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with Jerry Coleby Williams



Join Jerry in Walcha on the
Friday 28th November!

- 10am @ Walcha Neighbourhood Centre
- 02 6772 9123
- elizabeth.rosser@snelandcare.org.au



Revved and ready Rally hits town Friday and Saturday

Walcha is gearing up for one of its biggest weekends of the year as the Walcha Motorcycle Rally rolls into town. Whether you ride or not, there is so much to enjoy – it's a weekend of entertainment for the whole community.

Walcha Showground is the main hub, packed from morning until late with:

LIVE MUSIC

Friday – RAVEN | Saturday – TERRA FIRMA.

Q&A SESSIONS with riding legends

World-class riders and adventurers including Ben Felten, Jemma Wilson, Nick Selleck, Jack Field and more.

MOVIE (Australian Premiere) – *Dark Rider*

Gold coin donation — rally pass not required.

KIDS and FAMILY ACTIVITIES all weekend

Kids Enduro skills sessions and competition, Strider Bike Challenge (under 5s), Postie Bike Soccer and Grass Track Derby, Barrel Races, Dog Jumping, Tyre Throwing Competition, Demolition Derby.

EXHIBITORS and FOOD TRUCKS

A great mix of food vendors including gozleme, burgers, Thai, pizza, coffee, desserts and more — all at the Showground.

ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

Walcha Farmers' Market, Vintage cars, window displays, Vintage motorcycle display.

LOCAL TICKETS | \$15

Pre-purchase tickets now from the Council or Visitor Information Centre. The special locals' price gives access to the showground for the full 2.5 days and is not available at the gate. Gate Spectator price \$20 per day.

ADVENTURE RIDERS ON THE ROADS

so keep an eye out

FRIDAY Ride Routes (WEST):

Ingleba → Campfire → Woolbrook → Congi → Nerstane → returning towards Walcha

SATURDAY Ride Routes (EAST):

Brackendale → Yarrowitch → Kangaroo Flat → returning towards Walcha

Give them a wave as they explore our region, they are here to experience what makes Walcha special.

WALCHA THIS IS YOUR WEEKEND!

Bring the family, bring a mate, grab some dinner, listen to music, watch the movie, cheer on the riders and show our visitors how proud we are of our town.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Walcha Visitor Information Centre
02 6774 2460 | tourism@walcha.nsw.gov.au

Below: Don't miss any of the action, including the fun Postie Bike events and the popular Demolition Derby. Visit the Rally website by scanning the QR Code below.



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around the traps



By MAT LARKINGS

Feral pigs are exploding in numbers right across the New England and Northwest following recent rain, creating one of the most damaging pest seasons we've seen in years. With moisture returning to the landscape, pigs have spread rapidly through creek lines, cropping country and soft-footed pastures causing heavy losses in lambing paddocks and tearing up newly sown summer feed. Landholders from Niangala and Walcha through to Bundarra, Bingara and the Upper Horton are reporting mobs in the dozens. I know personally on our travels that pig sightings which traditionally have been rare are now a common occurrence. Late last week I spotted a mob leaving one producer's house yard. Local pest groups are preparing coordinated baiting programs, but producers are being urged to act early—grain-fed bait sites, professional shooting teams and neighbour collaboration are essential if we're going to get numbers back under control before autumn. There are always keen young lads with dogs looking to help out, but please if you are one of those lads, please respect boundary fences as trespassing is still illegal.

The Trump administration has launched a formal investigation into America's major meat-packing companies over allegations of price manipulation, market concentration and unfair pressure on U.S. cattle producers. With just four processors controlling the bulk of the American beef kill, concerns have grown that multinational packers have been widening the gap between cattle prices and high retail beef values. While this is a U.S. political story, it matters here in Australia too: any shake-up of the American processing sector could shift global beef pricing, influence export competitiveness, and potentially reset how multinational processors behave in other markets—including ours. This rings true for the Australian Processing sectors which are held by some if not all these four. I wonder if our government has the strength to act as such.

The decision by Elders to test the market for the Killara Feedlot business near Quirindi is one of the many significant assets moves in the Australian lot-feeding sector this year. According to recent reports, Elders has engaged a sell-side advisor and stated that the yard — with a working capacity of around 22,500 head and a history of both domestic and export finishing programs — could be divested if a suitable buyer aligns with the company's value-creation strategy. Or to whoever has the most money at the time!

John Laws gave rural Australia a voice at a time when few others were listening. His golden microphone carried the stories of drought, hardship and bush resilience into the nation's living rooms — and straight to the desks of politicians who often preferred to look the other way. Laws stood up for fair treatment of farmers, called out banks and corporations when they hurt regional communities, and made sure country people were never ignored in national debates. His passing marks the end of an era, and a reminder of how much one strong voice can mean to the bush. I wonder what John would think of the proposed transmission lines, it certainly seems that Ben Fordham on 2GB is taking up the fight on the airways in his absence. If you would like to wage in on the debate the Walcha High Country Guardians have an e-Petition that needs 20,000 signatures if you can take a quick two minutes to fill out the online form, I'm sure it will be appreciated.

Livestock markets have responded to recent rain events regaining all the lost ground in a matter of days. The cow market coming back with a vengeance surpassing previous highs through the year with the best of the cows in southern markets making up to \$4.55 for high yielding types. Sheep and lamb markets have also seen similar gains. With larger yardings not seeming to have an effect.

Marlee strikes again!

Walcha's very own Marlee Wall has once again proven her skill and determination on the Polocrosse field, earning selection to represent New South Wales at the 2026 Darwin Polocrosse Nationals, to be held in June next year.

This will mark Marlee's third appearance at a Polocrosse Nationals, having previously worn the blue jersey for NSW at Ballarat VIC in 2022 and Chinchilla QLD in 2024. Her consistent performances and strong teamwork have made her a standout player. Known for her toughness, commitment and sportsmanship, Marlee has built a reputation as one of Walcha's most dedicated players. Her success is a testament not only to her talent but also to the strong support of her family and Polocrosse Club.

Marlee and her family will make the over 3,500km journey north to Darwin for the week-long event, where the best players from across the country will compete. The competition in Darwin will be tough and some of the best Polocrosse to be played.

The Walcha Polocrosse Club has expressed enormous pride in Marlee's achievements, describing her as an inspiration to younger members and a great ambassador for the sport.

Marlee's hard work and determination have really paid off. Marlee has shown what can be achieved through dedication and passion, and the club could not be prouder to see her representing New South Wales once again.

As Marlee continues her preparations for the Nationals, the Walcha Polocrosse Club will be cheering her on every step of the way and hoping she can bring home another win for the state.



Have Your Say: Please complete the survey

When disasters strike, Walcha rallies together, neighbours helping neighbours and strangers lend a hand. People who help during an emergency but aren't part of a formal response team like the SES, RFS or Red Cross are known as Spontaneous Volunteers – ordinary people wanting to do good when it's needed most.

Walcha Council is inviting residents to share their thoughts on how Spontaneous Volunteering could best work in our community. A short survey is now open and everyone is encouraged to take part.

"You're not being asked to volunteer," said Kalen Sowter, who is leading the project. "This is about creating a local approach that suits Walcha, that's community led, practical and helps people contribute safely and effectively."

The survey asks questions about what works, what doesn't and what support or systems could make volunteering easier during an emergency.

If you need help completing the survey, drop into Walcha Council or the Walcha Neighbourhood Centre.

Why it matters: By taking part, you're helping build a strong, coordinated plan so when the next emergency happens, everyone knows how to help.

Have your say today by typing this link into your web browser <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/vyaM41VL0W> or simply scan the QR Code.



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Australia Day Citizen Awards

It's that time of year to again think about nominating someone worthy of being a recipient of one of the Australia Day awards. Even if you nominated someone before who didn't receive an award, you can still renominate them.

Last year we received many nominations of worthy recipients however only one can be a winner. Don't let that put you off from putting someone, be it a citizen, sports person or organisation, up for another chance. We particularly need nominations for the Young Citizen of the Year.

That also means Australia Day is drawing closer. Please mark Monday 26 January in your diary and join other members of the Walcha community for Breakfast in the Park. Not only will you learn who is receiving the awards but you will hear another story of Walcha's history, meet and hear from our Ambassador, be entertained by local artists and our poet, Gordon Edmonds.

Forms for nominating are available from the Public Notices section on the Walcha Council website or paper versions can be obtained from the Council Office or the Walcha Post Office.

Don Murchie
Australia Day Committee President

Protect our land, our communities, our future

A new transmission study corridor is being proposed from Walcha LGA to Bayswater – cutting through productive farmland, wildlife habitat, native bush and treasured landscapes.

This plan threatens our rural communities, our environment, and our way of life – and it's being pushed forward without proper consultation.

Three local community groups have a shared interest to stand up for our region – Walcha High Country Guardians, The Rouchel Brook Action Group and Upper Hunter Responsible Infrastructure Group. Together, we are calling on the NSW Government to REJECT this damaging transmission corridor and develop an alternate route that utilises pre-existing infrastructure and public/crown land, without impacting privately owned prime agricultural land and farming communities.

Please sign our petition by clicking on the attached QR Code, it only takes 30 seconds to complete. Please forward this to all of your friends as we need 20,000 signatures.

Scan the code or type the following URL

https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/la/Pages/ePetition-details.aspx?q=jz_sF2FRsWHj_36IRBvdcw

New England High Country Guardians



Time and Space opens Friday

This Friday Walcha Gallery of Art will host an exhibition titled 'Time and Space' by Caroline Croft this Friday from 6.00pm.

This exhibition is a series of paintings completed both indoors and outdoors, with Caroline gaining inspiration in her new surroundings in the Camden Haven area.

Caroline stated: In between 1999 and 2023 I intermittently attended some painting lessons and workshops, mostly under the tutelage of Ross Laurie, through NERAM and Art Travel Adventures.

In 2023 I stopped consulting as a clinical psychologist and moved to Kew, intending to begin my new career as a painter. I also found Sally Horton in Kendall and started to attend her weekly drawing and painting classes.

This body of work is the result of a lifelong unfurling of a desire to paint. In the end it happened because I got up out of my consulting chair and spent more time sitting atop sandhills and headlands, beside rivers, on the edges of gorges and wetlands and in National Parks. It's only very recently that I started to paint indoors, and that is because I now have 'Time and Space'.

The exhibition is being held with Caroline's husband Julian Croft, and his book of poetry.



Regular dental check-ups are important for your child's health

If your child is aged under 18, and eligible for Medicare, they may get free dental care through the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) at both private and public dental clinics.



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



Fun for young and old

On Friday 31 October, Walcha Preschool's class were invited to visit the residents of Riverview to celebrate Halloween. Together, children and educators walked from the Preschool to Riverview, where we could observe the environment of our community and practiced how to safely get there.

Tonia and Kate warmly greeted us and invited us in to meet the excited residents and caring staff. The children introduced themselves to everyone, showed off their costumes with an impromptu fashion parade, all sang familiar songs and laughed and completed our rhythmic ensemble with an active round of "Hokey-pokey".

Riverview staff kindly supplied everyone with a morning tea of delicious spooky treats and cups of teas for the residents. After we visibly enjoyed our special treats, we bid a "trick or treat" farewell to the residents and eagerly thanked them for an entertaining and fun morning of reminiscing, and comedic entertainment, promising to return again very soon.



75th anniversary of the 'Pasture Wonderland'

From Dr Melanie Oppenheimer



Celebrate the 75th anniversary of the first aerial spreading of superphosphate in Australia on 'Mirani' by Mr A S (Poss) Nivison in 1950.

Please join us at the original Mirani airstrip on Saturday 22 November 2025 from 11.00am to 1.00pm, for a static display of aerial agriculture through the years. View the original Tiger Moth aeroplane at the Walcha & District Historical Society's Museum Complex, Derby Street, Walcha (open 9.00am – 4.00pm).

A sausage sizzle at the airstrip will be available from Walcha Lions' Club at the Mirani airstrip, 'Marmindi' 359 Mirani Road. Please RSVP by Saturday 15 November via link <https://www.trybooking.com/DEQGV>

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The Walcha Farmers' Market will be a top spot to base yourself this Saturday during the motorcycle and car festivities in town.

From 8.30am, grab yourself a coffee and treat in time to browse the vintage and classic cars parked next to the market in South Street.

After browsing the stalls, and picking up some produce, you'll be able to view the street parade after 10.30am.

The Farmers' Market includes stalls that showcase local produce and materials that are handmade and homegrown.

We are always looking for new contributors to our community stall. It's a great place for cooks, growers, and makers to test the market, or make a few dollars from their excess.

If you make a great relish or jam, have got spare vegetables, or your chooks are laying well, bring your excess to the stall for us to sell for a small commission.

If you volunteer for a shift on the stall, the commission on your produce will be waived. Please get in touch via our Facebook page or email info@walchafarmersmarket.org.au

The market is held every third Saturday of the month, apart from winter, in McHattan Park from 8.30am to 12.30pm.



First Aid for Motorcyclists Course at 2025 Rally

First Aid for Motorcyclists™ is a not-for-profit organisation that offers in-person training led by motorcyclists specifically for other motorcyclists. This training equips riders with the knowledge and confidence needed to handle emergencies, fostering a safer and more resilient riding community.

"We're excited to be part of the upcoming Walcha Motorcycle Rally and are offering a special opportunity for local riders and P-plate drivers to take part in our **Motorcycle Crash Management Course**," director of operations, Deborah Geerts said.

"This practical, hands-on training is designed to help riders understand how to manage a crash scene, respond effectively in emergencies, and improve overall safety on the road. Whether you're new to riding or have years of experience, this course is a valuable addition to your skillset."

As a special offer for the Walcha community, the course is available at a discounted rate, with limited places available.

Date | Sunday 16 November 9am to 2:30pm

[Register here](https://reg.eventgate.com.au/Event/29594/WALCHA-MOTORCYCLE-CRASH-MANAGEMENT-TRAINING)

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Don't miss out — secure your spot today and ride safer tomorrow!



Invitation for New Registrations: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Network Infrastructure Project

Updated locations: Singleton Shire, Muswellbrook Shire, Upper Hunter Shire, Tamworth Regional, Walcha Shire, Uralla Shire, and Armidale Regional Local Government Areas

The Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo) is developing the New England Renewable Energy Zone Network Infrastructure Project (the Project) which involves the construction and operation of new high voltage electricity transmission infrastructure that is required to connect renewable energy generation and storage projects within the New England REZ to the existing electricity network in the Upper Hunter region of NSW.

The Project is Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

Changes have been made to the Project since 2023, including a new study area between Bayswater Power Station and the Central South Energy Hub (substation) near Walcha, released in October 2025.

You can view the new study area in detail on our interactive map: <https://caportal.com.au/energyco/rez>. This map also includes the existing 3km-wide study corridor and the previous study corridor.

Registrations of interest are invited from Aboriginal individuals and organisations who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the area of the Project, and who wish to be involved in the consultation process as part of the planned cultural heritage assessment for the Project.

Community consultation with Aboriginal people will:

- 1) assist EnergyCo to assess the Aboriginal cultural heritage values of the Project study area;

- 2) assist other Government regulators in the assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage reports prepared for this Project;
- 3) assist in the preparation of any Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) applications that may be required in future (eg if required for ancillary activities); and
- 4) support any future applications or approvals for the Project sought under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and/or *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

Registrations of interest must be in writing (email preferred) and include:

- your name/organisation;
- current contact details (postal address, email, phone number/s) (email is our preferred method of consultation throughout the duration of the Project); and
- the area/s of the Project that you or your organisation has an interest in – noting that the Project traverses multiple Aboriginal traditional regions.

Registrations must be received before the closing date of 29 November 2025. Please send your response via email to NEREZheritage@umwelt.com.au or via post to: Mr Ryan Desic, Umwelt Australia Pty Ltd, 75 York Street, Teralba NSW 2284.

Those already registered for the Project since November 2023 will continue to be involved and should not re-register. Those who are new to register will have their details forwarded to Heritage NSW and the Local Aboriginal Land Council, unless they specify they do not want their details released.

Further information regarding the New England REZ, please visit energyco.nsw.gov.au.

Far Out Science at UNE

Last week students from Walcha Central School were able to attend UNE for the Far Out Science Days.

Primary students in Year 5/6 took part in interactive activities at UNE. These included a workshop in physiology, where students' reflexes and muscles were tested and the interaction with nerves and muscles observed. Students made their own beef patty burger in meat science, learning about the physical properties of meat, as well as processing, safety, and quality. Water bugs were studied under the microscopes in a lab and the chemistry magic show was engaging and highly explosive!

Secondary students participated in activities that included virtual cow

mustering, a chemistry escape room, formulating algorithms for tying and untying knots and studied the immune system.

At the end of the day Tiffany and Matisse were the recipients of two of the prizes for completing their evaluations – congratulations.

Big thank you to UNE for sponsoring the bus for both groups.



Matisse Pascoe, Jayla White, Ben Marchant and Sarah Swanton



Dion Benson having fun at Far Out Science

thumbs



- 👉 To Council Parks and Gardens staff for the beautiful new plantings on Derby Street at Memorial Park and into the shopping precinct. Always working hard!
- 👉 To Sue Jackson of Walcha Council Community Care for listening to my issue and resolving it promptly.
- 👉 To Linda at the Walcha Waste Centre for providing clear advice about dealing with electronic waste items.
- 👉 To Walcha Council gardeners for maintaining the gardens along the levee bank walkways.
- 👉 To the cleaners who maintain the McHattan Park toilets – always well cleaned for use by locals and visitors.
- 👉 To the Walcha Garden Festival organisers and volunteers. Your amazing work brought lovely vitality and beauty to town.
- 👉 To Jarrod Smith Carpentry for making it possible to move into my tiny home amid deplorable muddy conditions.
- 👉 To the fabulous gardens and all the hard work of the Walcha Garden Club. What a wonderful weekend, enjoyed by so many.
- 👉 To Katie at Walcha Vet Supplies for her great customer service.
- 👉 To Lisa at Linmac Co. for her great customer service with my new Husqvarna purchase.
- 👉 To Troy Lestrade for just being Troy Lestrade.
- 👉 To having no Learn to Swim, no Walcha Flippers and minimal pool time for oldies and all those who enjoy our pool. Would it not be possible to get more workers in to get the pool finished so we can all enjoy one of the great pleasures of our summer?
- 👉 To the person(s) who vandalised the McHattan Park toilets on Friday and took the flowers.

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



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what's the goss



with AJ Cross

This week's column comes from room 216, Clayton Hotel, Leeds but by the time you read it Ronnie Latham and myself should be well and truly on the way back to Australia. Our fellow tourist GJ Natty is staying on for a further week to meet up with some old friends from yesteryear.

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The Aussies wrapped up a 3-0 whitewash against England last Saturday with a 30-8 win on the back of a 'Man of the Match' performance by hooker Harry Grant. The Poms were certainly in the game at half time, 12-8. Although they played well early, in the second half, the Aussies were too good in the end at Headingley.

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In what has been an up and down tour with plenty of highlights and the lowlight of being crook early on tour including a couple of days in hospital with pneumonia which wasn't much fun. The amount of people in our group that have suffered ill health, from one bloke who was in hospital for a week, down to coughs and runny noses have been astonishing. The bottom line is the good times have certainly outweighed the bad.

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One thing I certainly won't forget is the support from fellow Walcha boys Gary and Ronnie who have assisted me throughout some testing times. Not only that, the genuine interest about how I was going at times by the rest of our group was also very much appreciated.

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When we were at the Hilton Garden Inn in Dublin, Gary was in need of a bathroom visit but returned very quickly after he strolled into the hotel kitchen by mistake. No one got hurt and everyone lived happily ever after.

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Anyone who read last week's column would be aware that I paid \$131 to have five shirts, two pairs of shorts and three pairs of socks laundered. Well I can happily report it certainly got better in Dublin where our Hotel had in-house laundry facilities at a cost of around \$15 for as many items of clothing. Slight bit of difference.

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One of the highlights of the trip was visiting the Cavern Club in Liverpool, the old stomping grounds of the 'Beatles' for an enjoyable afternoon listening to some very talented musicians performing Beatles numbers of course. The Cavern Club has a tasty Guinness on offer also.

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On our way to the 'Cavern Club' after a 'Ferry Cross the Mersey' boat trip we strolled around a corner only to bump into a few Aussie players including a humble young fella by the name of Jacob Preston. Unfortunately the Bulldogs back rower didn't get a start during the series but no doubt the experience of touring with the Kangaroos will assist with his career.

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At the same location was channel 9 commentator Danny Weidler and Telegraph reporter Dean 'Bulldog' Ritchie who were only obliging to have a brief chat and a photo taken at the time.

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Sunday was our last official function, a tour of Headingley Stadium where both the football and cricket fields are back to back with a large corporate area in the middle where you can watch footy on one side and cricket on the other. After a tour of both grounds that is where over 150 of us enjoyed lunch.

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During the trip it was great to catch up with Warilla Gorillas 'Lovey' and 'Robbo' as well as meet some new friends Bretto, Kel and her Dad Dennis, Johnno, Pauly, Jockey, Craig, Corey and Cowboy who were all good value throughout the trip.

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Well that is my last Pommy Report and I can't wait to get back to Australia.



Tennis

Round 2 of the 2025 Spring Comp to be played out on Tuesday 28 October was a wash out. Round 3 of the 2025 Spring Comp was played out on Tuesday 4 November in great conditions.

Goolagong: E Blomfield, A Barillaro, M Luchich and W Hayton defeated Court: H Carter, M Matapakia, S Ireland and M Hayton 29 to 27 in a great, close match-up.

DeMinaur: C Ireland (floating for Hyde Thomson), A Blomfield, P Tape and K Cummins defeated Purcell: M Lockyer, D Clark, J Burgess and A Blomfield (floating for M Bird) 29 to 27 in another close match.

Thanks to all our players and floaters. See you all at the net soon.

At the 19th

A good field of 23 players teed off on Sunday for the second round of the Patron's trophy for a prize donated by Crichton Barr. It was also a Stroke Medal round for Vicki Heffernan's trophy.

Overall winner of the day was Col Berry on 41, with sweepstakes to Jamie Bowden 39, Simeon Cross 38, Don Brooks on a countback with Owen Presnell, John McCormack and Miles Archdale all on 37 points. Winners of each division included: Jamie Bowden 67 nett (A grade), Col Berry 65 (B grade), Owen Presnell 68 (C grade).

Winner of the 2024 Mug of the Year was Simeon Cross. The Patron's winner was John McCormack 78 and NTP on 3 was Rose Baumer with no player managing to reach the beach on 18. Scratch winner was Jamie Bowden who scored 79, and Wayne Brennan collected the putting prize on 21. Winner of the coveted pink shirt was trophy donor Crichton Barr with 36 putts.

This week is a Mixed Foursome.

Mens Bowls

Only one game of Triples was played on Thursday. Barry Kliendienst, Geoff Salt and Peter Hayes defeated Noel Goodwin, Barry Hoad and John McCormack, 11/6.

Ladies Bowls

Congratulations to Pam Makeham on winning the Ivy Makeham Memorial Singles trophy against Lee McCoy 23 - 9. The score does not indicate the measure of play. There were plenty of close ends and excitement.

Debbie Richards, Jan Cross and Margaret Tickle lost unceremoniously to Marie Spink, Wendy Moore and Lyn Burnell in an enjoyable game of triples.

Our Christmas Party is on 11 December at the Bowling Club. There is a mixed game of bowls. Please write your name on the nomination sheet by 4 December.

There are a number of invitations to various clubs including Guyra Triples Social Day on 2 December and Guyra Mixed Triples Carnival being held on 3 December. Names to be in by 27 November. Please see the notice board and put your name down if you wish to play.

There will be social bowls tomorrow 9.00am for 9.30am.

Cricket

Walcha/Uralla 2nd grade v Armidale City 2nd

WALCHA/URALLA

E BLOMFIELD b D Tilbrook.....	12
S RAFFERTY b J Clee	0

W ARCHDALE c M Bryant b J Clee.....	0
J GRILLS b J Clee.....	5
D FORD c A Clee b J Clee.....	0
P MOONEY c A Hanson b S Butler.....	10
C MOONEY c J Clee b P Gilbey	4
B HOY c A Skinner b S Butler.....	12
M HARPER b P Lye	26
S HASLEM c A Clee b D Tilbrook.....	11
G YOULL not out.....	6

Total 93 (31.2 overs) Extras 7

Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkt): J Clee 6-2-12-4, D Tilbrook 6-2-0-15-2, S Butler 8-1-22-2, P Gilbey 4-1-10-1, B Wright 5-1-13-0, P Lye 2-0-19-1.

ARMIDALE CITY UNE

P LYE c D Ford b E Blomfield.....	16
A CLEE c B Hoy b D Ford.....	10
A HANSON st B Hoy b P Mooney.....	39
J RYAN not out.....	14
A SKINNER not out.....	8

Total 94 (31.2 overs) Extras 7

Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkt): M Harper 6.2-0-21-0, D Ford 3-1-11-1, J Grills 4-0-13-0, P Mooney 8-1-13-1, C Mooney 5-2-10-0, E Blomfield 4-0-8-1, W Archdale 1-0-12-0.

Armidale City UNE 3rd v Walcha/Uralla 3rd

ARMIDALE CITY UNE

M CONROY b M Foster.....	5
K HANDES c C Stoddart b B Ussher.....	1
A SCOTT lbw B Ussher	1
L JARVIS b N Swan	28
R WATSON lbw B Ussher	9
D NAKKEB c&b D Morley.....	12
C WITHERS b N Swan.....	24
L LAYCOCK c N Swan b C Stoddart.....	2
B WATSON b D Morley.....	0
C HOKIN not out.....	1

Total 95 (30.1 overs) Extras 13

Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkt): B Ussher 8-1-25-3, M Foster 5-0-18-1, N Swan 8-0-28-2, M Tasik 2-0-2-0, N Laurie 3-0-15-0, C Stoddart 2-1-0-6-1, D Morley 2-2-0-2.

WALCHA/URALLA

N SWAN c C Withers b L Laycock	4
D MORLEY lbw L Laycock	0
BW MULLEN b L Laycock	6
C STODDART not out.....	11
M FOSTER c R Watson b M Conroy	4
N LAURIE c C Withers b R Watson	4
M TASIK c C Withers b R Watson	33
B JEX not out.....	0

Total 70 (21.1 overs) Extras 8

Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkt): L Laycock 8-3-17-3, M Conroy 4-0-12-1, R Watson 6.1-1-30-2, L Jarvis 3-1-7-1. Game abandoned.

Wednesday Golf

Last Wednesday was a stroke, putting and monthly mug event playing for the New Birds trophy.

Julie Hoad was the winner storming home with a nett score of 65 points.

Sweepstakes were won by Prue Morgan with 69, along with Cheryl McDonald and Robyn Salt also on 69, and the final sweepstakes went to Katie Smith with 70.

Prue Morgan claimed Nearest the Pin on Hole 3 and Julie Olrich the second shot on Hole 16.

Pauline Carter was the best putter on the day with 24 putts. The A Division winner was Cheryl McDonald, B Division winner, Julie Hoad and the C Division, Robyn Salt.

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Death Notice

~ Phillip Macarthur Brown ~
 Sadly passed away from health complications in Tamworth Hospital on the evening of Friday 7 November 2025.
 His wife Katie and son Hamish will be making arrangements for a celebration of his life at a time to be advised.

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Shoreline Oysters at the Walcha Farmers markets this Saturday 15 November.

In last week's Apsley Advocate, Brendan Moylan's column was incorrect and did not include the statement "Funding using Parliamentary Requirements." The Apsley Advocate apologises for this error.

Walcha Council



Drainage work on Brackendale Road

Drainage work is currently in progress on Brackendale Road. Replacement of three pipes along a 2km stretch at the southern end of Brackendale Road is scheduled for Wednesday 12 November 2025 and Thursday 13 November 2025 (weather permitting), which will result in minor traffic delays.

Council appreciates your patience during these essential infrastructure replacement works.

Stephen Parry, General Manager
 Walcha Council, PO Box 2, Walcha NSW

Walcha Council

Review of Rural Roadside Vegetation Policy



Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 29 October 2025 approved the review of the Rural Roadside Vegetation Policy. This Policy will be on public exhibition on Council's website: <https://walcha.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition-rural-roadside-vegetation-policy/> until Friday 9 January 2026. During this time written submissions on the Policy will be received by Council.

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Raffle Results

Remembrance Day Stall, All Vouchers donated – 1st Sandra Laurie, 2nd Leesa Evans, 3rd Neville Lawrence, 4th Coral Westfold.

P&F Street Stall Raffle winners – 1st Phoebe Grills, 2nd McKenzie Wark, 3rd Erin Fritsch, 4th Carol Marchant.

Meeting Notices

Walcha Rugby League AGM at Walcha Bowling Club, 3pm Sunday 16 November. All positions vacant. Everyone welcome.

Walcha Garden Club meeting Friday, 21 November at the Walcha Tennis Club commencing 9.30am. Enquiries: S Law 0467 450 243, D Lisle 0429 799 083.

Amaroo Local Aboriginal Land Council (ALALC)

Notice of General Member Meeting
29.11.2025 | 10am | Amaroo LALC Cafe

1. Welcome/Open Address
2. Attendance/Apologies
3. Minutes of previous member meeting
4. Correspondence
5. New Membership Applications
6. Housing
7. Next member meeting date and time

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 during business hours.

Amaroo Local Aboriginal Land Council (ALALC)

Notice of Resumed Annual General Member Meeting

29.11.2025 | 11am | Amaroo LALC Cafe

1. Welcome/Open Address
2. Minutes of previous member meeting
3. Receipt of the Annual Report of the activities of the ALALC
4. Receipt of the Audited Financial Statements for the previous financial year
5. Next member meeting date and time

All questions relating to this meeting or voting rights 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 during business hours.

AUTHORISED: Katrina Bloomfield, Chairperson – Amaroo LALC

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In your application please include a cover letter, resume and selection criteria to be emailed to ceo@amaroolalc.com.au by **closing date 12 December 2025**.

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