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Success for riders at Glowalman Championships

Walcha's young horse riders have returned home with an impressive collection of ribbons, trophies and age championship titles after competing at the annual Glowalman Championships during the recent school holidays.

The championship runs over three days of competition across Gloucester, Wallamba (Nabiac) and Manning (Wingham), with competitors taking part in campdrafting, sporting, stock rider and challenge events. Individual age champions are crowned at each venue before points are combined across the three events to determine the overall champions.

Representing Walcha were Evie and William Barwick, Phoebe Grills, Mackenzie and Dusty Gollan, Tom and Harry McMaugh, Sybella Miller, Brax Kemp, Daisy Kirby, Benji and Jack Provost.

Phoebe Grills enjoyed an outstanding week in the 8–11 years age group. Riding Grills Traveller and Grills Pardon, Phoebe claimed the Highest Point Score Quarter Horse Award and Highest Point Score 8–11 years at Manning. She was crowned Champion Challenge and Champion Barrel Race, while also earning reserve champion honours in the Bend Bar Aft, Stock Rider and Flag Race. Phoebe placed fourth in the Manning Campdraft, seventh at Wallamba and ninth at Gloucester, and won the cut-out at both Manning and Gloucester.

Benji Provost also enjoyed exceptional success, claiming the 11–13 years Age Champion titles at both Gloucester and Wallamba. In the overall results, he was Champion Barrel Race on Cisco, Reserve Champion Barrel Race on Elle, Champion Bonfield Bounce on Elle, Reserve Champion Bonfield Bounce on Cisco, Reserve Champion Bend on Elle, and won the Under 13 Best of the Best Flag Race Final on Elle.

Among the standout performers was Evie Barwick and her Australian Stock Horse Palmers Zulu, earning the Highest Placed Australian Stock Horse award. Evie was also the Highest Point Scoring competitor in the 8–11 years division at both Gloucester and Wallamba. She claimed Champion honours in the Stock Rider and Flag Race events, Reserve Champion placings in the Bends, Barrel Race and Bonfield Bounce, and won the Gloucester Campdraft in the 8–11 years division.

William Barwick finished third in the Under 13 Challenge and was crowned Champion in the 8–11 Bend Bar Aft event. **Story continued on page 9...**



Evie Barwick showing off her incredible success

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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

You could say that winter finally arrived on Saturday with a huge frost and the digits dropping to minus 10 recorded around Walcha. Most of the eastern seaboard experienced similar weather conditions over the weekend with widespread frost, followed by an outstanding day of sunshine. Reports are the Australian ski resorts are on track for one of the worst years for the lack of natural snow fall, once again blamed on an active El Nino. Driving along the coastal areas of the Mid North Coast I can only say how good the area looks, it's been quite wet due to the easterly weather and there is a large body of feed, regardless of its nutritional value.

We are all but in August as we enter the only month that is eight weeks long for anyone who resides in the New England Tablelands. The wattles have begun to flower which means that spring is not far away but always too far when we're just in August. August continues to be the linchpin to our spring as the days begin to lengthen and we start looking for more moisture so we can take advantage of the longer hours of sun. They continue to talk up the Super El Nino, but I think we should be more optimistic than not if you're looking at the natural signs of a season. Word is that when Emus nest in the west, 1 egg means we are in for a dry season, but 2-3 eggs represent a good season ahead and thus far, multiple eggs have been counted. The other bonus we have is most of our rain falls from Spring to Autumn and if we can get average rainfall from Spring onwards, we will be in front. Talking to a producer at Inverell, he mentioned that the holes in the creek had all filled up in the last week and the creek had started running again which was a surprise considering they hadn't had any rain. We had such a wet Autumn Winter period last year where it all fell during the coldest months, our slowest growing period and it didn't continue the same pattern through the warmer months. I haven't calculated the numbers for us but I know other regions are 10 inches of rain behind the same time as last year already.

Not only is the weather a concern for people but our current money market should be as well as inflation has continued to rise despite the last rise in our interest rate. Another rate rise is likely before the end of the year, coupled with a rise in fuel prices and rise in input costs and once again we are left scratching our heads.

The US President announced over the weekend a new round of tariffs on imported products with the Australian lamb and goat meat tariff increasing from 10 to 12.5 percent. Australian beef is still exempt because they need so much of our beef and they can't produce enough. The USA has been our biggest lamb and goat meat importer this year and adding an extra cost to our product will only make it dearer for the US consumers. The rise in tariff has only come about due to the US blaming countries such as Australia using items in producing our product that were made from forced labour. The US claim Australia had inadequately enforced bans on goods produced by forced labour, meaning an alternative legal pathway for Trump to slap tariffs on. The major concern that I have heard on the grape vine is that the US was going to slap a 30 per cent tariff on lamb and goat meat next year which would reshape our markets and hurt producers once again.

Australia has now also triggered our next imposed quota tariff with Korea now imposing a 24 percent tariff on Australian beef for the remainder of the 2026 year. Australia frequently triggered the South Korean quota over the last decade but the difference this year has been how early it has happened, nearly two months ahead and the earliest trigger on record. I don't think this is a huge worry as we all know there is a shortage of protein and it will once again mean a reshuffling of the cards on the global export trade for protein.

Council needs you to be counted in the 2026 Census

Walcha Council is encouraging all households to complete the 2026 Census by Tuesday 11 August 2026.

Conducted every five years by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), the Census counts every person and home in Australia. Completing it is compulsory for everyone in the country on Census night, including international students, temporary workers and tourists.

Council says it is essential all Walcha households complete the form and that everyone is counted, as the data directly shapes the area's future. Census information helps set electoral boundaries, determines how government funding is distributed, and informs decisions about transport, schools, health care and infrastructure. Locally, it also helps Council plan services for individuals and families.

"An accurate count gives Council and government a true picture of what Walcha needs," Council General Manager Stephen Parry said.

"We want every household represented so we have a clear picture of our community now and into the future."

The ABS is taking a digital-first approach for the 2026 Census. From late July 2026, most households will get a letter with instructions to complete the Census online, which can be done as soon as they know where they will be on Census night.

Some households will get a paper form – which can also be requested if preferred – and returned via the Reply-Paid envelope provided. Census field staff will assist people in remote areas and those experiencing homelessness.

Residents must complete the Census wherever they are staying on the night of 11 August, as participation is compulsory.

The 2026 Census data will be released from June 2027. For more information, visit the ABS Census website at: info.census.abs.gov.au

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Auxiliary working hard for our Hospital

From Vic McIvor, Secretary

Walcha Hospital Auxiliary held their AGM on 16th July and the new Executive are: President Linda Cross, Vice Presidents Peter McIvor and Margaret Cross, Secretary Vic McIvor, Treasurer Marie Spink and Assistant Treasurer Ces Brennan. We were fortunate enough to have our State President Sally Cronberger in attendance, who is also our Regional Representative for New England.

Our donations to the Hospital this year have been: A new Fridge and Microwave for ECW, the Outback magazine delivered quarterly, Fidget muffs, Baby Bundles for newborns and Emergency Toilet Bags. Now that we have our new permanent Manager, Karen Jenkins, we may be able to donate goods on a more regular basis.

Linda presented a member, Ces Brennan with her 15 year Certificate and thanked her for her contribution to the Auxiliary and Carol Marchant (who was absent) will receive her 10 year Bar and Certificate, at a later stage.

Our fundraising activities include: Street Stalls, Baking, Manning gates for the Walcha Machinery and Truck Show, Tending BBQs for Yalgoo Ram and Bull sales, BBQ for Ben Nevis Bull and Female cattle sales, Melbourne Cup Luncheon and a BBQ for the Rodeo Association.

Several members attended the State Conference and Regional Forum days as well as representing



*Ces Brennan, State President Sally Cronberger
and President Linda Cross*

our Auxiliary at other Branch activities.

We volunteered 1,058 hours this year (there were probably more) which is an enormous achievement for our members.

In President Linda's report, she thanked members for all they have done in this past year and a special thank you must go to the Walcha Community for their ongoing support of our fundraising, ensuring that our Health facility stays up to date with new equipment making it easier for Staff, Patients and Residents. Linda stated that new members are always welcome and they would be made welcome.

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Let's Hang It

Art Competition Award Night

From Dallas Hyatt, Principal

Last Friday evening, several St Patrick's staff members attended the New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM) to celebrate Dusty and Eleanor at the 2026 UNESAP *Let's Hang It!* competition finalists exhibition opening and Award Ceremony.

Both students were named finalists in the Infants Section - an incredible achievement! Each received a finalist award, and their artworks will remain on public display at the gallery until August 9th. Dusty and Eleanor should be immensely proud of their success.

Who knows? We might just have the next Leonardo da Vinci right here at St Patrick's!



Dusty and Eleanor with their *Let's Hang It* Art Competition finalist certificates.

Largest ever solo exhibition for Angus

This Friday evening, 31 July New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM) is hosting the opening night for two new exhibitions from 6 to 8pm.

Walcha artist, Angus Nivison is celebrating five decades of practice with this exhibition titled, *Unfamiliar Territory*. The exhibition brings together significant works from public and private collections alongside Angus' own holdings and traces the evolution of his deeply atmospheric and abstract engagement with the land.

Marking the largest solo exhibition of his work to date, *Unfamiliar Territory* reveals an artist continually pushing the possibilities of abstraction while creating space for reflection, memory and wonder to emerge through the act of looking.

The other exhibition opening at NERAM on Friday evening is *Fins, Fetlocks & Feathers* by Mornington Peninsula based artist Julie Edgar, presenting an expressive collection of prints celebrating sea creatures, horses, and birds. While Edgar is widely recognised for her bronze portrait sculptures, she is equally passionate about printmaking, a technique central to this body of work.



Angus Nivison, *Chaos Theory (detail)*, 2026. acrylic, graphite, gesso, pigment and fixative on polyester

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Infrastructure Grant Program now open

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan is encouraging not-for-profits, schools and local councils to put in their applications for infrastructure grants as part of the Clubgrants Category 3 program.

There are four streams of grants from \$50,000 to \$300,000 open to support community infrastructure, disaster readiness, sport and recreation, and arts and culture.

Mr Moylan said various groups across the region have benefited from this program in the past and these projects have produced enormous benefits for their communities.

"The program offers grants to communities across the region for building, renovating and fitting out infrastructure," he said.

"Across the Northern Tablelands the Clubgrants program has made a huge impact on community groups and schools to improve infrastructure they otherwise would not have had the funding for.

"The most recent round of Clubgrants saw \$300,000 delivered to Macintyre High School's P and C to overhaul their outdoor basketball courts which will benefit the entire community.

"Projects must be accessible and available to the public most of the time and I would encourage all organisations with a plan to pull together an application and put their hand up for funding.

"Please contact my electorate office for a letter of support."

Round one of the Clubgrants Category 3 Infrastructure Grants opened on Monday, 27 July an applications will close on Monday, 17 August.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/clubgrants-category-3-fund>

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Junior Rangers

Last term twelve Walcha Central School students from years 5-12 participated in The Junior Rangers program, run by AMAROO (Local Aboriginal Land Council) visiting local sites around Walcha. The program engaged participants in exploring a range of local fauna and flora. The program focused on traditional Aboriginal practices for caring for the land, animals, and plants, helping preserve Indigenous knowledge and promote environmental stewardship.

Key Components of the excursion:

- Hands-on learning about local ecosystems
- Exploration of traditional Aboriginal land management practices
- Activities fostering respect for Country and caring for the environment
- Opportunities to connect culture, community, and environmental education

Walcha Central School would like to thank AMAROO Aboriginal Local Land Council along Don, Marty and Warren from Local Land Services for sharing their expertise and time with the students.



Walcha Council staff complete annual safety training



Walcha Council's infrastructure and development teams came together for their annual Roads Induction Day last Wednesday 22 July.

Including about 30 members of the roads crew, as well as parks and garden staff, the all-day program reinforced safety standards, compliance requirements, and operational procedures for the teams delivering Council's works program.

The day opened with a welcome from Council's Director of Infrastructure and Development John Dyer, followed by Transport for NSW presentations covering key updates relevant to Council's road operations. Further sessions covered maintenance activity

procedures, environmental considerations and risk assessments.

Mr Dyer said the induction day remained a vital fixture on the infrastructure and development team's calendar.

"This day is all about making sure our crews have a sound understanding of safety, compliance and best practice," he said.

"Bringing everyone together in one room, including our partners from Transport for NSW, means we're all working from the same page."

Mr Dyer thanked staff for their participation and engagement throughout the day, noting the strong turnout reflected the team's commitment to safety on Walcha's roads.

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Funding boost to keep local sport alive

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan is urging sporting organisations across the region to throw their hat in the ring for Local Sport Grant Program funding.

Applications for grants of \$2000 and up to \$20,000 are open for grassroots clubs to assist them with delivering programs and improve access to sport.

Mr Moylan said the program allows for a wide variety of projects to receive funding.

"We all know our sporting clubs are central to our communities and often the volunteers are propping them up with minimal resources," he said.

"From minor infrastructure to the purchasing of equipment, the Local Sport Grant Program allows clubs to complete those projects they just haven't gotten around to finishing.

"It also allows for the purchasing of medical equipment and insurance to ensure the wellbeing of participants.

"There is a total of \$50,000 to spend across the Northern Tablelands so I encourage sporting groups to put forward an application for their smaller projects or plans."

Applications close 1pm, Monday, 17 August.

Visit www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/local-sport-grant-program-lsgp-2026/27 for more information and to apply.

Success for riders at Glowalman Championships *continued...*

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Tom McMaugh claimed victory in the Under 13 Challenge at Manning (Wingham) and achieved the rare feat of placing in the campdraft at all three venues. Brother Harry also enjoyed a successful week, making the most of the competition, hanging out with friends.

Sybella Miller finished fifth in the 15–17 years Campdraft at Wallamba, earned several sporting and stock rider placings throughout the week, and was crowned Overall Best of the Best Flag Race winner in the 13–21 years division.

Mackenzie Gollan secured third place in the Campdraft at Wallamba, while younger brother Dusty competed in the sporting events.

Jack Provost was named Champion in the 8–11 Bend event aboard Elle.

Brax Kemp and Daisy Kirby represented Walcha across all three days of competition, gaining valuable experience against strong fields.

With so many outstanding individual performances, the Glowalman Championships proved to be an excellent lead-up for Walcha's young riders as they prepare for the Walcha Junior Rodeo later this year in November with their new fresh committee (more details to come).



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with AJ Cross



Life Member of both the Walcha Pony Club and Golden Gate Campdraft and Rodeo Ross Green was fittingly farewelled at the Showground last Friday a place he spent plenty of his leisure time over many years. There was certainly a great number of people across all walks of life in attendance to say goodbye to a 'Champion' bloke.

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Following the service the Bowling Club was packed and it was there Greig Stier told me a story about Ross when they were in Pony Club together over half a century ago at the age of around six or seven. 'Stiery' reckons he witnessed Ross ride his horse 'Casper' into the mens toilet before relieving himself at the urinal before reversing his mount back out of the toilet block. It was about that time Greig had little doubt that Rossy may have a little bit of mischief in him.

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Kenneth Ross Green was a member of the most successful A Grade Touch Football team in the Association's 50 year history when the Cougars won 10 premierships including 9 straight between 1994 and 2002. He played for the Walcha Rams for many years and was also a member of the Walcha Roos U/16s team that won the 1982 Group 19 Grand Final after going through the season undefeated. We are all going to miss you 'Kenny'.

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Congratulations to Walcha athlete and TAS student Emily Ussher on finishing 8th out of 94 competitors when she competed at the NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships in Sydney last week. Emily completed her 6 kilometre journey in the 18 years Girls event when she stopped the clock at 23 minutes and 51 seconds before she was named a reserve for the NSW team to compete at the National titles.

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Well done also to Walcha Central School athletes Lachie Provost and Veja-Lee Petuha on their performances at the same championships last week. Lachie greeted the judge in his 15 years Boys race over 4 kilometres in 15 minutes 20 seconds whereas Veja-Lee ran her 13 years Girls division over 3 kilometres in 13 minutes 16 seconds. Great performances by all three competitors. Go on ya Guys.

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Eight local 'Thrill Seeking' Anglers lowered the water off Evans Head last week when they caught around 150 fish including 80 Pearl

Perch and 60 Snapper. Gary Natty, Michael Hoy, Stephen Bath, Dean Kelly, Jhorden Coulter, Billy Pearce, Mark O'Neill and Kevin Livingston spent a couple of days at sea where travel time was two hours out with another couple back. Going on the number of 'Swishies' landed the adventure was all worthwhile boys.

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When 'Sir Les' won Race 7 at Randwick there were several punters left in the Newie 777's weekly tipping competition but only one remained after 'Golden Cross' saluted at Eagle Farm paying \$18. Despite not having a wager on 'Golden Cross' except for the \$2 entry fee for the 777's I was slightly excited to be the only one left but wasn't quite as ecstatic when 'Comic Crusader' got up at Caulfield in the final leg ahead of my choice 'Watchme Win' who ran a very valiant 5th.

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Big Wigs of the Week - Newie - Lacey Newton; Apsley Cheryl Weeks both Picked the Card - Good on ya Girls; TBWCafe - Tracey Crisp; Vet Supplies - Cameron Barton; B.C - Red Hoy, Neil Dunn (all 14 pts) Don't you just love it when you correctly select the first four games and then incorrectly pick the next four. Probably not quite as bad as Donna Wall and Margaret Swanton who failed to nominate one winner between them at the Newie.

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Happy Birthday to the people who share their day of birth with me this Sunday including Bella Mooney, Laura Kuhr, Sharyn Swanton, Anton McDonald and Ray 'Choom' Foster. Hopefully my 70th won't be quite as chilly as my 69th when we had that big fall of snow 12 months ago.

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thumbs



👍 Let's stop being afraid of what could go wrong and start being excited about what can go right.

👍 To Emporium on Derby. We will miss you Leisa. All the best to the new owner!

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Ladies Bowls

Seven ladies enjoyed playing bowls in glorious weather last week. Esther Hunt and Lee McCoy had a win over Wendy Moore and Olive Chandler. In the second game Jan Cross played well in two positions, however, lost to Marie Spink and Janice Rizzi. The AGM is on 20 August and nominations are to be in by 13 August. Nomination forms are on the board. There will be social bowls tomorrow 9.00am for a 9.30am start.

Wednesday Golf

We played par for the Vicki Szpitalak Memorial trophy, donated by Charlie, on Wednesday. Being Vicki Heffernan's favourite game the bets were on that she would come up trumps, and that she did. Three players all came in with -1 and Vicki was the winner. The other two were Penny King and Julie Olrich and they both collected the sweepstakes.

Lorraine Walshe took out two of the nearest pins, being on Hole 3 and the second shot on Hole 1.

Vicki Heffernan also won the second shot on Hole 16 with her second shot going in the hole.

Charlie presented the trophy to Vicki Heffernan and we enjoyed his company over lunch.

Today is the first day of the 2 Ball Stroke Aggregate Championship with the trophy being donated by Drummond Golf.



Charlie Szpitalak and Vicki Heffernan

At the Nineteenth

A Par Round was played for a trophy donated by Craig Morgan last Sunday which attracted 34 players before Robert Smith carded a very handy +8 to win the event.

Runner up was relatively new member Matamanea Matapakia on +6 whereas the remaining sweepstake prizes went to Rose Baumer +4, Dion Bird +3, Craig Morgan +2 John McCormack +2, Allan Laurie +1, Will Brennan and Reece Martin both square with the card after they counted out Daniel Boyd, Andrew Robertson, Will Archdale and Simone Sweeney who all finished square also. In Match Play Jock McLaren needed an extra hole to defeat David Sweeney on the 19th while Lee Fletcher snuck home 1 up against Wayne Brennan. Sharpest Shooters at the Pins were Angus Warden (3) and Jock McLaren (18).

Last Saturday the ladies handled the 'frosty' conditions better than the blokes in the weekly 9 hole competition where winner Pauline Carter racked up 21 stableford points after 11 players teed off.

Runner up was Anne Martin on 18 points on a countback from Jenny Lisle while no player was clever enough to reach the beach on the third hole.

This Sunday is a Stableford round where Billy Fletcher is in charge of supplying the prize and the Boggabri Open is also scheduled.

Members please note a change in the program - The Mixed Foursomes Championships set down for Sunday 16th has been brought forward a week to Sunday 9th.

Bowls

One game of championship pairs played, Kyle Goodwin & Mat Hamel defeated Matt and Dace Andrews 31 to 5.

Thursday bowls: Noel Goodwin & Don Mahoney had a narrow win over John McCormack & Warwick Hogan 15/13. Tony Batterham & Barry Kliendienst x2 were too good for Denis Makeham, Mark Hogan & Peter Halliday 16/10.

The next round of A grade singles is scheduled for the 15th August.

Polocrosse

This past weekend only 2 Walcha Polocrosse Club members flew the flag at the Maitland Carnival for their 70th anniversary. Danny and Mia Goodwin joined forces with April Legget (Narrabri), Steph and Zach Cochrane (Guyra) and Matt North (Lake George) in the A Mixed competition. On Saturday they defeated Muswellbrook 2, 9 goals to 7 in their first game and also beat Central Coast that afternoon 20 - 11. On Sunday their winning streak continued in the game against Bunnab 2 with a massive 23 - 7 win. They had secured their spot in the final against Muswellbrook 1 and went on to beat them 16 - 9, winning them the A Mixed 'Kirkwood Cup' for the weekend.

Next weekend our team members will be heading to the Merriwa carnival.



Netball

Netball is back! Back again!

PLC 12 def. Walcha Sapphires 2

A tough game that was so fun to watch for the Sapphires. Charlie Makeham earned Player of the Week after picking off intercept after intercept and making plenty of opportunities with the ball.

A special mention to our shooters, who kept their heads up and never stopped working in the goal circle. It was a little nail-biting to watch at times, but they stuck at it, backed themselves and were rewarded with two great goals. That's exactly the kind of persistence we love to see.

Walcha Opals 33 def. TAS Primary 3

The Opals are back for Term 3 and looking sharp, kicking things off with a well-deserved win.

The girls and Hugh moved the ball beautifully, found plenty of space, applied great defensive pressure and finished off with some excellent shooting. It was fantastic to see everyone rotating through different positions and somehow making them all look like their favourite!

The teamwork, encouragement and positivity across the court were outstanding. And of course, a huge shout-out to super coach Kylie, who worked her magic once again. She's an absolute gem.

Walcha Pearls 24 def. 10

The Pearls faced their toughest challenge yet, taking on the team sitting second on the ladder, and did what Pearls do best—came away with another win!

The Petuha girls were on fire again, while Arley and Belle combined beautifully in the goal circle. Maddie is settling into the team so well, and Emily put the opposition under pressure all game with some relentless defence. Congratulations to Veja, who was named Player of the Match after another cracking game.

Walcha Pacifica 39 def. Uralla Cougars 25

Another great team performance from Pacifica, who came away with a strong 39-25 win over the Uralla Cougars.

It was a game full of teamwork, grit and determination, with the usual Pacifica flair thrown in for good measure. A great way to kick off the second half of the season.

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Public Notice

The Barber Shop will be closed this Friday 31st July and Saturday 1st August.

Walcha Council

Public Exhibition - Draft Conflict of Interest in the Development



Assessment Process

At its meeting of 24 June 2026, Walcha Council endorsed the exhibition of a draft Conflict of Interest in the Development Assessment Policy.

The draft policy outlines how conflicts of interest associated with Council-related development applications will be identified, managed and documented, and is a requirement of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.

The draft policy is on exhibition from Wednesday 15 July 2026 to Sunday 9 August 2026 and is available to be viewed:

- Electronically on the public notices section of Council's website.
- In hard copy at the Walcha Council customer service counter (2W Hamilton Street, Walcha) and at the Walcha Library (42N Derby Street, Walcha).

All submissions must be received by 11.59pm on Sunday 9 August 2026. Submission must be in writing, must quote reference number W26/166, and can be submitted by:

- Email to council@walcha.nsw.gov.au.
- Post to PO Box 2, Walcha 2354.
- In-person to Council's customer service counter at 2W Hamilton Street, Walcha.

For further information, contact Brett Gardiner, Council's Senior Manager Strategic Planning & Environment on (02) 6774 2500 or by email at council@walcha.nsw.gov.au.

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



Funeral Notice

Penelope Landsborough Wright

Nee Perrott

21/9/1949 - 20/07/2026

Of 'Trefusis' Walcha.

Dearly loved wife of Robert

Loving mother and mother-in-law of Caroline & Tim, Suzannah & Deon, Jillian & Darryl, Lisa & James. Much loved grandmother of Elizabeth, Andrew, Annie, Jess, Edward and Robert.

Private family cremation has been held.

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Public Notice

Tim Sutton (New England IT) will be away from 31st July to 27th August.

Rose Pruning demonstration day at Apsley Riverview Aged Care Hostel Tuesday 5th August commencing 9am. BYO pruning gear. **RSVP:** 4th August to Diana Lisle 0429 799 083 for catering purposes.

Funeral Notice (cont)

David Joseph Moore

23/02/1953 - 20/07/2026

Of Walcha, formerly of 'Thurlow', Niangala.

Devoted and loving husband of Jane.

Loving father and father-in-law of Margot & Mick, Sally & Luke, Andrew & Britt, Lucy & Tim. Adored Pa of Alex, Erik, Henry, Penny, Matilda, Loretta, Tully and Murphy.

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

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A Memorial Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Andrew's Anglican Church Walcha, on Friday 31st July commencing at 2pm.

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Garage Sale

207N Derby Street next Saturday 1st August 9.30am - 12.30pm. House hold items, tools and plants.

Public Notice (cont)

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Walcha Council



Changed traffic conditions for hazardous tree Removal - Derby Street

Walcha Council will be assisting with traffic management during the removal of a hazardous tree located between the Walcha Council Apsley Riverview Aged Care Facility and 54N Derby Street.

The works are scheduled for Tuesday 11 August 2026, weather permitting. Traffic diversions will be in place while the works are being undertaken.

Residents are advised to follow all traffic directions during this time.

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Meeting Notice

Walcha Garden Club AGM and monthly meeting Friday 7th August at the Walcha Tennis Club commencing 9.30am. Enquiries: S.Law 0467 450 243 or Diana Lisle 0429 799 083.

Walcha & District Historical Society - Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 15 August at 11am at the Walcha Bar & Grill, followed by lunch at 12.30pm. New members are most welcome. For catering purposes or any enquiries, please contact Shelley Marchant 0408 020 791, Secretary, by 13 August.

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Please search job reference number **551585**

Inquiries: To find out more about this opportunity, please contact Josie Howard at josie.howard@energyco.nsw.gov.au

Applications close: Sunday 2nd August 2026 at 11:55pm

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Public Notice (cont)

First Nations Community Consultation and Registration of Interest

Summervale Roads to Home ACHA

Amaroo Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) - (the Proponent) have engaged Dharawal Environment and Heritage (Dharawal EH) to assist in the preparation of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) and report including the Aboriginal community consultation component of the Summervale Roads to Home Project, (here-on referred to as the project). The ACHA will inform the Projects assessment requirements, with a focus on working with community to improve economic, social and health outcomes.

In accordance with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents*, the Proponent is inviting registrations of interest from First Nations people and organisations who hold cultural knowledge relevant to the Project Area.

The Project is located at the Summervale village to the northeast of Walcha township in the New England Tablelands of NSW. Summervale village is located within the Walcha Municipal Local Government area, and the administrative boundaries of the Amaroo LALC.

To register your interest, please do so in writing by 13 August 2026 via email to:

Dharawal Environment and Heritage
धारawalfeedback@gmail.com

All registrations for the project will be received by 13 August 2026.

Community consultation with First Nation knowledge holders will help establish the cultural significance of the Project Area and allow participation in the consultation process to inform the ACHA. Consultation will also assist Heritage NSW in their consideration and determination of any subsequent Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit applications (if required).

Please be advised that, as per Section 4.1.6 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents* the names of names of First Nations persons and groups who register an interest will be forwarded to Heritage NSW and the Amaroo LALC. (Please note that Amaroo LALC is the proponent and will be provided all RAP registration details).

Please note: Consultation and registration of interest do not guarantee employment.

For general project information, contact Project Manager, Andrew Fenwick via email andrew@lyonspm.com.au.

For all ACHA enquiries please email धारawalfeedback@gmail.com.

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