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Walcha Growers Win Australia's Top Fleece Award

Walcha wool growers Michael and Jenny Sweeney, of Tallara, Walcha, have claimed the 2026 Grand Champion Fleece title at the Australian Fleece Competition in Bendigo, Victoria, capping off an outstanding show season.

Their winning Fine Merino fleece measured 18.8 micron and achieved an impressive score of 97.5 out of 100, securing the competition's highest honour.

Michael said the national title was the highlight of a remarkable year, following Grand Champion Merino Fleece wins at both the Walcha Show and the Sydney Royal Easter Show District Exhibits Competition.

After 35 years of breeding and exhibiting wool, he described the Bendigo victory as a lifelong ambition and the "icing on the cake" after an already successful season.

Celebrating its 25th year, the Australian Fleece Competition attracted 483 fleeces from 171 exhibitors representing every Australian wool-growing state. Entries ranged from an ultra-fine 12.7 micron through to 51.1 micron, showcasing the quality and diversity of the nation's wool industry.

Judge Tim Callan said the standard of entries was exceptionally high, making it difficult to separate the winners. He praised Australian growers for continuing to produce sheep and wool of outstanding quality.

Reserve Grand Champion honours went to Conrayn Merino Stud with an Extra Superfine fleece measuring 16.9 micron and scoring 94.75 points.

Returning judge David Hart said this year's competition had exceeded the already impressive standard set in 2025, describing the wool on display as "soft, white and bright, stylish, and full of character."

Competition convenor Candice Cordy said the event continues to go from strength to strength and remains the largest fully measured fleece competition in the world, highlighting the remarkable quality and diversity of Australia's wool industry.

The competition, held alongside the Australian Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo, is a collaboration between the Australian Sheep Breeders Association, the Australian Wool Testing Authority and Nutrien Ag Solutions.

More than half of the competition fleeces are donated by exhibitors each year, with auction proceeds supporting charity. Since its inception, the competition has raised more than \$244,000 for charitable causes, with this year's beneficiary being the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.



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around the traps

By SIMON NEWTON

The sun for most has been hard to find this winter with consistent days of cloud or easterly weather keeping it away. Eastern and higher parts of the district are reasonably wet with multiple days of easterly mist last week keeping it damp. It has been a good while since we have had a decent fall above 10mm and we are lucky that we don't need a lot of moisture for this time of year. August might be our Achilles heel as it's a pivotal month to build moisture for the start of spring and August can be 8 weeks long.

The grass is well and truly growing out on the plains with winter crops all but grazable and the winter herbages creating some issues. The winter herbages are full of clover and there aren't many paddocks in the west that aren't a mass of clover so if you're intending on sending cattle on agistment you better be careful. Looking at our country, the clover is also still growing and given the mild winter it may cause us plenty of headaches come spring, a shame it's so lethal as it provides excellent feed. The one thing that is still evident as you drive around is the lack of feed in plenty of areas. Yes, crops are going well but anyone with native pasture and no crop still have no feed and the rain that they have received has done next to nothing. Plenty of these paddocks are shorter than a cricket pitch, livestock are still being hand fed, and the stock are in light condition. Plenty of graziers aren't in a good position and I think we will see another sell off in early spring if conditions don't change and the forecasted threat of a Super El Nino. One thing for sure is that the price of hay hasn't reduced, cottonseed yes but hay won't until we can get some on the ground which hopefully is only a few months away.

Whoever you talk to in the meat industry, they are all belly-aching about the physical price of cattle being out of whack with the export value. The current price for Angus feeder steers is 600-620c/kg and if feedlots hadn't put any cattle away in the paddock, they would be feeding cattle at a loss just to fill quotas. I believe the current run of expensive steers will hit the export market when our China quota resumes in January 2027 which hopefully will lift export values and returns. If we have seen a shortage of feeders this year, hold onto your hats next year as I think numbers will be even shorter than 2026 and if demand outweighs supply, prices will continue to rise.

All cattle producers can breathe a sigh of relief after the European Deforestation regulation carved out leather and hides from its new legislation which is set to commence at the end of the year. Initially there was a thought that all Australian beef producers would have to share their geolocation like an EU accredited producer, but finally it looks to be carved out of the new legislation. A large portion of Australian beef hides can go to the EU via hide processors and tanners so this would have been a nightmare for the Australian hide industry. Not only are we already being watched on our farms from the skies, but it would give more access to a foreign country to keep an eye on everything.

Great to see once again that Climate Change is hitting our pockets directly with the Climate Change Minister booking a five-star resort for foreign bureaucrats in Fiji, totalling \$4.2million for the Climate Change meeting. Apparently, Australia will be reimbursed by some countries. This is ridiculous spending of taxpayer money by the Energy Minister when they could just use a phone or a zoom call.

Congratulations to local graziers Michael and Jenny Sweeney on winning Grand Champion title at the Australian fleece competition. It is always nice to see local producers getting rewarded for their quality produce and matching it with the best producers in the country. While I'm on sheep, Brackendale lamb bullock fatteners Evan and Kylie Dunn set the market alight on Monday in Tamworth with their lambs hitting \$421, now that will get the bragging rights at the Newie.

Community spirit powers Riverview



Far left: Megan Marchant (CWA) presents Kate Lisle with a cheque for their donations to Riverview

Right: Representatives from Quota, Lions, Rotary, CWA and Friends of Riverview were thanked for their enormous contributions to Riverview during the year

Community groups are the backbone of our town and this was particularly evident last Friday when Walcha Council hosted these groups for morning tea in the Council Chambers to thank them for their generous contributions to Riverview Aged Care.

"I am in awe of the community effort that has gone into making this such a wonderful facility," Council General Manager Stephen Parry said.

Walcha's Quota, Lions and Rotary Clubs funded the purchase of a new generator for the facility. The snow storm last August and extended power outage in the district highlighted the need for this to keep the facility operational in the depths of winter. "These contributions make such a difference," Councillor Anne-Marie Pointing said.

In addition to the generator, the Lions Club have made significant contributions to the kitchen appliance upgrade including a Hotbox, Baine Marie, Goldstein Oven and Gas Cooktop and Combi-steam oven.

CWA have donated four timber garden benches and a Welch Allyn Digital vital observation device with trolley.

Friends of Riverview have donated outdoor dining chairs for the courtyard, garden benches and two courtyard umbrellas. In addition to this, the Friends regularly provide activities for the residents, and provide those little extras for birthdays and Christmas.

Riverview Manager, Kate Lisle said that the community's dedication to the facility is amazing. "We are so fortunate to have support to help the facility operate."

Kate also explained that this also boosts staff morale knowing that the community is behind them.

Having a community-operated Aged Care facility is truly a community journey. These community groups are supporting the enormous work that has been put in by Board members and Walcha Council to take over the operation of Riverview. "The donations help deliver person-centred care in a safe and welcoming environment," Councillor Anne-Marie Pointing said.

"The village certainly is looking after its vulnerable," Stephen Parry said.



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Let's Talk About Construction Camps

How would you feel if you woke up tomorrow to learn that an industrial accommodation camp housing up to 1,200 transient workers was proposed just across the road from your home?

Many people may have recently seen the leaked documents identifying possible locations for construction camps associated with EnergyCo's proposed dual 500 kV transmission line project. At the time of writing, we understand five potential sites are being assessed as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. Two of these could have significant implications for our district. One near Walcha Road, on the northern side of the highway on land purchased during the past year, and another near Kentucky (exact location currently unknown). We understand nearby landholders and neighbours will be notified shortly.

These are not small work sites. The camps are expected to accommodate 400–1,200 workers and require enormous supporting infrastructure, including roads, water, wastewater treatment, power, communications and constant heavy vehicle movements. If approved, they will operate for many years.

Communities in the Central West are already living with these impacts. The Merotherie construction camp near Dunedoo has 1,200 workers beds and is expected to operate for around 10 years while they build their transmission and REZ infrastructure. We have spoken directly with local landholders, who report major road and bridge upgrades, constant heavy vehicle traffic, ongoing uncertainty about where the camp's water is being sourced despite repeated requests for information, and very limited benefits flowing to local businesses, with the camp's food, supplies and many contractors being sourced from outside the region. Some local tradespeople were reportedly laid off in favour of larger contractors at Christmas, and some farming families have chosen to leave the district altogether because of the scale of the

surrounding construction. We understand a large portion of workers are on 457 visas.

Whether you support renewable energy or not, developments of this scale affect far more than the landholders who host them. They place pressure on local roads, water resources, waste management, emergency services and the social fabric of small rural communities.

For Walcha, Kentucky and surrounding districts, the questions are obvious. Where will the water come from? What will happen to our roads and bridges? How much pressure will be placed on our local services? How much of the employment and economic benefit will genuinely stay local?

The Central West is the first region to experience these developments at this scale. We should learn from those communities and ensure their experiences inform decisions here, rather than repeating the same mistakes.

Our community deserves to understand the full picture before decisions are made that could shape our district for the next decade – because even though it may be declared State Significant Projects we can still have a voice and have an opportunity to change the projects (just look at the Coalition's recently released new Energy Policy for our region where they proposed scrapping the lines altogether for the New England. No lines, no camps).

We will hold a community information meeting once further details are released. In the meantime, please follow [Walcha High Country Guardians](#) on Facebook, where we will continue providing updates and sharing information through *The Apsley Advocate*. Don't forget to sign the Walcha Declaration: <https://walchadeclaration.au>

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Success for Walcha Prop

Sinclair Little recently represented NSW at the Australian Schools Rugby Championships, held at the Sunshine Coast Stadium in Queensland.

Playing at tight-head prop, Sinclair was a key member of the NSW Schools 2 side, helping the team secure two wins from their three championship matches.

The tournament began with a tough encounter against Queensland, with NSW going down 29-16. The team bounced back strongly in their second match, recording an impressive 69-12 victory over NSW Juniors.

The final game proved to be the most exciting of the tournament, with NSW defeating Western Australia 26-19 after scoring the match-winning try with just 15 seconds remaining.



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Local Health Committee update

The Walcha Local Health Committee met recently where they heard from Richard Williams, who informed them of the key changes under the Aged Care Reform which all Aged Care centres must now conform with. Walcha's Elizabeth Crosse Wing is funded by both the Federal and State Governments. In Hunter New England Health Service there are 12 MPS's with 197 places for Aged Care with Walcha being one of them and we are currently funded to have 15 residents in the Elizabeth Crosse Wing.

The meeting was also an opportunity to hear from Walcha's new Health Service Manager Karen Jenkins who started work in Walcha during May. Karen was previously the Health Service Manager at Emmaville MPS. Karen's first major task has been the change over of computer systems in Walcha to Single Digital Patient Records. This new system allows clinicians across the sites where it has been implemented to have real-time access to a single, comprehensive patient record, supporting safer, more connected care for patients, carers and communities across NSW. Instead of having to take your records with you when you transfer between hospitals and Health Services, your records will be in one safe place and can be accessed by all medical staff who are treating you.

The Local Health Committee meets bi-monthly and is a partnership between the Walcha community and the Health Service. The purpose of the committee is to:

- Help make sure health services reflect the needs of our community.
- Promote awareness of local health services, programs, and initiatives.
- Support activities that improve health and wellbeing in the community.

The Committee have been speaking and writing to Government regarding the Old Hospital site for many years, with no progress. They are also currently looking at the time capsules which came from the Old Hospital and investigating their time frame for being opened. "The Walcha Local Health Committee welcomes community feedback regarding the Health Service so we can work together to help meet the needs of Walcha residents," Chair Anthea Nivison said.



Local Health Committee members

Eric Noakes, Sonia O'Keefe, Casper Ozinga, Sophie Timmins-Thomson and Anthea Nivison with Health Service Manager Karen Jenkins (second from left)



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RUGBY REPORT WALCHA V DORRIGO

By Nick Rogers

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Richie Hunt was instrumental throughout the match, making a series of powerful carries that consistently bent the defensive line and put Walcha on the front foot. His work through the middle created momentum and laid the platform for the Rams' attacking success.

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It was a complete team performance from the Rams, with every player contributing to an exciting brand of rugby built on hard running, quick ball movement and relentless effort. The convincing 56-5 win is another strong statement from Walcha as they continue to build momentum this season.

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Mel Benson gears up for Ride for the Chopper fundraiser

Walcha's Mel Benson is preparing to tackle one of her biggest cycling challenges yet while raising vital funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

In September, Mel will take part in the 2026 Ride for the Chopper, an eight-day, 600-kilometre cycling adventure from Lightning Ridge to Tamworth. The annual event raises money for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, with riders travelling through some of north-west New South Wales' most scenic rural landscapes.

As far as Mel knows, she will be the only rider from Walcha taking part in this year's event.

To help reach her fundraising target, Mel will be holding a street stall in Walcha this Friday, July 24, and Saturday, July 25. The stall will feature a selection of homemade baked goods along with raffle tickets for a monster wood raffle.

The raffle prizes include a small truckload of firewood for first prize, a large trailer load of firewood for second, a ute load of firewood for third, and a beautifully donated crocheted blanket for fourth prize.

For those who would prefer to make a direct contribution, donations can also be made by scanning Mel's fundraising QR code.

Mel is no stranger to long-distance cycling. Last year she completed the Tour de Rocks alongside a group of Walcha riders, cycling almost 300 kilometres from Armidale to Woolgoolga on her e-bike.

This year, however, she's taking on an even greater challenge.

"I rode the Tour de Rocks on my e-bike last year, but this time I'll be riding an ordinary gravel bike with no electric assistance," she said.

The Ride for the Chopper will begin on September 11, with participants covering approximately 600 kilometres over eight days while helping raise much-needed funds to support the life-saving work of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service across regional New South Wales.

Mel said every raffle ticket purchased, baked good sold and donation received will help support the essential service, which provides emergency medical care and transport to communities throughout the region.

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Sad to hear our community has lost three citizens Liz Elder, Yvonne Schlenert and Ross Green who have all left this world during recent times. Liz was farewelled early last week, Yvonne next Wednesday 29th July at Presbyterian Church at 2.00pm whereas the service for Ross will be held at the Walcha Showground this Friday from 12 noon. Condolences to the family and friends of all three people. May Elizabeth Jeanne Elder, Yvonne May Schlenert and Kenneth Ross Green All Rest in Peace.

Three generations of the Macfarlane family lined up in the 10 kilometre division of the recent Gold Coast Marathon which attracts over 42, 500 runners across several sections of the event. Veteran Taddy Macfarlane finished 2nd in his 80 to 84 years division when he stopped the clock at 1 hour 11 minutes, his son Phillip ran in the 50 to 54 years section while granddaughter Layla competed in the 15 to 17 years race. Good on ya Guys.

The Walcha Squash Club hosted a successful Intertown competition with Uralla last Wednesday where a total of 22 games were played under a best of three format. Walcha won on the night 12 to 10 where an enjoyable night was had by all and it hoped a return visit will happen later in the year. Currently the Walcha Club has around 40 players competing on Tuesday nights in their local competition.

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Last week a knockabout bloke by the name of Paul Walsh, who has fought with the famous Fred Brophy Boxing Troupe dropped into the Apsley Arms Hotel for a couple of cool glasses of beer where he entertained Ian Cameron and myself with some of his stories including one from the Halifax Hotel.

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Anyone who read the last Apsley Advocate may have seen the Gridiron story on Connor Thompson, son of former Walcha Police people Jimmy and Michelle Thompson who ran the Halifax pub until a few years ago. Paul remembered when a couple of Ex-NSW Coppers took over the pub way back when and after he ruffled Michelle's feathers she was going to jump the bar and deal with the situation. While showing Paul the photo that appeared in the Gridiron story I asked him if he recognised anyone which brought a big smile to his dial as he certainly did. Small World Sometimes.

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Two teams represented the Walcha Bowling Club at the annual Urunga Lawn Bowls carnival last weekend where 32 teams fought it out for over \$12,000 prize money. Walcha No. 2 Greg Carter, James Kerr, Dion Bird and Nathan Goodwin remained undefeated on Day 1 where they were named Best Performed Team after winning all three of their matches. They finished 18th overall whereas the No.1 side Kyle and Normie Goodwin, Fred Cameron and Gordie Bird came 23rd which prompted the No. 2 team to suggest they may need to be the No. 1 side next year.

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The Walcha Snooker Club held a social competition last Sunday at the Walcha Bar and Grill who sponsored the \$100 prizemoney. Charlie Brown rounded up Graham Casey in the final after he downed Daniel Harrison in one semifinal while Graham got the job done against Pete Halliday in the other. Special mention to veterans Peter Sendall and Dick Bowden who are still having a crack despite both being in their 90's. Good on ya Boys.

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Biggest Wig of the Week - Mona Roi who picked the card at the Bowling Club; T.B.W Cafe - Leanne Presnell; Apsley - Beau Smith, Adam Tate, Ian Cameron, Scotty Withers; Newie - Donna Wall, Troy Martin, Alice Gibson, Dal Evans, Buck Byrne, Steve Hammond, Andrew Kelly, Brian Lynch (all 14 pts) Vet Supplies- Peter King, Jason Scott, Matamanea Matapakia (12pts). Well done to Neil Dunn who not only picked the card in Rd 19 he also picked the Aussie Rules card the same weekend!

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Leaders after 20 Rounds - Newie - Jed Wittig 224, Wilba Haslem 220, Billy Porter 216, (Please note the Newie have 3 double points rounds); Apsley - Josh Kevill 204, Adam Tate 198, Mick O'Reilly 196. B.C - D.J. Bird, G.J Natty 198, Barry Kliendienst, D.G Clare 196; Vet Supplies - Tahlia Bird 196, D.J. Bird 190, Mata Matapakia 186; TBW Cafe - Miles Lawrence 190, Alena Stachman 178, Lisa Swanton 176.



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Ladies Bowls

Our two beginners played exceptionally well the other week. We hope this continues for you both. Sheree Noakes, Janice Rizzi and Esther Hunt won a game against Olive Chandler, Lee McCoy and Marie Spink 11-7. A very close game of pairs was won by Jan Cross and Phyllis Hoy on the last four ends against Wendy Moore and Pam Makeham 17-12. It was even up to the 14th end. As the weather was rainy there was no bowls last week. Weather permitting there will be social bowls tomorrow 9.00am for a 9.30am start.

Wednesday Golf

Last Wednesday we played a stroke round, along with monthly mug and it was the fifth medal round, playing for the Captains trophy.



Alison Cameron, Anne Martin and Julie Olrich

As it was a major trophy, a playoff had to take place, as three players all came in with 70 nett.

The play off was between Julie Olrich, Anne Martin and Alison Cameron, with Anne Martin coming up trumps after playing holes 1, 8 and 9.

Our congratulations to Anne.

Rose Baumer was the winner of the final sweepstakes with 71 nett.

Jenny Lisle took out the second shot on Hole 7 and Cheryl McDonald was the closest to the hole with her second shot on Hole 18.

The monthly mugs were won by Vicki Heffernan-A Grade, Julie Olrich-B Grade and Jill Burnell-C Grade.

Today we are playing par for the Vicki Szpitalak Memorial trophy.

At the Nineteenth

A BAM event for trophies donated by Will Archdale was played last Sunday which attracted 32 players where Doug and Cheryl McDonald accumulated 60 stableford points to collect the prizes.

BAM is a two player competition where the first six holes are played as Best Ball, the second six holes as Aggregate and the final six holes as a Multiplier which usually sorts out how well you get along with your partner.

Runners up were Captain Willy Brennan and Handicapper Don Brooks after they racked up 58 points but rued a couple of putts not dropping.

Sweepstakes also went to Rose Baumer and her son Tim 57, Anne Martin and Lyn Livingston 57, Will Archdale and Will Nicholls 55, Michael Stackman and Jamie Bowden 53.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Cheryl McDonald

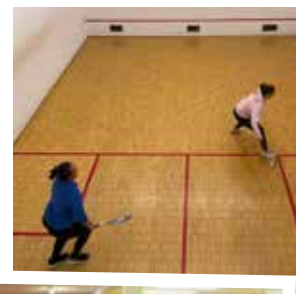
(3) and Will Nicholls (18) whereas 2nd shot on the 7th for the ladies went to Rose Baumer and the 13th for the men to Will Archdale.

Last Saturday seven players teed off in the weekly 9 hole competition where Jenny Lisle scored 17 points to sneak home by a point from Runner Up Anne Martin on 16 pts.

N.T.P on 3 was won by organiser John McCormack.

This Sunday a Par event is on offer where Craig Morgan is in charge of supplying the prize.

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Funeral Notice

Kenneth Ross Green 'Ross'

11/03/1967 - 14/07/2026

Of Inverness, Walcha.

Loving and adored husband of Sonia.

Treasured father and father-in-law of Tamara & Jared, Rachel & Ben, Annabelle & Brody. Cherished poppy of Pippa & Spencer.

Dearly loved son of Les & Beulah, and son-in-law of Bruce (dec.) & Margaret.

Much loved brother, brother-in-law, nephew, uncle and great-uncle of his family.

Aged 59 years

A funeral service will be held at the Walcha Showground on Friday 24th July 2026 at 12pm followed by interment at the Walcha General Cemetery.

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Funeral Notice (cont)

Yvonne May Schlenert nee Partridge

11/7/1937 - 18/07/2026

Of Derby Street, Walcha.

Dearly loved wife of George (dec'd)

Loving mother and mother-in-law of Vickie & Mark, Trevor, Suzanne & Raymond.

Adored grandma to Natasha & Jock, Emma & Tayla and a much loved great-grandma to Akira, Emmett and Aria. Loved sister of Kevin & Lyn (dec'd).

A Funeral Service will be held at the Walcha Presbyterian Church on Wednesday 29th July 2026, commencing at 2pm followed by interment at the Walcha General Cemetery.

In memory of Yvonne, you are encouraged to wear brightly coloured clothing.

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Public notice (cont)

Emporium on Derby will be closed this Saturday 25th.

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Playgroup

We would like to welcome families to join us for a play session each fortnight, during Term 3!

When: Wednesday 29th July **Where:** Yarrowitch Public School **Time:** 9:30am -11:00am

Our first session will be on Wednesday 29th and continue each fortnight during the school term.

Feel free to drop in and join in the fun. If you have any questions please contact Yarrowitch Public School



Email: yarrowitch-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 6777 7582



👍 To Cassie McKenna and her helpers from the Walcha Library for the great holiday activities. The youth of Walcha had a most enjoyable time.

👍 To Amber Britten at the Pharmacy for your excellent customer service and lovely friendly manner. Well done.

👍 To all the staff at Apsley Riverview Aged Care. Your dedication and care is appreciated.

👍 To the Walcha Council for the new basketball net. Thank you!

👍 To Leah Riley for finding my bag and giving it back to me.

👍 To Walcha Council Community Care for a very good day on Wednesday and a very good lunch at the Stockmans Pub. The day was awesome.

👍 To Nerida and Amber from Kings Pharmacy when they went out of their way to help mum, Sue

Handsaker last week when her scooter ran out of puff. Thank you!

👍 To Michael, Angela and all the staff at the Post Office for always being so helpful to customers. Many thanks!

👍 To the Walcha Rams Facebook page for keeping us in the loop.

👍 To the Walcha Sports Club for their delicious lunch on Sunday with sculptor Steve King as guest speaker whose appearance attracted much interest and plenty of attention from a wide range of community members.

👍 To the person who deliberately shot Shae's steer on the Lakes Road last week.

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July 26 - Walcha Service 9.30am
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