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The Trusty Rusty Kingswood rides again

Cameron Norbury and Jed Wittig are once again gearing up to hit the road, taking on another Mystery Box Rally to raise much-needed funds for the Cancer Council.

The boys will set off from Charleville QLD on October 23 and will make their way through an unknown route before finishing back at Charleville, on October 28. Just like their previous rallies, the pair won't know where they are headed each day until they receive their map at the morning briefing, making sure there will be plenty of surprises along the way.

The Mystery Box Rally is all about travelling in an old vehicle and taking on the challenge of navigating an unknown route, with the added goal of raising money for cancer research and support. One of the main rules is that vehicles must be at least 25 years old, which is where Cameron and Jed's trusty and rusty Kingswood comes into the picture.

The Kingswood proved itself on the road last year and, despite being a little worse for wear, the boys have decided it is still up for another adventure. With plenty of kilometres ahead of them, they will be hoping the old car can handle whatever the rally throws their way.

While the rally itself is a great adventure, the main focus for Cameron and Jed is raising as much money as possible for the Cancer Council. They have come up with a practical way for locals to help by collecting and recycling used car batteries.

Used car batteries can be dropped off at Peter Norbury Mechanical, with the proceeds going towards their fundraising efforts. Every battery donated will help the team add to their fundraising total while also giving old batteries a second life through recycling.

For those without a battery to donate, there is also the option to make a direct donation by scanning the QR code or visiting the team's Mystery Box Rally fundraising page.

Cameron and Jed are hoping the local community will once again get behind them and help support their fundraising efforts. With an old Kingswood, a mystery destination each morning and plenty of kilometres ahead, the pair are ready to take on another big adventure while raising money for an important cause.



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around the traps

By SIMON NEWTON

No frost ahead on the forecast for the next week and a very good chance of a few showers over the next 10 days. There doesn't seem to be much sun, but we will all welcome the rain with open arms, and it will make a huge difference to our start to spring. The next fortnight has me optimistic about rainfall and then we hit September, the first month of spring. Let's be realistic, we have just been through the hardest period of the year for livestock, cold weather and poor grass growth. We are on the end of worst period of the year and although we may have been feeding through the winter, you have got through that period in pretty good shape. The El Nino is predicted to stick around until November; that's just 2 more months that they must scare everybody for. Yes, sadly there has been areas in southern QLD drought declared but we should be optimistic, we haven't had a lot of rain for the year and if we are any chance of receiving the average rainfall then we still have a fair bit to come for the remainder of the year.

Once again Labor has continued to make a mockery for those people who reside in NSW and will bring into effect from 2nd November the new buy back gun laws. That's right, only in NSW will those people who hold a gun licence need to abide by these new laws, why are the people of NSW being demonized over the Bondi shooting. No one has been consulted about the change of these new laws, I do get it, sensible gun laws are needed but the major issue does not revolve around the people with a licence. On a positive side, for those people with a gun who do not use or dislike, cash money to you which will cost the state millions of taxpayer money. We have one major event where sadly numerous lives were lost in the attack in Bondi and the Royal Commission on antisemitism's interim report suggests prioritising a national gun buyback scheme. If it takes a Royal Commission to make drastic changes then why hasn't the government had a Royal Commission into Domestic Violence, multiple women's lives are lost everyday and yet the government isn't throwing money at that.

I attended the community information session last Thursday night to get a better understanding about the REZ and its potential impacts on our community. Well, it was an eye opener to say the least, especially the information directly from Emma Bowman who lives a stone throw away from the Central West Orana accommodation camp near Dunedoo. Where do I start, I start by saying I'm sorry to the direct neighbours of the potential accommodation site at the top of Walcha Road hill. Imagine having an accommodation site built in direct eyesight from your home that could potentially house anywhere from 400-1100 workers, operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and lit up like a Christmas tree. Have a think of the size of our town and the amount of people that reside in it, our population would nearly double at times. The thing is they don't need much from our town, they live in a ready-made camp. I don't think people understand the sheer size of this potential development and the wider impacts on our community. Sure, let's tell our council, they will get plenty of funding, well we will need it as I doubt anyone would want to move to this town for the same reason they currently do, and the extra pressure applied to our core services. The REZ will change our district, our town forever, and for what, a short-term solution to a long-term issue. If you think this won't affect how you live in and around the Walcha district then you're kidding yourself. It just won't be the direct landholders affected by this development but the entirety of the district. Those who are set to gain from the project have no issues with it affecting everybody else which is fine, we all have freedom of speech and well within your rights to do what you think is best by you. We live in a divided community, maybe a project of this size in a larger town would not meet as much scrutiny, but they chose to put these projects in specific locations of less population, less push back. Don't even get me started on the extensive need for water for this project, they literally are a law to themselves.



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St Patrick's debuts at Todd Woodbridge Cup

Students from St Patrick's Primary recently travelled to Inverell to compete in the Todd Woodbridge Cup Tennis Tournament, bringing home an impressive third-place finish overall.

This marked the first time the school has entered a team into the regional event. Eleven Stage 3 students - Airlee, Benji, Flo, Hannah, Isaac, Lucy, Penny, Phoebe, Rebee, Shaun, and Will represented St Patrick's Primary across a range of matches throughout the day.

Well done to all eleven players for representing the school. The team had a great day all around competing on the court.

The school extends a sincere thank you to the parents who kindly assisted with student transport to and from Inverell, making participation in the tournament possible. With a successful debut complete, St Patrick's Primary hopes to enter even more teams in the competition next year.



The Stage 3 St Patrick's Primary team getting ready before play commences.

80's Night at the Newie

The New England Hotel hosted an 80s Prom Night on Friday, 7 August, with members of the community dressing up, enjoying a cold drink and having plenty of laughs along the way.

The night saw some great outfits and plenty of fun, with John Byrnes crowned Prom King and John Cross taking out the title of Prom Queen.

The New England Hotel has plenty more happening in the coming weeks, including a trivia night and they are sponsoring a Workplace Challenge three-person Ambrose, so there is plenty of reason to get a group together and head to the Newie.



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letters to the editor



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Labor's gun buyback is a smokescreen

Member for Northern Tablelands, Brendan Moylan, says the Minns Labor Government's firearms buyback is 'half baked, rushed and dangerously misguided,' warning it targets farmers and licensed shooters instead of the extremists and organised criminals who pose the real threat to NSW communities.



Mr Moylan said NSW is the only state to sign up to the scheme, calling it "a national announcement with no national support." He said the proposal offers flat payments that don't match market value, provides no clarity on ammunition or accessories and has no disclosed NSW Budget allocation.

"People deserve fair and reasonable compensation. What Labor has offered is neither fair nor reasonable," he said.

"Labor rushed these ridiculous laws through Parliament eight days after the worst terrorist attack on Australian soil. They ignored stakeholders, ignored warnings, and now we're seeing the consequences."

Mr Moylan who voted against the new laws in December said Labor's approach is "unfair, unworkable and aimed at the wrong people."

Mr Moylan said criminals and would be terrorists will not "walk into a cop shop and hand over their guns," describing the buyback as a political smokescreen for Labor's failures on national security.

He said NSW communities endured rising anti-Semitism and violent extremism, while Labor failed to act decisively.

"This buyback is a distraction from Labor's inaction. On their watch we saw vile protests at the Opera House, escalating violence, and a Prime Minister who initially refused a Royal Commission into the Bondi attack," Mr Moylan said.

"We are facing a war against hate and extremism. Good people across our community are suffering. We must target the real threat, terrorists and organised criminals not farmers and licensed shooters."

"Regional NSW is being forced to pay for Labor's mistakes, our farmers, our small family run gun shops, the people who actually follow the law, are the ones being punished by this half-baked buyback. These communities keep our state fed, keep our industries moving, and they deserve laws that protect them, not policies that cripple their businesses and strip them of the tools they rely on every day."



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Walcha boarder helps PLC claim Merino honours

Walcha student and weekly PLC Armidale boarder Nylah Webb has helped the all-girl college's Stage 5 Agriculture team achieve outstanding results at the 2026 NSW Merino Wether Challenge in Dubbo.

Competing against 68 schools, PLC Armidale was named the Overall Best Presented Team in Wool, placing first across the entire competition.

The team was also crowned Overall Champion Zone 1 Team, finishing ahead of 16 other schools in its zone.

PLC Armidale's Zone 1 results included:

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ThirdBest Presented Team Out of Wool

More than 600 students prepared and presented approximately 400 Merino wethers during the two-day competition, which followed several months of hands-on animal management at their schools.

Nylah and her teammates were responsible for caring for and preparing the school's wethers while developing practical knowledge of sheep husbandry, nutrition, wool production and flock management.

PLC Armidale Agriculture teacher Briony Looker said the results reflected the students' commitment throughout the program.

"Our students dedicated many months to managing, monitoring and preparing their wethers for the competition," Mrs Looker said.



Nylah Webb (second from left) with the PLC Armidale Stage 5 ag class and their 2026 Merino Challenge ribbon haul.

"To be named the best-presented team in wool across the entire competition—and the overall Zone 1 champions—is an exceptional achievement. Grace and her teammates represented PLC Armidale with great skill, teamwork and professionalism."

The NSW Merino Wether Challenge combines practical competition with workshops, activities and presentations from industry experts, introducing students to the breadth of careers available across the sheep and wool sector.

PLC Armidale Principal Mrs Nicola Taylor said agricultural education gave students valuable opportunities to connect classroom learning with real-world experience.

"We are particularly proud to see regional students such as Grace building the knowledge, confidence and practical skills to contribute to the future of Australian agriculture."

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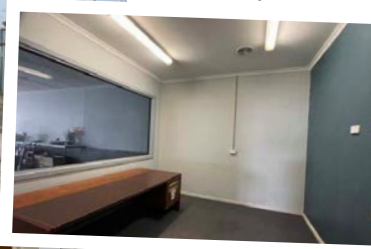
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RUGBY REPORT Walcha v Barraba Rams

Old Boys Day

By Eric the Spider

FIRST GRADE

Old Boys Day brought a solid crowd to Walcha for the final regular-season fixture against Barraba. The weather held fair, the ground was in good condition, and the occasion carried the usual mix of recognition for past players and a competitive edge from the current group.

Walcha, already locked into their finals position, still needed to finish the season cleanly. Barraba arrived looking to spoil the party and take something positive into their own end-of-year break.

The opening exchanges set a physical tone. Neither side gave many easy metres, and the early collisions were honest. Walcha gradually began to control the territory battle, using the width of the ground and forcing Barraba to defend for long periods. The visitors stayed organised and took their chances when they came, but the Rams' ability to recycle possession and stay patient told over the course of the match. By the time the scoreboard started moving more freely, Walcha had the upper hand in both possession and field position. The final margin of 38-14 reflected a controlled performance rather than a complete blowout.

Billy Porter set the early platform with some strong, direct running. His first few carries were hard and purposeful, getting the Rams over the advantage line and giving the rest of the pack something to work off. Richie Hunt was similarly difficult to contain in those opening phases. He carried with intent, drew extra defenders, and repeatedly made Barraba scramble to reset their line. Those early gains allowed Walcha to settle into a rhythm and start dictating where the game was played. Chaden Hawkins

continued to look solid with ball in hand. He linked well with the midfield, kept the ball alive under pressure, and helped maintain the continuity that forced Barraba onto the back foot for long stretches. Out wide, Jim Boyd looked dangerous whenever the ball reached him with space. He stretched the defensive line, forced covering defenders to make decisions, and remained a constant threat on the edge. Behind the pack, Nathan Cullinan had one of his better days. He moved the ball to space cleanly, found the right options when the defence was stretched, and organised the defensive line with clear communication throughout. His work both in attack and in structuring the defence gave the side shape and composure. Hamish Heeney was reliable in defence making his tackles, covering well when Barraba looked to counter, and cleaning up the loose ball when needed. His toys also remained in the cot for the entirety of the game which was a bonus. Walcha's control of the middle periods of the game was the key difference. They spent long passages in the right parts of the field, forced errors, and converted pressure into points without forcing the pass. Barraba stayed competitive and never completely folded, but they spent too much time defending and struggled to build consistent attacking platforms of their own. The home side's work rate and ability to stay patient eventually stretched the scoreline out to a comfortable 38-14.

This was the last game of the regular season for the Rams. They now take a bye next week before the finals begin. The result on Old Boys Day provides a clean finish to the home-and-away campaign and a solid platform heading into the business end of the year. Both 1st and 2nd Grade will be playing finals football in two weeks time at Bellevue Oval, Armidale.

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with AJ Cross

Sad to hear former Walcha resident Gary Dunn left this world last week at the age of 73 years young. Condolences to his brother Peter, sisters Sue Reardon and Wendy Bird, along with all other family members and friends.

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Sad also to be told former Nowendoc resident Narelle Ninness lost her battle with ill health last week. Considering Narelle was two or three years younger than me it certainly hits home in that regard. Condolences to all Narelle's family members and friends.

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Congratulations to local cricketer Bill Duncan on being selected in the NSW over 60's squad, to compete in the 2026 Australian National Championships later in the year. All rounder Bill was the only Central North team member picked to travel to Victoria for the titles.

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Last week while visiting the Brooks residence in Thee St, I asked Cathy how she did it after she 'Picked the Card' at Thunderbolts Way Cafe in round 23 of the NRL competition. I certainly didn't expect the answer I received when Cath turned around and ripped strips off her husband Donald in no uncertain terms.

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What Cathy thought was Don had told me about an incident that happened in the wood paddock a while back when she closed a gate and then found herself on the opposite side to where she needed to be. When 'Brooksy' asked his better half what she was doing - let's just say her reply can't be printed here. See Don for the details but under no circumstance approach Cathy for an explanation.

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Son-in-law Josh Wellings was carrying out some pavement preparations down home in 'Struggle Street' last week when he asked me if I wanted a larger garage door when our back shed is replaced in the future. Straight away I knew he had just witnessed me clip the passenger side rear view mirror on the doorway while reversing the car out of the shed when he should have been concentrating on the job at hand.

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Veteran local athlete Taddy Macfarlane recently competed in the 10km event at the Tamworth Running Festival where he stopped the clock in 58 minutes 8 seconds to win his 80 to 84 years age division and 123rd out of over 300 competitors. Then a week later he ran in the 53rd annual City to Surf completing his 14km journey in 1 hour 30:23 seconds to finish 5th of 76 runners in the Over 80 years division. Good on ya Taddy you certainly are an inspiration for your fellow athletes.

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So close but yet so far - again! In the weekly Newie 777's horse racing tipping competition each Saturday punters are required to select the winner of Race 7 in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne at the princely cost of \$2 per entry. If no one correctly selects the 3 winners the prize money jackpots which now sits on \$392.

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Last Saturday 'Eagle Express' was first to greet the judge at Rosehill Gardens and 'Classic Crusader' saluted at Caulfield which I picked but sadly my selection at Dooben 'Blazing Harry' ran 2nd and it was all over for another week. No doubt some fellow tipsters would have cried themselves to sleep over that outcome - NOT!

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Biggest Wig of the Week - Apsley - Katie Smith somehow 'Picked the Card'. Well done Katie. Newie - Kodie Fletcher, Jenny Haslem; B.C - Donna Britten, Brad Wadley; (all 14 pts) Vet Supplies - Apil Fontanella; T.B.WCafe - Laura Kuhr (both 12 pts).

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This weekend could go along way towards determining the winner of the Newie Tipping competition when their 3rd Double Points round is on offer, the only place in town where it happens. Currently local law enforcer Jed Wittig leads on 268 pts, Lacey Newton is next best on 264 pts whereas Ellie Clarke and Mitch Foster aren't far off the pace on 262 pts.



Ladies Bowls

Last Thursday the weather was a bit too chilly for the five ladies who appeared at the Bowling Club to play bowls, so it was decided that coffee was a better alternative. A reminder: the AGM is tomorrow 1pm in the clubhouse. The Triples Championship commences on 3 September. Names to be on the board by 27 August. There will be social bowls tomorrow 9.00am for a 9.30am start.

Bowls

Thursday Results: Noel Goodwin, John McCormack & Peter Halliday were too classy for Barry Kliendienst, Gary Natty & Mark Hogan winning 21/4. Ross Ballinger & Tony Batterham had a tussle against Brian Goodwin & Don Mahoney winning 19/18. Ross & Tony won the chooks.

A grade singles played on Saturday:

Brian Goodwin defeated Ross Ballinger 31 to 23. They had to play 30 ends to find the winner. Top game.

The game between Miles Lawrence and Noel Goodwin was also a nail biter. Miles getting the win 32/27 after 34 ends. Congratulations to the winners. Thanks to the markers.

Competition pairs will be played this Saturday 22nd.

Outstanding competition games could also be played this weekend if contenders can arrange them please.

A Grade singles Fred v Norm to be played on Sunday. Denis to mark.

Good bowling.

At the Nineteenth

A Stroke Medal Round was on offer last Sunday for a trophy donated by Ollie Crawford which attracted a field of 19 players before Brent Clarke registered a 66 nett to give him the overall prize and the B Grade Mug.

A Grade went to David Sweeney on a countback from Club President Miles Archdale after both players carded 68 nett whereas C Grade was taken out by John McCormack on 78 nett.

Best Scratch score on the day was a 7 over par 77 by David Sweeney while the remaining sweepstakes prize went to Jenny Lisle on 69 nett.

Sharpest Shooters at the pins were Will Archdale (3), Wayne Brennan (9), Will Nicholls (16) and Don Brooks (18).

Long drives sponsored by Tony 'Backhand Larry' Asmus were caressed by Michael Stackman (A) and Brent Clarke (B) whereas none of the three C Graders could find the fairway.

The putting competition was won by Captain Willy Brennan after he engaged his flat stick on just 21 occasions during his round which included three chip ins.

The coveted 'Pink Shirt' for most putts was eagerly accepted by Angus Warden after he recorded 33 jabs.

Last Saturday Jenny Lisle accumulated 19 stableford points to win the weekly 9 hole competition from Anne Martin on 18 pts. N.T.P on 3 went to Jenny Lisle.

This Sunday is the Annual Workplace Challenge sponsored by the New England Hotel which is a 3 person Ambrose event. Registrations from 9.30am for a 10.00am shotgun tee off.

Wednesday Golf

It was an unpleasant day for golf on Wednesday and it turned out that only five brave ladies finished the stableford round.

Maddie Lance was our winner with an impressive 41

points and Suzanne O'Keefe was the only sweepstake winner with 33 points.

Sal McCormack was the trophy donor.

The nearest the pin on Hole 3 was won by Sal Rutherford and the second shot on Hole 16 was taken out by Lorraine Walshe.

On Sunday seven of our lady golfers travelled to Armidale to play the final of the Graham Betts stableford.

Our president Simone Sweeney was the Walcha winner of the Graham Betts jewels with 37 stableford points.

This Wednesday is a stroke, putting, monthly mug and the 6th medal round playing for the Presidents trophy.

Netball

Another Saturday of netball done and dusted, and with finals creeping closer there was plenty happening across the courts!

Walcha Sapphires 3 def. by NEGS Primary 4

Soooo close this week!! The happiest little bunch in netball went within ONE goal of getting the win, and that 4-3 scoreline shows just how far these girls have come.

There were wicked dance moves, plenty of cheering each other on and some seriously good netball! The shooting was on fire and their confidence grows every week.

Isobel Mulligan was a standout, surprising everyone with her skills in the goal circle and some very fancy footwork. She's sure one to watch!

Walcha Opals 17 def. by ACSC Phoenix 21

Ohhh, another close one! The Opals mixed things up with a few new positions this week and once again showed how versatile this team can be.

Unfortunately, no dice, with Phoenix sneaking away 21-17. Not the result they wanted this close to finals, especially when they can almost taste them.

Keep going Opals, you're nearly there!

Walcha Pearls 63 def. VIP Sharks Y7 15

Another HUGE win for the Pearls!

Their coach clearly doesn't believe in letting them get too comfortable. This week, positions were drawn straight out of a hat! Everyone had to try something new and apparently it didn't matter where they landed, because the Pearls just kept rolling.

A 63-15 win with everyone out of their comfort zone? Not bad girls!

Walcha Pacifika 33 def. Uralla Cougars 23

Another great team performance from Pacifika, coming away with a 33-23 win.

Uralla fought back through the middle quarters, but Pacifika held their lead. Great touches in defence and long, quick passes through the midcourt gave the shooters plenty to work with.

Since coming back from the holidays, this team has really hit its stride. They've found combinations that click and are playing some seriously good netball together. Perfect timing with finals just around the corner!



👍 To Samantha Wu at White Leaf Dental for being so caring to me when I was getting my teeth checked. Thank you!

👍 To the girls at the Telecottage for helping me with getting a Census form.

👍 To Dr Harry Pye, OPSM Optometrist, for his excellent service and commitment during our visits. You are so helpful during our times of need.

👍 To the Walcha Business Community for being so helpful to members of the community. Such wonderful support makes it a great place to live.

👍 To Harley, Preston, Max and Jock for the work they have done for us since we moved here in January. We really appreciated the work and the way they left our yard and house when the work was completed. They didn't put anything in the too hard basket. Thank you all very much!

👍 To the driver who reversed into a vehicle outside the Post Office and did not bother to clean up the road with the broken debris.

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Les and Beulah Green.

ABS Census officers in Walcha to help fill in forms at the Walcha Telecottage next Monday & Tuesday from 10am to 2pm



Obituary

Robert "Rob" Callaghan

19th July, 1946 - 9th August, 2026

Passed away peacefully in his sleep after a long illness.

Rob moved his family to Walcha in June 1984 to begin what would turn out to be a 20-year career at the Walcha Shire Council, with his final role being General Manager before retiring to Smiths Lake on the Mid North Coast in 2004.

When not working on major infrastructure projects such as the upgrading of Thunderbolts Way and the commissioning of art projects that are still visible in and around the town today, Rob was an active member in the local community using his spare time to participate in multiple sporting endeavours including golf, Golden Oldies rugby, touch football, cricket & fishing.

Rob continued his passion for golf well into his retirement, playing regularly and taking on a role as a greenkeeper of a 9-hole golf course next to the ocean for over a decade.

In his later years he dedicated his time to working in his garden and being an amazing grandfather to his 4 grandchildren.

"Poppy" will be missed by many.

Rob is survived by wife Jen, children Fiona, Peta & Tim and grandchildren Laura, Mitchell, Audrey & Camille.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at the Palms Pavilion (on the Lakes Way) Forster at 2pm on Friday 11th September.

Thank You (cont)

A Very Big Thank you. We would like to thank everyone who has sent or passed on their warm congratulations to us, following our success at the Australian Fleece Competition, held recently in Bendigo. The win itself is something that we are extremely proud of and so excited about. To win Grand Champion fleece, Champion Commercial fleece, Reserve Champion Commercial fleece and most successful exhibitor, is something we are very humbled to have achieved. This has been made even more special by the buzz we have felt around town from everyone's support and best wishes. You still can't get the smile off our faces. Thank you all, so very much again. Yours sincerely, **Michael and Jenny Sweeney.**

The Nursing staff, Dr Jones and ambulance services thank you for taking care of Yvonne Schlenert and to all the condolences we have received. Thank you. **Suzanne, Ray, Vicki, Emma, Tash and Jack.**

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Giving away moving boxes various sizes and bubble wrap. Phone 0409 160 621.

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Meeting Notice

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Public Notice (cont)



New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ)

Proposed REZ Declaration Amendment

EnergyCo is inviting community and industry feedback on a proposed amendment to the New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Declaration.

EnergyCo is proposing to update the REZ declaration to include a detailed description of the network infrastructure, including the energy hubs and transmission lines that extend outside the REZ geographical boundary to connect the REZ to the existing grid at Bayswater.

The amendment is needed to ensure the declaration reflects our current planning for the REZ network infrastructure before the New England REZ access scheme is declared later this year.

The amendment will not change any features of the REZ, such as the geographical boundary or its network (transfer) capacity, or the New England REZ network infrastructure project as set out in the New England REZ Scoping Report. The REZ remains legislated under the *Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020*, with an intended network capacity of 8 gigawatts.

Feedback will help us understand if the updated REZ declaration is clear and whether any clarifications are required before the amendment is finalised. To view the draft REZ Declaration amendment and provide feedback, follow the links on our website at energyco.nsw.gov.au.



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