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Bob Walsh adds another chapter to Walcha's history

Many people in Walcha and the surrounding district will have come across Bob Walsh, or at least one of the many books he has written about the town and its people.

At 90 years of age, Bob is showing no signs of slowing down, having recently published yet another book, *Walcha & District in the Second World War*.

The new publication adds to an impressive collection of books Bob has written and published over the years, documenting different aspects of Walcha's history and the stories of the people who have helped shape the district.

His previous books include *Walcha Stories*, *Schooling at Walcha*, *Walcha Pony Club*, *Aviation at Walcha*, *Show Society*, *Racing in Walcha* and *More Walcha Stories*. Each book has focused on a different part of the district's history, helping to record the people, places, organisations and events that have played a part in Walcha's story.

Bob's latest book turns its attention to the Second World War and, in particular the men and women from Walcha and the district who served in the various sections of the Australian military. The book records their names and provides brief details of their service, including information about those who did not return from the war and the circumstances surrounding their deaths.

Adding to the historical record are several stories written by service personnel themselves, providing a personal insight into the experiences of those who served.

A significant amount of the research and many of the photographs included in the book have come from a range of important historical resources, including the Australian National Archives, the Australian War Memorial, the Australian National Museum, the Anzac Portal and records held by the

Walcha & District in the Second World War



Bob Walsh



Walcha and District Historical Society.

Bob has also acknowledged the help he received in bringing the latest book together, particularly from his wife Pam and good friend Kerry Dickson, who both assisted with the writing and proofreading of the book.

He has spent so much time documenting this book, what a wonderful achievement. The timing of the new publication is particularly special, as Bob celebrated his 90th birthday this past Saturday.

Walcha & District in the Second World War is now available from the Walcha Telecottage for \$40 cash.

For those who have followed Bob's books over the years, the latest publication is another opportunity to add to the collection, while for anyone yet to discover his work, there is plenty of local history to explore.

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around the traps



By SIMON NEWTON

The heat has finally brewed up some storms with parts of our district getting anywhere from 10-30mm in isolated storms late last week. Even though the totals weren't high the pastures have responded well and they are trying to grow, all we need is a few inches of rain and we will be off. We have a huge chance over the next fortnight for some decent moisture but as always, the storms are hard to predict, and I reckon if you've cracked the first for the season then they will continue to come. What I'm hearing around the traps is the short green grass is creating some headaches for producers with grass tetany and pulpy kidney, if we manage to land some decent rain than this issue will only get worst.

I've travelled a few miles over the last fortnight, and I must say that our district is hanging in there with our under performing season. You don't have to travel very far, and people are still hand feeding like areas north or Uralla, right through to southern Queensland. Speaking with some people around Inverell and they have had just 200mm for the year, dams are dry, crops have failed and their livestock are in store condition. Drinking water is also scares with numerous landholders buying drinking water for their households. What we do see coming is that there should be a bucket load of winter cereal crops bailed which will hopefully bring prices back to sub \$300 per ton plus freight. Water is always our main issue; you can cart feed to animals but it's not viable to transport water to them and hence why water systems are so heavily relied on during dry times.

A flying trip to Tasmania and you could see just how green the southern part of NSW and Victoria is from the sky, let alone how good Tasmania is at present. Local beef producers told me they have been incredibly dry and believe it or not, they still have plenty of water as the polices surrounding water usage in Tasmania from the mainland Australia are very different. What is different is the logistical nightmare that livestock producers face on Tasmania and furthermore, Flinders Island which is a large Island situated in the Bass strait. Talking with producers who lived on Flinders Island, they mentioned if they sold cattle to the mainland of Australia then they could be looking at curfews from 15-20 per cent of body weight. There is only one feedlot on Tasmania so generally most of the feeder cattle get sold to them, which judging by the producer's reaction isn't the best price but its fair enough to take. Talking property values on Flinders island, the producers mentioned the cost per DSE was around d \$800-850 for good country, but you have the logistics to contend with and one a hell of a breeze.

Freight is once again becoming a headache with diesel nudging \$3 per litre which is ridiculous when we don't have a national fuel shortage but a global supply problem. The government is once again cashing in on its taxpayers with the government forcing us to pay 53.7 cents per litre in fuel exercise, plus a goods and service tax of 10% is applied at the pump. I feel the fuel excise should be halved as soon as fuel goes over a certain price and at least it would show us the government is serious about helping everyone, then again, it's another money grab to pay for their overspending. I think fuel is just the tip of the iceberg with the dissatisfaction shown by many Australians and the drop-in support for Labor in the polls. The One Nation party continues to strengthen, yet we need to see some solid policies from One Nation to show they can run our nation, and they will benefit all Australians, not just the metropolitan residents.

The beef markets continue to soften on the back of numerous head winds with weather, tough global trading conditions and higher feed ration costs putting down would pressure on prices. Supply of cattle has picked up with feeder prices sitting at 560c/kg for Angus feeders, feeder heifers nudging 500c/kg while the female market has really come off the boil. We saw numerous cow and calf units hitting plus \$4000 in the south only a few weeks ago and now it would take an exceptional unit to make \$3400 today. The markets have shifted quickly with values softening but it would only take a decent widespread fall of rain to send it the other way.



Walcha Council Library & Youth



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FRIDAY 2/10

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Walcha Library
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TUESDAY 6/10



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Walcha Central School Year 12 Graduation

It was a day of joy, pride, and bittersweet reflections as Year 12 students from Walcha Central School celebrated their graduation this week. Family, friends, teachers, and the school community gathered to honour the remarkable achievements of the Class of 2026, marking the end of their high school journey and the beginning of exciting new chapters.



Taliyah Hoad, Alyssa Singleton, Katie Williams, Year Advisor Mr Michael Heazlett, Kayleigh Hobbs, Eva Patterson-Green, Kirsten Britten, Ella Lynch.
Absent from photo:
Lily Mather and Tiffany Blackwell.

The day started with a breakfast prepared by the school canteen for the students and staff followed by the graduation assembly in the MPC.

The Farewell and Leadership Assembly included Principals address, guest speaker and former student Austin Heazlett, Year Advisor address and year 12 response by captains. A slideshow of memories played reflecting on how they navigated challenges, grew together, and supported one another. Presentation of student portfolios and awards.

From all of Walcha Central School, congratulations to the Year 12 graduates! May your future be bright and your achievements continue to inspire others.

WCS Vocational Education Achievement Award	Taliyah Hoad
WCS Citizenship award	Taliyah Hoad
PKF Secondary Mathematics Award	Kayleigh Hobbs
Ampol Best Allrounder	Ella Lynch
Nutrien Boulton's Excellence in Agriculture Award	Ella Lynch
UNE Vice Chancellors Award	Katie Williams
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On a Scent Trail

By Kathryn Kermode

I'm in the bush with a little dog, and we have slightly different agendas. He's possibly looking for a little adventure, and I've casually asked him if he will find me a koala.

He responds with enthusiasm, and I figure I have about the same chance of finding one if I follow him through the bush as I would if I follow my own nose. So off we go.

He leads me up and over a termite mound, then under fallen logs. I don't belly-shimmy beneath them, preferring instead to weave his lead through the tangle of wood. I'm clumsy and slow compared with the agile little dog.

He speeds off through tiny, dog-sized gaps and under low-hanging branches, dragging me along through the trees. I can feel myself moving through a little-dog-size world. He barely gives me time to look up, but I go with it.

He's picked up a scent.

We find some old bones and, while he explores them enthusiastically with his teeth, I scan the treetops and gently remind him of the task at hand. We're off again.

Then he bursts out of the trees into a clearing and pauses.

I look up and, in the treetops ahead of me, is a koala.

"Well, how about that," I say to the little dog as I scratch behind his ear. Clever dog.

We stop for a while as I try to take some photos, which is no mean feat with the little dog pulling at his lead and taking great delight in having a chew on the corner of my bag.

I have searched for koalas here my whole life. This is where I grew up. It's my home, or one of them. And now it sits in the sights of the government's renewable energy rollout.

This population of koalas is about to have its habitat bulldozed.

The trees will be replaced by a naked corridor, hundreds of metres wide, making way for imposing industrial towers carrying transmission lines on a scale the landscape has never seen.

The koalas and their treetop homes are in the way. They are collateral damage.

Their destruction apparently doesn't matter to the Environment Minister, whose job is to protect endangered species. These koalas will be offset. Death and destruction here, a few trees planted somewhere else, in an unconnected and unknown place.

On paper, the loss is accounted for. It's balanced out. The box is ticked.

But standing here beneath these beautiful old peppermint trees, with a little dog who has somehow led me straight to this koala, it is difficult to believe that anything has been accounted for at all.

Some call this progress. But for those who call these places home, the industrialisation of the bush is a huge price to pay.

And I can't help wondering who decided it was a price worth paying.



WCS Future Leaders

Amongst the celebrations of the Year 12 graduation, the leaders of 2027 were announced and presented with their badges.

Primary Captains Blake McKinnon and Penelope Taylor. Vice captains Charlotte Eveleigh and Isobel Mulligan.

2026/2027 School Captains Jordan Bloomfield and Sarah Slater. Vice captains Logan Stace and Samantha Somerville. School Prefects Savannah Young and Koby Brennan.

The Year 11 students were also presented with their senior badges as they step into their last year of schooling.

Congratulations to all students for this achievement.



*Koby Brennan, Logan Stace, Jordan Bloomfield,
Sarah Slater & Samantha Somerville*



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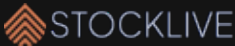
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Create-in-Walcha this weekend

There is still time to book your spot for Create-In-Walcha, with the creative weekend just days away.

Running the long weekend Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October Create-In-Walcha will bring together a wonderful line-up of very talented local tutors with a variety of workshops. They will be held at Walcha Central School.

With a range of workshops on offer, there is something to suit all interests and skill levels, whether you are an experienced creative or simply looking to try something new.

Participants can have a go at embroidery, woodturning, felt hat making, acrylic painting, creative weaving, leatherwork (booked out), pottery, eco printing, lino printing, ukulele, scone making and more.

The weekend is all about getting creative, learning new skills and enjoying a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, while showcasing the incredible talent we have right here in the Walcha community. As well as the opportunity to enjoy dinner with the tutors on Saturday night.

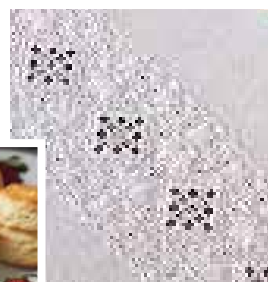
With places in the workshops limited, those wanting to take part are encouraged to secure their tickets now and make a weekend of it.

Tickets and further information are available online, with updates also being shared through Walcha Thumbs Up and Noticeboard and the Walcha Events Facebook page.

So, if you have been thinking about giving something new a go, now is the time to book your spot and join in the fun at Create In Walcha.

WORKSHOPS

Hardanger for Beginners	Yvette Stanton
Introduction to Acrylic Painting	Sue Jackson
Ukelele for beginners with	Howard Greenwood
Woodturning bowl and texturing	Dave Barden
Woodturning - Greenturning	Dave Barden
Eco Printing	Janine Wright
Weave wall hangings.....	Rosalie Gibson
Food from cold climate garden	Eliza Lockyer
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Walcha talent helps PLC Armidale secure historic IGSA hockey double



Walcha students and players with strong family connections to the district have helped PLC Armidale achieve a historic sporting double, with both its Senior and Junior Representative Hockey teams crowned 2026 Independent Girls' Schools Association (IGSA) champions in Sydney.

Walcha students Ella Jenkins—PLC Armidale's 2026 Sport Prefect, Amelia Webb and Steph Blake were members of the Senior Hockey team, alongside Lily Donaldson, Elsie, Macey and Annie Wake, who all have grandparents in Walcha.

The Junior championship team included Walcha students Katie Rizzi, Anna Blake and Georgie Blake, as well as Evie Donaldson, who also has grandparents in Walcha.

Adding to the strong local connection, PLC Armidale Head of Sport and College alumna Mrs Lucy Donaldson is from Walcha.

The Senior Hockey team secured a dramatic 1–0 Grand Final victory over Kincoppal–Rose Bay on Saturday after the match remained



scoreless until its final moments.

On full-time, Tabitha Havas found the back of the net to break the deadlock and claim the championship. The victory followed the team's hard-fought 3–2 semi-final win over Abbotsleigh on Friday evening and capped an undefeated season for the girls.

PLC Armidale's Junior Hockey team successfully defended its Division One title, defeating Ascham 2–0 in Saturday morning's Grand Final after overcoming NEGS 3–1 in Friday's semi-final.

The dual premiership is a historic achievement for PLC Armidale and follows another remarkable College double in 2024, when both its Junior and Senior Netball teams won their respective IGSA Grand Finals.

Mrs Donaldson said it was particularly special to see so many girls connected to Walcha contribute to the College's success.

"Walcha has a proud sporting tradition, and it was wonderful to see these girls carry that spirit onto the IGSA stage," Mrs Donaldson said.

"They showed enormous courage, discipline and commitment to one another throughout the finals campaign. As someone who grew up in Walcha and attended PLC Armidale myself, I could not be prouder of the way they represented their families, their school and their community.

"To have both our Junior and Senior Hockey teams crowned IGSA champions in the same year is a truly historic achievement for PLC Armidale.

"Our girls compete against schools many times our size, but they continually demonstrate that success is not determined by enrolment numbers. It comes from preparation, courage, teamwork and a willingness to compete for one another."

Mrs Donaldson said the Senior Grand Final delivered an unforgettable

finish, while the Junior team performed magnificently under the pressure of defending its title.

"Tabitha's goal on full-time was an incredible moment and reflected the Senior team's determination throughout the campaign," she said.

"Our Junior team also defeated two very strong opponents, including one that had been undefeated during the season, to secure back-to-back championships."

PLC Armidale's Senior Netball team (which included Sophia Marchant from Walcha) also qualified for the IGSA finals series, reaching the semi-final before going down to Pymble Ladies' College.

IGSA Sport's graded fixtures involve between 5,000 and 6,300 students from 32 member schools each term, 28 of which are located in Sydney. The hockey competition alone attracts more than 110 teams and approximately 1,500 players.

Despite its comparatively small Senior School cohort and the considerable travel required to compete, PLC Armidale has established an impressive record in the competition. Its Junior Hockey team also claimed championships in 2023 and 2025, while both its Junior and Senior Netball teams secured championship flags in 2024.

The achievements reflect PLC Armidale's proud sporting tradition and its focus on preparing girls to lead lives of significance by providing every opportunity to participate, lead and compete at the highest level.



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New President to Shape Future of Funeral Services

On the 14 September Funerals Australia announced the appointment of Sam Piddington from Piddingtons Armidale as the new NSW/ACT Divisional President, representing funeral professionals across New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

Sam brings more than 25 years of industry experience to the role and has been an active contributor to Funerals Australia through four years of service on the NSW/ACT Divisional Council. He is the Managing Director of Piddingtons Armidale, where he has worked full-time for the past 18 years, and is recognised for his commitment to professional standards, education and advocacy within the funeral profession.

As Divisional President, Sam will work closely with members, industry stakeholders and the Funerals Australia National Council to strengthen professional standards, support education and workforce development, and advocate on issues affecting funeral professionals and the families they serve.

Sam said his priorities would include increasing member engagement and involvement across NSW and the ACT, supporting practical and effective regulation, strengthening relationships with industry stakeholders, and expanding education and professional development opportunities for members.

"I am deeply honoured to be appointed NSW/ACT Divisional President of Funerals Australia. Piddingtons has been an active member of the Association for more than 90 years, and I look forward to working with members to strengthen engagement, raise awareness of the value our Association provides, support professional standards and regulation, and create greater opportunities for education and development across our industry."

"By working together, we can build a stronger, more connected and accountable profession that continues to deliver the highest standards of care to the families and communities who rely on us."

Funerals Australia National President Asha Dooley welcomed the appointment and said Divisional Presidents play a vital role in ensuring the views and experiences of members are represented.

"Our Divisional Presidents are closely connected to the funeral businesses and communities they represent. They provide an important link between our members,

stakeholders and the national Association, while helping to identify the issues and opportunities affecting funeral service in their region." The appointment comes at an important time for the profession, with changing community expectations and ongoing discussion around professional standards, regulation, workforce development and education.

Sam said he was looking forward to working with the NSW/ACT Divisional Council and members throughout his term.

"I'm looking forward to giving back to a profession that has provided so much reward and purpose throughout my career. By working together through greater awareness, stronger relationships, ongoing education and personal accountability, we can continue to strengthen our profession and better support the families and communities who rely on us."



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Best of luck to both Newcastle Knights and Roosters Supporters supporters when your teams do battle in the NRL Grand Final this Sunday. No doubt there will be plenty of friendly banter floating around between now and then - May the best team win and let's just hope its not decided by a Bunker decision.

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When Knights hooker Phoenix Crossland was sent off just before halftime for a hip drop tackle on Nathan Cleary last Sunday, I mentioned to my much better half Linda that would be the end of the chances of Newcastle winning the Preliminary Final. Then again what would I know?

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Aussie Rules mightn't be your 'Cup of Tea' but anyone who loves sport should have been excited to view the AFL Grand Final last Saturday where the Brisbane Lions rounded up the Fremantle Dockers to win their third premiership in succession. Unless you have watched an AFL game live at the ground, it's hard to describe what goes on especially off the ball action.

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The Walcha Snooker Club held their monthly competition last Sunday at the Walcha Bar and Grill where President Adam Dark defeated Clint Davey in the final to collect the cash whereas Secretary/

Treasurer Leanne Presnell rolled Trevor Gibson in the Pepe charge final.

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A while back truck driver Craig Buckland posted on Facebook that his faithful hound 'Mickey' had done a runner and requested an eye be kept out for his Fox Terrier. By all accounts there was no need for owner 'Bucko' to be too concerned as he apparently shut 'Mickey' in one of the rooms in the house by mistake but nothing the Good Samaritan Noel Woodbury couldn't fix when he came to the rescue.

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During the 2026 B.C Footy Tipping competition I often wondered who one of the players, Marie Spink, was when I marked the cards each week. It certainly was somewhat of a surprise to find out the person in question was none other than Hospital Auxiliary Treasurer alias Marie Nanny Ree partner of Lyn Levingston. Isn't it great while thinking you are in the know with regard to most things.

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One of the few things you may want to happen on your maiden aeroplane trip would be called out to have your baggage checked as happened to Kathy Carter at Newcastle Airport last weekend. Although Kathy wasn't too 'Tickled Pink' about the ordeal her fellow travellers husband Greg, Jason and Deidre

Scott, 'Yob' and Terese Ferrier, Simeon and Venatta Cross could see the slightly humorous side of the incident.

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Although the eight adventurers experienced a very enjoyable weekend there were a few hiccups along the way including 'Simone' and Vennatta heading in the wrong direction on a couple of tram trips and Jason somehow finding his way into a ladies rest room by mistake.

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Congratulations to local junior equestrian Phoebe Grills who finished 6th aboard her horse Grills Traveler at the ABCRA Australian Junior Campdraft Championships last week. Good on ya Phoebe.

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The Apsley Arms Hotel held their Footy Tipping Party last Saturday where Josh Kevill was declared the 2026 winner on 276 points after he snuck home ahead of Runners Up Jess Litchfield and Adam Tate on 274. Well done to the organiser of the Newie, Bowlies and Apsley who have held their respective 'End of Season' Parties the last three Saturdays.

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Vet Supplies winners were Tahlia Bird 272 by the length of the straight from Mata Matapakia 262, Peter King, D.J. Bird 256, TBWCafe - joint winners Miles Lawrence, Alena Stackman 250, Bec Bullock, Jacki Nash 246, Cindy Swanton, Lisa Swanton 242. Apsley Struggle Street Stakes A.J.C 256, Turbo 228. Crisp Cross Challenge Cup - A.J.C 256 and T.C 240.

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St Pat's special celebration

St Patrick's Primary School was buzzing with excitement on Friday 4th September as the school community came together for a triple celebration: Grandparents Day, a Father's Day morning tea, and the highly anticipated annual Book Week Fashion Parade.

The morning kicked off with our annual Book Week Costume Parade, where students and staff proudly showed off their outfits! Students came dressed as their favourite book characters, and everyone should be incredibly proud of the creativity and original designs on display. With so many fantastic efforts, judging the winners for each stage group was no easy task! Not to be outdone, our staff also joined in the fun, bringing Cinderella to life with different interpretations of the characters.

Students, parents, and grandparents had a great time exploring and buying from the wide selection of books at the Book Fair. To wrap up the morning, everyone gathered to recharge with a large selection of refreshments at morning tea. The success of the morning was largely thanks to the hard work of our P&F in organising the Father's Day morning tea, alongside Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. King for their wonderful leadership of the Book Fair. Above all, it was the incredible turnout of parents and grandparents that truly made the day so special. Thank you to everyone who joined us—we are already looking forward to celebrating together in style next year!



Tennis News

Round 4 (the final round) of the Spring Prelude Comp was played out on Tuesday 22 September in pleasant conditions.

Sam Payne took out the prize for highest point score with 82 points and Wyatt Hayton took out the prize for best ladder climber. Thanks to Barry Hoy and Michael Lockyer, who floated on the night and to all those who floated in previous games. Thanks to every player who competed in the Comp. Thanks to Hyde Thomson and Michael Luchich who helped coordinate the Comp.

The Spring Night Comp will be a five week comp starting on Tues 27 October and will conclude on Tues 24 of November. Start time is 6.15pm sharp so please arrive at the Club house by 6.05pm. The format will be four a side graded doubles. Names to Michael Lockyer on 0487 898 051 or Hyde Thomson on 0427 780 391 or post on the Clubs Facebook page. Nominations close on Saturday 17 October.

The Street Stall is booked in for Saturday 17 October. Anyone that can help man the stall or supply baked treats to sell on the stall please let Sandra Laurie know on 0428 770 954.

The next Club Meeting will be held on Monday 12 October at 6.30pm. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. See you all at the net soon.



Wyatt Hayton

Wednesday Golf

It was the first round of the secretary's eclectic, playing stroke, putting and monthly mug on Wednesday. Jenny Lisle was our trophy donor.

Some very good scores were recorded and our winner with 65 points was Robyn Salt. Sweepstakes were claimed by Penny King with 68 points, Jill Burnell with 69 and Cheryl McDonald also on 69.

Nearest the pin on Hole 3 was Lorraine Walshe and Jenny Lisle took out the second shot on Hole 18.

Three players all had 24 putts and it was Simone Sweeney who took the prize after drawing her name.

The monthly mug winners were Cheryl McDonald -Division 1, Penny King Division 2 and Robyn Salt - Division 3.

This week we are playing the second round of the secretary's eclectic for Janie Fenwicke's trophy.

Ladies Bowls

Congratulations to Pam Makeham, Jan Cross and Janice Rizzi on being the 3 Bowl Triples Champions winning against Marie Spink, Lyn Burnell and Carmel Ryan 20-15. Please put your name on the board if you wish to play for the Ivy Makeham Singles Trophy commencing on 15 October. Margaret Tickle, Esther Hunt and Lyn Burnell had a win against Jan Cross, Debbie Richards and Marie Spink in a social game last week. Don't forget our 90th birthday celebrations on Saturday 24 October. Put your name on the board if you can help out on the day and also wish to play. There will be social bowls tomorrow 9.00am for 9.30am start.

At the Nineteenth

The Annual 'Bywell Cup' attracted 27 members last Sunday to play for trophies donated by the Fenwicke Family where Lyn Livingston accumulated 42 stableford points to win the Ladies Division of the event while Lee Fletcher was the Mens winner after he racked up 40 points. Sweepstakes went to Julie Presnell 39, President Miles Archdale 38, Daniel Boyd 37, Barry Hoad 37, captain Willy Brennan 36, Anne Martin, Rose Baumer and Col Berry (all 35).

Sharpest Shooters at the pins were Miles Archdale (3) and Lee Fletcher (18).

Last Saturday Brian Lynch compiled a creditable 23 stableford points to take out the weekly 9 hole competition from competition organiser John McCormack on 19 points.

N.T.P on 3 to Sue Partridge.

Walcha Golf Club was represented by eight of its members at the 2026 NSW Veterans Sandgreen Golf Championships at Narromine a couple of weekends ago along with five former Walcha players who also teed off in the two day tournament. The winning Nett score was 96 points and while our blokes were a bit off the pace they still registered some fairly handy scores. Kew members Steph Sweeney and Dion Lawrence accumulated 86 (41,45) stableford points to finish equal best with their fellow Kew player Jack O'Hara and Peter Norbury also on 86 (43,43), Owen Presnell and his Dubbo partner David O'Brien were next best on 85 (46,39) followed by Don Brooks and Kew specialist Neil Dark 84 (43,41) Wayne and Willy Brennan 82 (42,40).

The Brennan Boys carded the best Walcha Scratch score of 70 (36,34) for the two days 18 points behind Narromines Tony Mann and Rob Williams who won their sixth consecutive victory in the event. A total of 50 players competed from 15 NSW and Queensland Clubs including our own Julie Presnell and Maree 'Rummy' Townsend, now from Gilgandra, who were the only two ladies to register which forced the 'Dynamic Duo' to play in the Mens competition where they racked up 69 (37,32) points playing off the Mens tees. On the home front a 4BBB Medley is scheduled for this Sunday where Angus and Pip Monie are in charge of supplying the prizes.

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- 👉 To Walcha Vets, Liv & Amber Thank you for everything especially with our kids in a hard situation. Your both so caring.
- 👉 To the Walcha Bar & Grill for hosting the Walcha Netball Presentation night.
- 👉 To Walcha Coffee, the coffee is amazing!
- 👉 To those who poison cats and dogs. Its cruel and illegal.

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Meeting Notice

Walcha Polocrosse AGM Thursday 1st October 6.30pm at the Apsley Hotel.

Walcha Flippers Swimming Club AGM Tuesday 13th October at 5pm at Walcha Bowling Club. Come along and help shape the season ahead. Everyone is welcome!

Save the Date

Claiming date - Walcha Hospital Auxiliary Melbourne Cup luncheon, 3rd November.

Raffle Results

Kirra-Lee Murphy Fundraising Raffle - 1st - Di Taxi, 2nd - Lilly Knowlson, 3rd - Emma Hillier and 4th - Debbie and Dallas Foster.

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