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## Stitching a Remarkable Legacy Yvette Stanton Awarded OAM

A life of creativity has rewarded Walcha embroiderer Yvette Stanton an OAM in the King's Birthday Honours.

This huge honour was in recognition of her service to embroidery which has taken Yvette all over the world, both teaching and promoting books she has written on the subject, which now total eleven.

When asked about what sparked her interest in the beginning, Yvette remembers back to when her parents bought her and her twin sister a book on the Complete Guide to Needlecraft when she was eleven or twelve. "We were never bored, and this meant we always had something to do," she said.

This was then followed by an inspirational teacher in high school who taught Yvette some difficult stitches as a part of an assignment, with one of them being the Hardanger from Norway, which Yvette now specialises in, and has written three books on. "Both of these events have made a huge difference to my life, and allowed me to develop my hobby into a career that I love."

In 2001 Yvette designed and entered a piece in the Nordic Needle Hardanger Competition, which she was absolutely thrilled to win. "This is what started my career in embroidery, as I was then asked to write a book on this style of embroidery." As Yvette had studied graphic design at University and was working as a book designer, this combined her two loves, embroidery and design.

It was then that she founded her business *Vetty Creations*. "I now publish books about embroidery, usually focusing on regional styles of embroidery, and helping to preserve them by teaching others about the historical styles, and how to make them.

"As a leading expert on whitework embroidery, I enjoy researching traditional styles of embroidery, and my expertise comes from over twenty years of careful study of historical artefacts in museums around the world, and learning directly from the



cultural custodians of the work where that is still possible."

Yvette teaches embroidery through online and in-person classes as well as through her YouTube Channel and Threads Floss Tube.

She often hosts classes here in Walcha with people travelling from all over Australia to attend. Recently she taught people from Western Australia and Far North Queensland and everywhere in between. "This helps tourism in Walcha, as often the husbands join their wives for the weekend and I give them a list of things they can enjoy in our area." Currently she is working on a revision of her *Left-Handed Embroiderers' Companion*, adding 90 more stitches to the book. Yvette is also looking to commence a PhD later this year researching the history embroidery.

She was fortunate to celebrate this wonderful achievement over the weekend with her children coming to Walcha to enjoy dinner with her and husband John.



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## around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

How good is a long weekend, worst part is going back to work on a Tuesday, and I can't help but think that the four-day work weeks would work for everyone. I ventured to the coast on the weekend and once you're off the Great Divide there seemed to be feed everywhere, huge change to the same time last year when it was all under water. Another week down of winter and no frosts for us and another fall of rain. The forecast suggests another chance of rain later in the week with another front to pass through the following week and no frosts, which is exactly what we need. The pastures and annual crops are still growing; it's been a huge turn around in the last month and a new forecaster has predicted it won't be dry towards the end of the year.

The conflict in the Middle East has once again flared up so expect a lift in fuel prices as oil becomes dearer by the day. The sooner we can wean ourselves off the dependency of fuel from other countries the better, so the sooner we can start refining more in Australia the better we will be. These global conflicts affect Australia too much as we rely so much on other countries to provide essential products for our everyday life and it's our Achilles heel.

Big news in the share market with Elon Musk's company SpaceX about to hit the open market. SpaceX is valued at \$1.75 trillion dollars, or \$2.48 trillion Australian dollars which is mind blowing and the largest initial public offering in the stock market. Given the huge uptake in Australia of the Starlink technology, it is easy to see why as you barely see a rural vehicle or home without the technology.

Australian beef destined for the Chinese market has now ground to a halt as the 55 per cent quota tariff is set to be triggered within the next few weeks. As of 1 June, just 10 per cent of the quota was left, meaning what was already on consignment, both on water and air freight would fill the remainder of our Quota. Our major export competitor Brazil will also face the same tariff/quota trigger, and we are told to expect a softening of wholesale prices domestically in Australia. I wouldn't hold your breath on that statement as other export destinations are set to take the extra product like the USA, Japan and Korea. It will be interesting once China burns through its frozen beef in storage and then we might see them re-enter our market. Remember it's a tariff on the importer, not the exporter that has to pay the tariff.

The rise of the cattle market has continued week on week with restocker cattle starting to make some serious money again. Light Angus steers are now making well above 700c/kg while light heifers are nudging 600c/kg. Feeder cattle seemed to be full steam ahead with a recent quote of 600c/kg for Angus steers to a feedlot that was short just over the weekend. The real shortage of feeder cattle generally comes late winter, and we are already seeing prices higher than that period last year, two months earlier. Pregnant females have also moved with the best of the PTIC heifers making \$2500 some of the cows have nearly hit \$3000.

No sale in Tamworth on Monday but the best of the cows in Dubbo last Thursday made 430c/kg, early reports from Gunnedah and Inverell on Tuesday are much the same rate. Prime bullocks in Dubbo made to 496c/kg, feeder steers topped at 546c/kg while the heifer portion made to 538c/kg, up 30c/kg on the previous sale. Weaner steers made to 650c/kg while the heifers made to 512c/kg.

The lamb and mutton job continue to get stronger as we are now seeing mutton values hitting 900c/kg carcass weight while lamb has edged closer to 1200c/kg for trades.



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# Auxiliary helps make wishes a reality

From Vic Mclvor, Secretary

Walcha Hospital Auxiliary members made a visit to the Hospital recently, to present several items from their "Wish List" to the new permanent Health Service Manager Karen Jenkins. Karen welcomed the addition of the new Fridge and Microwave for Elizabeth Crosse Wing residents and said they will be very useful. The Auxiliary also gave many "Fidget" Mats and Muffs for E.C.W which were very kindly made and donated by friends of their Treasurer Marie. "They are beautifully made and I'm sure they will put to good use," Karen commented. The Auxiliary is continually fundraising to keep these donations happening for our Health Service, so if you or anyone you know would like to assist us, you would be most welcome to join our team of volunteers. Give Vic a call or come along to our AGM on 16th July. (to be advertised)

Thank you Walcha for your continued support, it means a lot.



Vicki Mclvor presenting a new fridge and microwave to the new Health Service Manager Karen Jenkins (above). Also pictured are Linda Cross, Marie Spink and Marg Morris

# Cuppa with our Cops

Next Monday members of Oxley Police District from Tamworth, as well as our local Police would like community members to join them for a coffee at Cafe Graze. District Inspector, Jacob Cantwell said that they are looking forward to engaging with the community over a friendly cuppa from 9:30am onwards and welcome anyone to come along and say hello.



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# Maddie inspires next generation of agricultural leaders

Respected Walcha apprentice livestock agent and auctioneer Maddie Davidson has encouraged the next generation of young women in agriculture to “back themselves early” during a keynote address at PLC Armidale’s annual Livestock Team Celebration Dinner.

Speaking to more than 80 students, families and industry supporters, Maddie shared her journey from a young girl with a passion for cattle to becoming a successful stock and station agent with Nutrien Boulton’s in Walcha.

Her message resonated strongly with the all-girls school’s livestock team, many of whom are considering careers in agriculture.

“If there’s anything I’d like you to take away tonight, it’s this: back yourself early,” Maddie said.

“Apply for the job, take the opportunity, speak up, have the conversation and put yourself in the room, because the people doing amazing things are rarely the people who felt 100 per cent ready.”

Maddie spoke candidly about overcoming setbacks, losing her father to cancer at just 23 years of age and persevering through years of trying to secure a role in the livestock industry before finally getting her chance behind the auctioneer’s microphone.

She told students that confidence was not something people were born with. “Confidence doesn’t magically appear overnight,” she said. “Confidence is built by doing things before you feel ready.”

The evening celebrated another successful year for PLC Armidale’s renowned Livestock Team, which provides girls with hands-on experience across cattle and sheep showing, judging, leadership and agricultural enterprise.

College Principal Mrs Nicola Taylor said Maddie’s story was a powerful example of resilience and determination.

“Maddie is an outstanding role model for young women considering a future in agriculture,” Mrs Taylor said.

“Her willingness to share both the challenges and successes of her journey reinforced the importance of courage, hard work and self-belief.”

The dinner also highlighted the significant contribution PLC Armidale students have made to the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute. Through the annual showing and auctioning of a charity steer at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, the team has now raised more than \$110,000 for heart disease research.

Guests heard from Caitlin Mackie from the Institute, who outlined some of the potentially life-changing medical research breakthroughs being supported through the students’ fundraising efforts.

A special moment during the evening was the presentation of the inaugural All-Round Stockwoman Award, a peer-nominated honour recognising leadership, teamwork, work ethic and commitment to the livestock team.



*Auctioneer Maddie Davidson in action at the PLC Armidale Livestock Celebration dinner, helped by Walcha student Anna Blake.*



## Local Land Services

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# Annie wins Stockwoman Award

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The award was presented to Glen Innes student Annie Wake, who received a bespoke Kidman Hat donated by Australian pastoralist and business leader Gina Rinehart. Annie is the grand daughter of Helen and Colin Wake from Walcha. Mrs Taylor said the award recognised the qualities that matter most both in agriculture and in life.



"Annie is highly respected by her peers and embodies the values of leadership, service and teamwork that are central to our livestock program," she said.

The evening concluded on a high note when Maddie stepped behind the microphone to conduct a lively fundraising auction. Assisted by PLC Armidale Livestock Team members acting as enthusiastic spotters, she kept the crowd entertained while generating strong bidding throughout the room. The auction raised more than \$4,500 for the College's Agriculture Faculty, supporting future livestock and agricultural education opportunities for students.

As the evening drew to a close, Maddie left students with one final piece of advice. "Agriculture needs passionate, capable people, and there has never been a better time for young women to step forward and make their mark."

For many of the young women in attendance, it was a message they were unlikely to forget.

# Nominate now for Tidy Towns Awards

Walcha Council are encouraging community groups to nominate their projects now for the Tidy Towns Sustainability Awards. This program recognises initiatives across a range of categories, showcasing the environmental, social, and economic contributions being made by councils, community groups, schools, businesses, and volunteers. Many of these projects are driven by passionate local volunteers and become a source of lasting community pride and cohesion.

Each year, these awards recognise and celebrate the achievements of communities in regional NSW, particularly grassroots projects that make a significant contribution to their communities. With multiple categories to choose from, ranging from waste and recycling projects to a range of social and economic sustainability projects, there is no shortage of potential projects that could be entered. Eligible projects need to have been completed or had progress made in the last 12 months.

Walcha was a finalist in the 2023 Overall Tidy Towns Population Category A, receiving a Highly Commended in the Bush Spirit Category for the Bev Betts Rose Garden, a win in the Heritage & Culture category for Walcha Central School's The Aunty Sue Project and a win in the Local Legends >65 years category for the Walcha Men's Shed.

The website link to find out more information, download an entry kit and enter your submission is: <https://www.kabnsw.org.au/awards/tidytowns2026/>

If you require assistance with the submission process please contact Council on 6774 2500. There are no entry fees and you do not need to be a member of Keep Australia Beautiful NSW to participate. Entries close on 31 July 2026. Entry packs can also be collected from the front counter of the Council.

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# letters to the editor



## The Guardians are going to Sydney!

Thank you to everyone for signing our petition, local support has been fantastic, and we're not alone. Over 22,000 others around the state agree: the Bayswater to Walcha transmission line is a bad deal. It's a bad deal for landholders forced to host it, a bad deal for the town and a bad deal for the electricity consumers of this state.

On June 25th, we take the fight to NSW Parliament.

With the help of Brendan Moylan, we're planning to fill the gallery and send a message to the NSW Government. If you'd like to come to Sydney, please get in contact.

The NSW Government has proposed an amendment that Brendan Moylan has described as a "blatant attack on private property rights... granting extraordinary powers to the Minister to prioritise renewable energy and transmission projects... centralises decision making and reduces the influence of those who will bear the impacts". We have a great opportunity to express our rejection of these amendments, this transmission line and the broken NEREZ directly in Parliament in June.

There is no social license for this project. There is no credible budget. There is no regard for the biodiversity destruction it will cause, no plan for the disruption to communities, and no answer for the strain on local resources — especially water. There is no firm commitment to ensure our community gets an economic return proportionate to the burden of hosting the huge transmission infrastructure proposed.

EnergyCo have been asked a simple question: Of the 140 employees working on the New England REZ, how many live in New England? The answer is none. That tells you everything you need to know about their commitment to this community.

Come to Sydney with us on 25th June if you can. If not, it would be great if you keep engaging with the Walcha High Country Guardians socials by liking, commenting and sharing. If you have friends or family in Sydney that could show up, we are meeting at 3pm outside Parliament House. We really appreciate all your support.

**Bec Onslow**

## Biggest Morning Tea raises thousands

Thank you, thank you, thank you. This year's Walcha Tennis Association's Biggest Morning Tea was a great success, raising an amazing \$12,900. Thank you to everyone who donated money to this great cause. We had about 60 people attend the morning tea at the Tennis Club and we delivered 30 plates around town to various businesses.

The biggest thank you goes to my fantastic band of helpers, without them the morning would not be possible. Thank you to these super ladies who not only cook scrumptious goodies and make sandwiches but also help get the plates ready for delivery and then deliver them, so again thanks girls.

Also I would like to thank the guests who came for morning tea and brought a plate as well. Thank you also to everyone who donated raffle prizes.

Walcha is an amazing community, I am humbled by the generosity and the support given to us for this great cause.

It was great to have Sally-Anne and Paul from the Cancer Council join us, Paul gave a brief talk about how the money raised is used to help cancer patients as well as for research.

So to sum it all up we had a lovely morning tea with plenty of chat and laughter. And with all the money raised all over Australia, we are another step closer to curing cancer as well as supporting patients and their families along the way.

**Jenny Hoy**

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# Milestone Birthday, Marathon Achievement

Henry King will certainly remember how he celebrated his 40th birthday for many years to come after tackling the Brisbane Marathon on Sunday with a support team of mates both running with him and cheering him on.

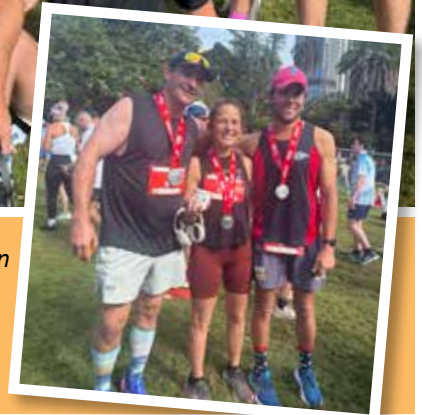
This was his inaugural marathon and he completely smashed it, finishing in a time of 3 hours 8 minutes. Fellow runners, Anna Young and Glen O'Brien also completed their first ever marathons alongside Henry.

Not to be outdone, Henry's wife Kate lined up in her first ever half marathon with the aim of finishing in under two hours. Kate didn't let Henry take all the glory, completing the task in 1 hour 49 minutes.

The course featured a loop which they ran twice to complete the marathon, with all of the runners agreeing that the Storey Bridge was an absolute killer that just seemed to go up and up. The Brisbane Marathon is known for its difficulty with around a 600 metre elevation to contend with.

They were joined by five others from Walcha who ran the 10km event and then cheered them on. This included Kimmie Cameron and her sister whose team name was 'Pacing for Pippa'.

Reports are that the Long Lunch that followed, was a very long affair, making it an even more memorable occasion for Henry and his fellow running companions.



*Right: Glen O'Brien, Anna Young and Henry King celebrate the completion of their first marathon in Brisbane over the weekend*

*Above: The Walcha Team are all smiles after completing either the 10km, half marathon or marathon in Brisbane on Sunday*



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# RUGBY REPORT

## WALCHA V ARMIDALE BLUES

By Eric the Spider

### RESERVE GRADE

In a hard-fought contest the Walcha 2nd Grade Rams went down 31-38 to The Armidale Blues outfit. The visitors struck early and built a handy lead, but Walcha showed real character to fight back with a flurry of late tries, falling just short in a game that could easily have swung either way.

The Blues came out firing and controlled the opening 20 minutes, using their forward pack to punch holes and capitalising on some early territory to build a 12-point advantage. Walcha's defence held firm under pressure, but the visitors' slick ball movement kept the Rams on the back foot. Credit to the home side though – they refused to fold and slowly worked their way into the contest through sheer forward grunt and better phase play. The middle stages were a proper arm-wrestle. Walcha started winning more breakdowns and putting phases together, but Armidale remained clinical when opportunities arose. The Rams hit back with some well-taken tries to stay in touch. The final quarter belonged to Walcha. Trailing by double figures, the Rams lifted again and launched a strong finish. Some direct running and quick hands resulted in a couple of late tries that had the home crowd on their feet. For a moment it looked like the comeback was on, but the Blues defended desperately in the dying minutes to hold on for the win. Individual efforts stood out in a losing cause. Harry Partridge delivered his best game in Rams colours – a complete performance full of high tackles, relentless chasing, and involvement from one side of the field to the other. He led from the front when the momentum was against them. Up front, Ben Fussell was strong with ball in hand, making repeated hit-ups that gained valuable metres and gave the backs a platform. At the back, Will Archdale had a standout game at fullback. His counter-attacking runs, safe hands under the high ball, and ability to find space turned defence into attack on several occasions. The whole squad can take plenty out of this one. The early deficit was costly, but the fight shown in the second half, particularly the way the boys kept competing when the scoreboard was against them, was impressive. There's clear improvement in the group and plenty to build on for the next block of fixtures.

### FIRST GRADE

In a tough, attritional Sponsors Day clash at home, the Walcha Rams First Grade went down 16-23 to a well-organised Armidale Blues side. It

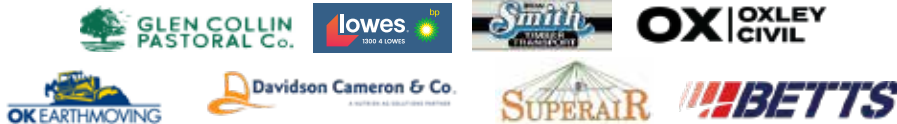
was a classic forward-dominated battle where territory and defensive grit decided the outcome. The Rams showed patches of real quality in their phase play and put the visitors under pressure at times, but they were forced to defend for long periods and couldn't quite turn opportunities into enough points. The Blues dominated the territorial battle, using their kicking game and forward carries to pin Walcha deep in their own half. This made it difficult for the Rams to build consistent attacking momentum. Walcha's defence was excellent for the most part, absorbing wave after wave of pressure and forcing errors. When the Rams did win possession, their phase play looked sharp – direct running, quick ball, and good shape that had the Blues scrambling. Walcha created several promising attacking opportunities, particularly through strong forward carries and clever link play, but the final pass or the clinical finish just wouldn't come. Armidale capitalised on their field position, and took their points when they mattered most. The game stayed close throughout, with the Rams always in the contest, but the visitors' territorial control ultimately proved the difference. Standout performances from the home side kept Walcha competitive right to the end. Joel Ballon again led from the front with a big game, making powerful carries and fronting up with smart decisions under pressure. His leadership was evident as he drove the team forward. Chaden Hawkins was heavily involved across the park, hitting rucks with real intent and putting in a mountain of tackles to keep the defensive line intact. In the forwards, Hamish Heeney had a strong outing, winning front foot ball for the backs and proving extremely hard to contain with ball in hand. Sam Colwell put in a tireless shift, working non-stop around the field and providing the kind of consistency the Rams needed in a grinding contest. The boys can take heart from the fight they showed against a solid Blues outfit. While the result wasn't what we wanted, the effort and moments of quality were clear for the big Sponsors Day crowd to see.

**A huge thank you** to all our sponsors for their continued support — your backing makes days like this possible and helps keep the Rams competing at this level. Thanks also to everyone who came out to support the team and made it a great atmosphere at the ground.

**NEXT WEEK:** First Grade take on Barraba away and Reserve Grade get a much needed bye.



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# Town garden winners announced

Walcha is fortunate to have a climate with four distinct seasons, and this was celebrated recently with the presentation of the Walcha Township Garden Street Appeal Competition over afternoon tea at the Council Chambers.

A winner was chosen for each season as well as the overall winners for the year, which was taken out by Gerry and Mary Moran of Evans Street.

This competition recognises properties that make a positive contribution to the visual appeal and character of the Walcha township through landscaping, garden presentation, and overall street appeal.

All properties were assessed from the public domain, and no entry onto private land was undertaken as part of the judging process.

Walcha Council, along with Walcha Garden Club contributed towards the prizes which were vouchers for Carinya North Nursery.

At the presentation, Mayor Eric Noakes and the Beautification Advisory Committee congratulated the winners on their efforts in enhancing the streetscape of Walcha.



*Spring, Summer and Overall winners Gerry and Mary Moran with Mayor Eric Noakes and Deputy Mayor Ann-Marie Pointing*



*Tonielle Larkings was presented the Autumn Overall winner by Mayor Eric Noakes and Deputy Mayor Ann-Marie Pointing*

- 2025 Spring Overall winner**  
151w Evans St
- 2025 Spring New Garden**  
57w Fitzroy St
- 2025 Spring Encouragement**  
167w Evans St
- 2025/26 Summer Overall winner**  
151w Evans St
- 2025/26 Summer New Garden**  
112s Derby St
- 2025/26 Summer Encouragement**  
167w Evans St
- 2026 Autumn Overall winner**  
51n Darjeeling Rd
- 2026 Autumn New Garden**  
188w Apsley St
- 2026 Autumn Encouragement**  
167w Croudace St
- Highly Commended**  
14w Hamilton St, 19w Walsh St,  
64e Croudace St, 66e Croudace  
St, 22w Hill St, 186w Legge St, 4  
Park Ave, 201e Croudace St, 175w  
Evans St.



*Highly Commended winners*





## Guild Song Battle Experience Day & Sleepover

25 & 26 June 2026




**The Walcha Bowling Club** held their annual John Oxley competitions last week in ideal weather conditions especially after how cold it was here in town last Friday. Some visiting teams who arrived a day early must have been wondering what they had signed up for but thankfully the weather changed dramatically the next day.

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**Walcha trio** Matty Hamel, Stephen 'Normie' Goodwin and his son Kyle, who all have won the club 'A' Grade championship at different times, won the Triples on Saturday after counting out Picnic Point (Darren Bromley, Gary Melvold and Richard Wilkes). Third place went to locals Esther Hunt, Noel and Brian Goodwin whereas Uralla's Lindsay Ward, Matt Fletcher and Brad Dade were 4th.

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**The following day local Mick Wall** joined forces with Picnic Point bowler Darren Bromley to win the Pairs, Uralla duo Paul Hine and Lindsay Ward finished 2nd, Uralla pair Brad and Col Dade ran 3rd while Tamworth City's Jamie and Gayle Smyth came 4th.

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**Walcha E.R. Brazel** Cricketer of the Year Ed Blomfield (2016 and 2018) played for NSW Andrews in the Over 40's Cooper Finlay State of Origin Cup in Brisbane last weekend. Captain of the team was Walcha Cricketer of the Year Jamie Andrews (2000) who took

4/42 in the opening round while Ed scored 18 runs in Round 2. Sadly NSW were belted by Queensland in both their games.

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**Still on cricket**, Congratulations are in order for Walcha juniors Leo and Henry Blomfield (under 16's) Nina Blomfield and Dion Benson (under 13's) who have been selected in the Northern Inland Cricket Academy squads for the 2025/26 off season. Walcha/Uralla player William Cox also made the U/16's team. Good on ya Guys.

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**The Newie 777's** went down to the wire last Saturday after Wayne Brennan correctly selected 'Cool Jakey' in Race 7 at Randwick and then 'War Eternal' in Race 7 at Eagle Farm at odds of over \$25. 'Brenno' was the only punter left in the running before Race 7 at Caulfield but when 'Ghetto Supastar' saluted the judge paying over \$40 sadly it was all over 'Red Rover' for Wayne. Gee there were some tipsters in attendance who genuinely felt sorry for 'Brenno'. This Saturday the Jackpot will be \$474.00.

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**'Irishtown' Mayor Michael Steep** hasn't been experiencing the best of health during recent times so it was good to see him pick up the opening lunchtime raffle prize at the B.C last Sunday after his brother Peter purchased a few tickets for him just before the draw. All the best in the future 'Steepy' - all your friends are thinking about you.

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**Received a text message** from my across the road Apsley Street neighbour Mark 'Turbo' Peters last week where he declared he was in Tamworth Base Hospital suffering from 'Kneemonia' before requesting if I could put his footy tips in for Round 14 which was hardly a drama. Yes Mark is battling Pneumonia not 'Kneemonia' and hopefully 'Turbo' is on the road to recovery.


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**When I filled out both Mark's and my tipping cards** at the B.C somehow Turbo's tips ended up on my sheet which shouldn't have been a big deal except we had nearly half the selections different. When fellow B.C Tipster David Garth Clare suggested the incident should be mentioned in this week's column the reply was 'some people don't want to be reading about my stuff up on a weekly basis.'

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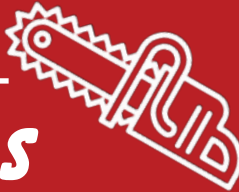
**Big Wigs of the Week** - TBW Cafe - Lisa Wratten, Alena Stackman; B.C - Di and Cheryl, Mary Haines, G.J Natty, D.G Clare, AJ Cross; Apsley - Jess Litchfield, Josh Kevill, Mick O'Reilly, Mick White, Niraj Sarmah, 'Stirrer Cross', AJC; Newie - Mick Wall, Josh Coghlan, Lisa Wratten, Billy Porter, Charlotte Lyon, Filbert Green, Emma Hillier, Adrian Groves, Wilba Haslem, Tom Donnelly, Peter Hayes, Jed Wittig, D.G.C, AJC (All 14 pts each); Vet Supplies - Ray Kirby, Cameron Barton, Adam Barillaro, Pete King 12 pts. A big shout out to my much better half and Rabbitohs tragic Linda who gave me 10 points start to take Manly over her team last Thursday.


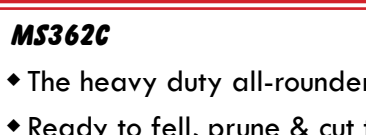

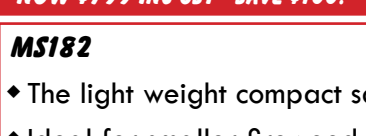
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## Bowls

The John Oxley Triples and Pairs were played last weekend. The weather was perfect and bowlers from far and wide enjoyed the weekend.

Triples were played on Saturday with a local team of Kyle Goodwin Mat Hamel & Stephen Goodwin taking out first place. Well done fellas.

- Second place went to Darren Bromley, Garry and Richard all the way from Picnic Point.
- Third place was another local side of Noel & Brian Goodwin & Esther Hunt. Good effort.
- Fourth place was the Uralla side of Lindsay, Mat & Brad.

The results of Pairs played on Sunday.

- First place went to Darren Bromley from Picnic Point and Walcha's own Mick Wall. A great result.
- Second place was Paul Hine & Lindsay Ward from Uralla.
- Third place also came from Uralla Brad Dade & Col Dade.
- Fourth place was Jamie & Gayle Smyth from Tamworth City who have been great supporters for many years.

Thanks to all players who made the weekend a memorable one. A special mention to all visitors especially the team from Picnic Point.

The last game of the Mixed Pairs will be played next Sunday 14th at 9.30am

Photos by Jules Hall



Triples Winners - Kyle Goodwin, Mat Hamel and Stephen Goodwin



Pairs Winners Mick Wall and Darren Bromley

## At the Nineteenth

A two person Ambrose for trophies donated by Nutrien Boultons attracted a good field of 38 players where Will Nicholls and his partner Deanne Baines teamed up to win the event after they registered a 63<sup>1/2</sup> nett.

Runners up were Wayne Brennan and Molleydooker Allan Laurie just a quarter of a shot off the pace on the same score as club champion Michael Stackman and Nixon Bird on 63<sup>3/4</sup>.

The remaining sweepstakes prizes went to Will Archdale and James Norton 64<sup>3/4</sup>, Miles and Henry Archdale 65<sup>1/4</sup>, new Walcha member Rowan Chandler and club patron Margaret Davidson 66<sup>1/4</sup>. Sharpest shooters at the pins were Ollie Crawford (3), Henry Archdale (9), Michael Stackman (16) and Daniel Boyd (18).

Despite ideal weather conditions the 9 hole competition was called off due to lack of numbers last Saturday but organiser John McCormack, Deb Richards, Lyn Levingston and Pete Whellan enjoyed a social round where according to 'Macca' none of the quartet set the world on fire. The Kings Birthday long weekend probably had something to do with the shortage of attendees.

This Sunday is the monthly Stroke Medal round for a prize supplied by D.A. Locke.

## Ladies Bowls

Last week during awful weather conditions the three bowl pairs began with Pam Makeham and Margaret Tickle winning 22-17 against Marie Spink and Jan Cross. Pam and Margaret now play Lyn Bunnell and Janice Rizzi tomorrow in the championships. Esther Hunt and Carmel Ryan will play Wendy Moore and Lee McCoy on 15 June in the three bowl pairs championship. There is social bowls tomorrow 9.00am for a 9.30am start.

## Wednesday Golf

The previous week of golf was a wash out hence no report.

A small field of players braved the elements last Wednesday playing stableford for Ruth Fletcher's trophy.

Our winner on the day was Simone Sweeney, clocking up 35 stableford points.

Sweepstake winners were Pip Monie, Sal McCormack and Penny King all with 31 points.

Nearest the pin on Hole 3 was Pip Monie. Second shot on Hole 7 went to Penny King and Simone Sweeney claimed the second shot on Hole 18.

Today is a stroke event, along with putting, monthly mug and it is the fourth medal round.

We will be playing for Prue Morgan's trophy.

A reminder that the first round of match play is to be played by the end of June.



## Funeral Notice

**Karen Anne Bloomfield**

'Kazz'

30/03/1982 - 29/05/2026

Of Walcha

Cherished partner of Tor

Loving mother and mother-in-law of Teraia & Kalerah and Jaxon & Lihena

Adored nanny of Keanu & Tevani

Beloved daughter of Kerrie & Gary.

Treasured sister of Cindy, Katrina, Kenny, Angela, Theresa, Crystal, John, Jess and Amielee.

Loved sister-in-law, aunt, neice, cousin and a much-loved colleague and friend to many. Aged 44 years

A funeral service will be held at Piddingtons Funeral home, Uralla Road Armidale, Friday, 12th June 2026 commencing at 12pm

**Piddingtons Armidale 02 6772 2288**

## Public Notice

**Church service at Woolbrook church,** 2pm, this Sunday. For info Graham Barnes 6777 2539.

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