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Walcha Coffee roasts the competition

Walcha Coffee has just tested nine of their coffees against the best in Australasia and have blitzed the competition.

In what is the world's largest coffee roasting competition our local business has returned from Golden Bean Australasia 2026 with seven medals after competing against more than 750 coffees in what was widely regarded as one of the toughest competitions in the event's history.

"We entered nine coffees across multiple categories and secured two Silver and five Bronze medals against a field featuring many of Australia's most accomplished coffee roasters," Cameron Hayton said.

Walcha Coffee's medal-winning coffees included:

Silver Medals

- Milk Based Espresso – Cameron Hayton
- Milk Based Espresso – Jazz Hayton

Bronze Medals

- Filter Coffee – Cameron Hayton (2 medals)
- Milk Based Espresso – Jazz Hayton (2 medals)
- Super Automatic – Jazz Hayton

Cameron said the results were especially meaningful given the strength of the competition.

"Golden Bean is one of the most respected coffee competitions in the world, and this year the standard was extraordinary. There were more than 750 coffees entered, and earning a medal in any category was a significant achievement."

Among the entries were two coffees that did not



Cameron Hayton pictured with Miguel from Flora-A-Fruto, a coffee farmer in Colombia who produced some of the coffee Walcha Coffee entered in the awards

medal but nevertheless stood out as personal favourites for the Walcha Coffee team.

For the first time, Walcha Coffee entered the highly competitive Elite category with an exceptional filter coffee. The roastery also entered a rare Costa Rican Azul coffee in the Espresso category.

"The Azul was probably one of the most delicious espressos I've ever roasted," Cameron said.

While the specialty single origins attracted plenty of attention, Walcha Coffee's signature blends once again proved their consistency on

the competition stage.

"Our Nat Buchanan and Thunderbolt blends performed strongly, as they have in previous competitions. They're coffees we roast every week and they're a big part of what our customers enjoy every day, so it's rewarding to see them continue to stand up against the best coffees in the country."

The awards were presented during a Viking-themed gala dinner that brought together roasters, judges and coffee professionals from across Australasia.

Another highlight for the business was the success of second-generation roaster Jazz Hayton, who collected three medals of his own.

"Seeing Jazz achieve these results alongside some of the industry's most experienced competitors is incredibly rewarding. It's exciting to see the next generation developing their skills and making their mark."

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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

I don't think you could get a better winters day than Sunday and it was also our shortest day of the year. Tuesdays frost would be the biggest thus far this winter with a few more frosty mornings predicted this week before it warms up again with another front and a forecast of up to 50mm of rain to come through early next week. The more people I talk to about their season who have planted winter crops the more say another decent fall will set them up for the rest of winter and it just may eventuate next week. The Bureau of Meteorology has officially declared an active El Nino for the remainder of winter, meaning above average temperatures for the remainder of winter and a high probability it will continue through to November.

The interesting part surrounding the super El Nino forecast is that a super El Nino typically produces more rain than not. Now I know the forecast looks grim, but they never predicted this late Autumn/Winter change in our season which has been a game changer for all. I understand everyone looks forward on their forecast predictions, but it costs a lot of money if we get our decision wrong. We often spend money on crops, fertiliser and livestock on these predictions and history tells us to not entirely trust them but the scare mongering surrounding the super El Nino is relentless. Everybody's position is different and so are your seasons, your rainfall and all you can do is make proactive decisions as we move through our seasons based on your situation. Now I was told someone sold all their weaners the other day because there is a super El Nino coming, smart considering what their weaners are currently worth compared to two months ago but an over cautious one considering the timing.

Bird flu H5 has been detected in a second bird on the mainland of Australia along the Western Australian coast, north of Esperance. It is the first time the H5 strain of bird influenza has been found in Australia and is a low health risk to the public. The major concern for all livestock sectors is that previous avian influenza outbreaks in Australia have typically been contained within poultry but the H5 variant has demonstrated an ability to infect mammals including dairy cattle overseas. Australia has been extremely successful in eradicating the H7 virus twice in the last five years, but the H5 virus is harder to eradicate, especially if it gets into cattle.

As of 18 June, last week Australia has hit the 100% quota limit into China which has seen a 55% tariff applied until it resets on 1 January 2027. The cow market itself has seen a leveling in prices even though the supply of killable females has dried up. Just 350 cows were yarded in Tamworth fat market on Monday, 150 export cattle in Gunnedah and 180 cows drawn for in Inverell on Tuesday. The processors are no doubt holding firm on values as the export beef market meets reduced demand for Australian beef after triggering of the Chinese quota tariff. Even though the tariff has been triggered, it's better triggering it now than three months ago when we had excessive supply numbers due to the dry, now those numbers and the market look to be softening, kill space for cows is only a week out.

1469 head of cattle were yarded in Tamworth on Monday, 800 less than the previous week and Gunnedah had only drawn for 1300 head for Tuesday. Weaner steers topped at 645c/kg, heifers made to 590c/kg while the best of the feeder steers topped at 577c/kg while the heifer portion made to 555c/kg. The best of the store cows topped at 376c/kg while the heavy well finished cows topped at 408c/kg in what was a slightly softer cow market. 3135 head of sheep and lambs met strong demand with trade weight lambs topping at \$280, heavy trades sold to 320kg while the heavy export lambs topped at \$380. Heavy mutton topped at \$330 with the majority making \$180-227 per head.

If you don't support the Bayswater to Walcha transmission lines then make sure you're at the steps of the NSW Parliament House tomorrow, 25 June at 3pm to get your voice heard and to hold the NSW Government accountable, this is about everyone's future.

New Board inducted for Rotary Club

The Walcha Rotary Club was again in celebration mode last Tuesday. Just a couple of weeks after celebrating the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Club at the Combined Service Clubs' Dinner, it was time to join together again for the annual Rotary Changeover. This is an occasion to review the past year's achievements and look ahead to coming challenges as the old board stands down and the new board takes over, albeit with some familiar faces. It is also a time for the outgoing president, Andrew Burgess to confer various awards.

The most prestigious award in the world of Rotary is the Paul Harris Fellowship, named after the founder of Rotary who made that small but ultimately momentous step in 1905. This year, James and Aurora Reilly both received Paul Harris Fellowships in recognition of their outstanding service in the area of Rotary youth projects. Aurora also received an award for the member who provided the greatest support to the President. For International Service Andrew Corlette was awarded the Burgess Jug associated with the provision of a generator to a health project in Vanuatu and Casper Ozinga proudly walked away with the Stirrers Paddle, for keeping everyone smiling.

In the presence of local Rotarians, Walcha Lions Club members, Walcha Quota members, representatives of Uralla Rotary and Tamworth Rotary Clubs, making a total of over 50, Andrew Burgess

delivered his report on the Club's achievements throughout the year. It was an impressive list culminating in noting the donation of over \$15,000 to various organisations in Walcha and other organisations regularly utilised by Walcha residents. In addition, the Club also donated \$15,000 towards the provision of a new diesel generator at Riverview as part of a joint effort with Lions and Quota donating equivalent amounts. As President Andrew noted, the combined efforts of the service clubs in Walcha make our community the special place it is.

Rotary now moves into the new year with the induction of Aurora Reilly in the role of President. Other board members are Stephen Lisle (Vice President), Casper Ozinga (Secretary), Steve McCoy (Treasurer), Andrew Corlette (President Elect & International Service), Fiona Barden (Youth Service), John Williams (Club Service), Rob Blomfield (Community Service) and Andrew Burgess (Immediate Past President).

As a slide presentation of notable moments in the last 20 or so years of Rotary in Walcha rolled in the background, Aurora delivered her incoming President's address in which she outlined her very positive vision for another successful year ahead.



*Left: 2026/27 Board Members
Casper Ozinga, Andrew Burgess,
Fiona Barden, John Williams,
Aurora Reilly, Andrew Corlette,
Steve McCoy, Rob Blomfield and
Steve Lisle*

*Right: Andrew Burgess
presenting Paul Harris Fellowship
awards to James and Aurora
Reilly.*



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letters to the editor

Old Hospital dilemma

For decades, the old Walcha Hospital building and site has been sitting vacant and derelict overlooking the Walcha township. This iconic building being left to vandalism and deterioration because government cannot make decisions about its future, has been upsetting to many local residents, who have tried to progress the issue along with Walcha Council.

From what I can ascertain, it seems that the problem is, surprisingly, about money. The land is owned by the NSW State Health Department, all government owned land is managed by Crown Lands and a native title claim has been lodged by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council. All three government departments involved are reluctant to pay the cost of removing the asbestos in the building and no one will take on the responsibility, without the asbestos issue being resolved.

From the State Health Department perspective, spending upwards of \$1million removing the asbestos is not the best spend for money given the needs of hospitals and patients across the State. They would rather spend the money on providing clinical care - a reasonable position.

Crown Lands also have a limited budget and, likewise, don't have a cool, spare million dollars.

The Department of Aboriginal Affairs would like the asbestos removed before they take over management, as would anyone else in their position. So, we are at a stale mate.

Meanwhile, as decades go by, any costs currently associated with the old building, are being paid for from the budget allocated to Walcha MPS and Walcha residents are carrying the burden. Therefore, we get a double whammy. An iconic building going to rack and ruin and we are paying for it.

Aside from this mess, I cannot find out if anyone at, government, non-governmental or Amaroo LALC, have any plans for the building and site. Logically, it would make sense to know what the eventual outcome will be and build a plan to finalise this mess from there.

Firstly, however, we need to get some government action and to that end I would like to suggest to all interested Walcha residents and community groups that "it is the squeaky wheel that gets the oil". I am putting out a call for everyone to write to the three State Government Ministers who are passing the buck on this problem, to request some urgent action. It doesn't matter what your perspective is: whether you are upset at the decline of the building, whether you object to the cost, or whether you are exasperated by the loss of potential for the town. We just need an avalanche of correspondence to roll into their offices and get their attention.

Contact details for the three relevant NSW Ministers are below. If every resident and community group could send letters we may be able to raise this issue to the top of their agendas. Well, at least we can try!

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Sam and 'Captain' visit Walcha Central School

Oh, what a shame.

Next week Walcha is about to lose a much appreciated service provided free of charge for over 30 years.

When I moved to Walcha 13 years ago it was partly because of the friendly and supportive vibe given off from our very first visit. After living here for a while I was pleased to discover more of the volunteer provided services, clubs and amenities. One service that especially surprised me was when we came to get the bus to the Walcha Road Railway Station. According to the ticket I was supposed to lug all our luggage down the hill to McHattan Park to the bus stop and of course at the end of the trip lug it all back up the hill again. Much to our relief a certain bus driver picked us up from home and brought us back at the end of our trip. To my astonishment I was informed that the driver did this for just about everyone in town and even for a few hard pressed individual situations just outside town.

Thank you very much John Cross, I am sure there are many who are going to miss this great service you have provided for us all over the years.

I wish you well in your unexpected early retirement.

Alan Churchill

Sam Mackaway and dog 'Captain' from ABC Muster Dogs runs monthly demonstrations on how to train a stock working dog from a pup at Walcha Central School. Visiting the Ag farm once a month to work with the 9/10 Agriculture class, Sam gives live demonstrations teaching students about what he is trying to achieve with his dog.

This program includes calm stock handling skills for the students, animal welfare and learning to read situations and animals when working with them.

Walcha Central School are grateful for Sam and Captain's time and expertise, giving the students another learning experience.

Also, down on the WCS Farm, they have taken delivery of a new chicken caravan featuring full automation from letting the hens out in the morning and locking them away at night, auto lights, auto rollaway nesting boxes so your eggs are always clean and for the very first time a thermostatically controlled exhaust fan that cuts in when the internal temperature starts to rise!

Walcha Central School students with Sam Mackaway and 'Captain'



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NAIDOC Storytime

Tues 7/7
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3D Pen Creations

Wed 8/7
1.30-2.30pm
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MANDALAS

Wed 8/7
1.30 - 2.30pm
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9 - 11am
Ages 5-9
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Dance & Dancercise

Tues 7/7
10am Dance for Preschool & primary
11.30 Dancercise for Teens
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Winter holiday program

The Walcha Council's youth and library team have organised a jam packed program of events in the upcoming winter school holidays for Walcha youth! There are a variety of activities which will be held at the library, some dance workshops and an excursion to Tamworth to warm up anyone who is spending the holidays in town.

Starting with the annual NAIDOC Storytime at the library, where First Nations Librarian Cassie will share stories and books with children of all ages, followed by songs and games. Children can then participate in some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander themed arts and crafts following the storytime. This event will be family friendly, and have something for all ages. It has been a lovely coincidence that this Storytime will not only fall in NAIDOC week, and in the school holidays, but it also falls on the regular Baby Rhymetime date (being scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month), so we hope to attract some good numbers to help celebrate our indigenous authors, illustrators and cultures.

The holiday program will also include the Central Northern Regional Library visitors from the Tamworth Library providing a 3D Pen workshop for children aged 6 and over, as well as a Mandala Drawing workshop for adults and teens. Walcha library staff will be many running craft, games, lego, painting and designing workshops in the library over the two week period. Bec Hoy is also running her popular dance workshops, which will be making use of the space in the old preschool rooms. These workshops will be for both younger children, and for teens. Bec is excited to be running a Dancercise workshop for teens – something new that she is hoping our local teens will be just as excited to try!

The school holiday excursion to Tamworth will allow local teens to escape the Walcha chill for a day, and join their friends for some tenpin bowling, lunch and visit the cinema for a screening of Supergirl or Toy Story. This excursion is supported by the NSW Government's Winter Holiday Break Program.

Visit the Walcha Library to find out more about the holiday program. The library also shares information on Facebook or Instagram or visit <https://cnrl.events.mylibrary.digital> to book into any library events.




Yarrowitch Public School Playgroup

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Walcha Community Hub Food Pantry providing support for locals

The Walcha community continues to show the true meaning of looking after one another, with the Walcha Community Hub Food Pantry providing a valuable service to locals who may need a helping hand.

The Food Pantry is held every Monday, excluding public holidays, and provides community members with access to essential items they may need. From fresh fruit and vegetables to bread, pet food and many other household necessities, the pantry helps ensure locals have access to the basics when times are tough.

The service is open to community members and also accepts concession cards, senior cards, student healthcare cards and other recognised cards, offering support in a welcoming and friendly environment.

The Walcha Community Hub has worked hard to create a space where people can access assistance without judgement, helping to strengthen the community and provide support to those who need it most.

Adding to the success of this wonderful initiative, Walcha Commonwealth Bank has generously donated \$1500 to the Food Pantry. The generous contribution will go towards helping purchase and provide essential items, allowing the pantry to continue supporting local individuals and families.

The donation highlights the incredible support local businesses and organisations continue to provide within the Walcha community.

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what's the goss

with AJ Cross

'Irishtown' Mayor Mick Steep was farewelled by family and friends at the Bowling Club last Sunday afternoon after he left this world a few days before. There were quite a few touching tributes including 'Rest Easy Mick' a song written by his good friend Aleasha Tozer which brought plenty of those in attendance to tears. May Michael Roger Steep 'Rest Easy'.

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Back in 2019 I was fortunate enough to be awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) and when I caught up with 'Steepy' not long later he reckoned I deserved the OAM. Only thing was Michael changed the letters somewhat to 'Ordinary Australian Mongrel' which I was happy with and we had a laugh every time it was brought up. We will certainly miss our 'Old Mate'.

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Middle Street resident Kevin Partridge will reach the marvellous milestone of 90 years on the planet this Friday 26th June. 'Old Doey' intends to celebrate with family and friends at the 'Bago' Tavern in Wauchope this Sunday from 12 noon and has extended an open invitation to those people interested in attending. Wonder if Doey will receive a new mobile phone for his birthday after declaring the Stern Cell was malfunctioning in his old dog and bone which could have meant the Sim Card was playing up. Hope you have a Great Day Kevin.

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Congratulations to the three Walcha Central School Touch Football teams who qualified for the NSW Central Schools Championships in Dubbo after great performances at Inverell last week. The Open Boys, Under 16's Girls and Boys teams progressed while the Open Girls were really unlucky after running up against some stiff opposition.

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The Open Boys consisting of Nate Bloomfield, Cameron Mooney, Lachie Provost, Flynn O'Connell, Kobie Brown (who all also played U/16's) Ryan Smolders, Koby Brennan, Jake Wellings and Jordy Bloomfield went through the Zone Carnival undefeated. In U/16's Jack Wall, Hunter Linton, Brax Kemp, Nathan and Tyler Ross teamed up with the above five mentioned to also go through undefeated.

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In the U/16's Girls Matisse Pascoe, Maddie Morris, Bree Smolders, Belle Saxby, Arley Olsen, Rachelle Beckhouse, Almaz Evans, Em Zordrager, Veja-Lee and Xaphyn Petuha finished second after losing one of their games but smoked Uralla in their pool final. A big shout out to teacher Jodie Provost and her son Lachie for all their running around organising a bus, a thankless task but necessary all the same. A great effort by everyone involved over the two days at Inverell.

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Former Walcha Roos player Leith Costigan 'Lefty' who won an A grade premiership here in 1994 played for the Long Flat Dragons last Saturday at the tender age of 50 years young. That wasn't the highlight though, Dragons legend 'Lefty' took the field to play alongside his son Bryce against the Lower Macleay Magpies. Not a lot of players could claim the father/son achievement. Good on ya boys.

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The Walcha Snooker Club ran a competition last Sunday where President Adam Dark joined forces with Daniel Harrison to win the event, from runners up Terry Olsen and Uralla player Grant Clark. 'Head Honcho Spud' was pleased to get a roll up of 10 players making a special mention about Veterans Dick Bowden and Stan Marchant up at the Walcha Bar and Grill having a crack. At the moment it is planned to be a monthly comp but that could easily change. Stay tuned.

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Big Wigs of the week – Apsley: Scotty and Amanda Swain, 'Stirrer' Cross, 'Digger' Lordanic. Newie: Donna Wall, Peter Steep, Evan Dunn. Bowling Club: Julie McLennan, Adam Hall, Mona Roi (all 12pts). T.B.W Café: Leanne Presnell, Miles Lawrence 10pts as was the 10 out of 11 tipsters at Vet Supplies.



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- ✦ To the wonderful hospital staff for all your help during our times of need.
- ✦ To Elyce Laurie for her excellent Netball reports. Well done.
- ✦ To Sonia Ussher and Kat Granger Walcha Central School teachers for their dedication to the students at the Armidale Soccer Carnival. Above and beyond, greatly appreciated.
- ✦ To the amazing poem from Gary Olrich regarding Energy Co.

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Wednesday Golf

It was a stableford game that decided the Town versus Country battle last Wednesday playing for trophies donated by Julie Hoad and Julie Olrich.

Country came up trumps with 5^{1/2} wins to Town's 4^{1/2} to win the Greenwells trophy.

The Town winner with another great score was Maddie Lance with 40 points.

The Country winner was Cark Street with 32 points, counting out Julie Olrich with 36, being unable to win her own trophy.

Sweepstakes went to Julie, Donna Martin, Pip Monie and Sal McCormack all on 32 points.

Vicki Heffernan collected a ball for nearest the pin on Hole 3 and there was no-one on Hole 16.

Today we are playing the 27 Hole Foursomes Championships for the Elders trophy. Please remember hit off is at 9 a.m.

Ladies Bowls

During the week the three bowl pairs championship continued with Pam Makeham and Margaret Tickle winning against Lyn Burnell and Janice Rizzi in one game. Lee McCoy and Wendy Moore lost to Esther Hunt and Carmel Ryan in the other game. Pam Makeham and Margaret Tickle then played Esther Hunt and Carmel Ryan in the grand final which was a very close game. Congratulations to Pam and Margaret winning the three bowl pairs championship 15-14. The social game that day was equally as close with Marie Spink and Jan Cross winning by one point on the last bowl of the final end 16-15. The triples championships will commence in September. As there are no championship games for a while we invite all new players to join us for a game 9.00am for a 9.30am start.

At the Nineteenth

A healthy field of 29 players teed off in a stableford round last Sunday for a trophy donated by Will Nicholls where former long term club secretary Jenny Lisle accumulated 38 points to win but had to survive a countback with Club Champion Michael Stackman also on 38.

Sweepstakes went to the runner up, along with Jock McLaren 37, Rose Baumer and Dion Bird both 36, Will Archdale and Barry Hoad both 35 James Norton and 'Molleydooker' Julie Hoad both 34.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Margaret Davidson (3) and Cheryl McDonald (18).

Some diehard golfers turned up to play in the weekly 9 hole competition last Saturday but the rain came before anyone could hit off.

This Sunday is another stableford round where Gavin White is in charge of supplying the prize while the annual Manilla Open is also scheduled.

The following Sunday is a 3 person Ambrose for the Cross Brothers Butchery trophies which will also be a fundraiser for Rotary Exchange student Matisse Pascoe who will be travelling overseas early next year. Nominations from 9.30am for a 10am tee off. Entry \$30 per head which includes a sausage sizzle at the end of play.

Bowls

Thursday: Brian Goodwin & Gordon Bird defeated Tony Batterham & Noel Goodwin 16/15;

Barry Kliendienst x2 & Warwick Hogan defeated Barry Hoad, Pete Halliday & John McCormack 12/9. Brian & Gordon won the chooks

Draw for pairs this Saturday 27 June at 11/30:

- Stephen Goodwin & Gordon Bird v Mick Wall & Michael Hoy.
- Matt Hamel & Kyle Goodwin v Matt & Dace

Andrews.

- John & Buck Byrne v Brian & Noel Goodwin.
- Graham Marshall & Garry Natty v Barry Kliendienst & Miles Lawrence.

Correction from last week for the mixed pairs:

- Michael Wall & Lee McCoy defeated Adam & Jules Hall 18/12.

Mick Steep, one of our good bowling mates passed away during the week. Mick loved his bowls and was a valuable member of the No 7 Pennant side which went on to win the State Title at Warilla in 2021. Family, friends and bowlers farewelled Mick last Sunday afternoon at the Club with a large crowd in attendance.

Mick was a really good bloke, he will be sadly missed. We offer our condolences to all his family and friends.

Netball

It was a quieter Saturday on the courts for Walcha this week, with only two teams in action while the rest enjoyed a well-earned break.

The Walcha Pearls continued their strong season with a convincing 45-6 victory over PLC 3 Hurricanes. These girls know where it's at! Combining strong defensive pressure with patient ball movement to create some Walcha magic. Xaphyn Petuha was named Player of the Match for an excellent all-round performance, showing plenty of elegance on the court, with just the right amount of spunk when it was needed.

Earlier in the day, Walcha Pacifica faced a tough challenge against VIP Hotshots, going down 65-23.

The first half belonged to Pacifica, who came out firing and matched it with their highly rated opponents. Then, as the winter sun appeared, so did the fatigue.

As one player put it:

"The legs stopped working, the lungs gave up, and I spent the second half just trying to survive."

Perhaps Walcha people aren't built for warm weather after all!

Despite the scoreline, the girls never stopped smiling, enjoyed plenty of laughs and, as always, had a great run with a wonderful group of teammates.

See you after the holidays!



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'Mick'

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Collections Calendar**



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Youth Group every Saturday 5pm - 7pm, during term.
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