple of vacancies.

Pairs results: Fred Cameron & Ian Bird defeated Steve Goodwin & Gordon Bird 20/17. This was a great game to watch. Matt Hamel & Mick Steep were too good for Geoff Salt & Denis Makeham 18/11.

Tennis News

The 2025 Spring Comp starts on Tues 21st October and concludes on the 16th of December. The format will be 4 a side graded doubles first past the post. Names to Trev 0459 799 119 and Hyde 0427 780 391 or post on our Facebook page. Nominations close on Friday 17th October.



New England Renewable Energy Zone

The Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo) is delivering the New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) to provide clean, affordable and reliable power supply for homes and businesses across NSW.

Corridor update

We are updating part of the corridor that will connect the REZ to the existing grid at Muswellbrook.

We have identified a new study area between the Bayswater Power Station and the central south energy hub (substation) near Walcha which will allow for safer and more efficient construction with fewer environmental and road impacts. The move will also ensure the transmission lines do not affect aerial firefighting operations around Chaffey Dam and Lake Glenbawn.

We are inviting local feedback as we refine the study area in the coming months and complete further assessments.

View the new study area on EnergyCo's interactive map at energyco.nsw.gov.au/ne-rez-map

Upcoming community information sessions have your say

In addition to direct engagement with landowners, we are holding a series of drop-in information sessions so you can speak with our team, ask questions and share your feedback. You can drop in anytime during the sessions.

Walcha Tuesday 28 October: 10am – 2pm

Walcha Tuesday 11 November: 3pm – 7pm
Walcha Veterinary Supplies, 6 Aberbaldie Road

Muswellbrook Wednesday 29 October: 3pm – 7pm
Muswellbrook Library, 126 Bridge Street

Scone Thursday 30 October: 3pm – 7pm
Scone Motor Inn, 55 Kelly Street

Tamworth Monday 3 November: 3pm – 7pm
Tamworth Community Event Centre, 3 Darling Street

Nundle Tuesday 4 November: 3pm – 7pm
Nundle Memorial Hall, 101 Jenkins Street

Gundy Wednesday 5 November: 3pm – 7pm
Gundy Soliders' Memorial Hall, 10-12 Duke Street

Uralla Monday 10 November: 3pm – 7pm
Uralla Courthouse, Corner of Maitland and Hill Streets

Armidale Wednesday 12 November: 3pm – 7pm
Armidale Town Hall, 127 Rusden Street

Guyra Thursday 13 November: 5pm – 8pm
Guyra Bowling and Recreation Centre, 192 Bradley Street

You can also share your feedback with us by using the contact details below or by making arrangements with us to provide your feedback in person or via post.

More information

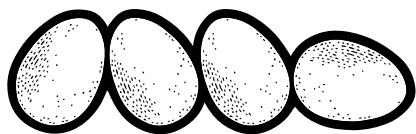
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Walcha Squash Comp starts Tues 21 Oct to Christmas. All players welcome. Graded comp. Names to James 0427 049 378.

Tennis Spring Comp Tuesday 21 October to 16 December. Names to Trev 0459 799 119 and Hyde 0427 780 391. Nominations close Friday 17 October.

Walcha Law – 02 6777 2066
Bree Curtis – Justice of the Peace
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Shoreline Oysters will be at the Farmers Markets this Saturday 18 October.

Work Wanted

Lawn mowing, gardening and handy man jobs. Phone Tom 0429 024 710.

Meeting Notice

Walcha Jockey Club AGM will be held on Monday 27 October 2025 at 7.00pm at the Walcha Council Chambers.

For Sale

Layer pullets, all breeds, 20 weeks. Delivered Friday 31/10/2025, Phone Jim 0428 194 105.

For Rent

For rent a three bedroom Farm Cottage. Call Marg 0429 772 512.

Raffle Results

Friends of Riverview raffle winners 1st Kathy Carter, 2nd Carol Bird and 3rd John Graham. Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way.

Position Vacant

CASUAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION POSITION

A local business is seeking Expressions of Interest for people interested in casual work to fill holiday and sick leave vacancies.

Tasks include:

- Customer service-telephone and reception
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- Drivers Licence or own transport.
- Ability to use MS Word, Adobe Acrobat
- Medium Level of computer skills
- Spelling, Writing and Editing skills.
- Flexibility with work days and hours.
- Knowledge of bookkeeping
- High level of organisational skills
- Ability to work in and maintain a team environment.
- Have a recent National Police Check or be willing to apply for one.
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Please forward your Resume and a covering letter stating your ability to meet the above requirements to the Manager, email to: **opole@bigpond.com**

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6pm Raffle tickets meat & vege trays

7.30PM FREE BINGO

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8 October 2025

Dear Community Member

Part Day Public Holiday in February 2026 & 2027 for Walcha Races

Council are required biannually to apply for the part day public holiday, from 12 noon to 6:00pm, that the Walcha local government area have for the running of the Walcha Cup. As a part of the process Council would now like to consult with the community as to the impact of a part day public holiday on businesses and the general public located within our local government area.

I would appreciate it if you could fill in the form below, advising whether you are *FOR* or *AGAINST* the declaration of a part day public holiday, how it effected your business or way of life this year and provide comments. If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Council on 6774 2500.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Parry
General Manager

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Please tick whether you are in favour of the Part Day Public Holiday for the Walcha Races or not:

FOR ☐

AGAINST ☐

Comments:

Did the Part Day Public Holiday have a positive or negative impact on your business / work place / family?:

☐ Positive

☐ Negative

☐ Neutral

Comments:

Do you have any other comments, questions or concerns?

Please return to Council by: FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER 2025

ALTERNATIVELY you can SCAN the QR Code and complete the survey online

