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Lisztomania back for another Kosciuszko

Well, you have to be in it to win it, and once again, Lisztomania is in it!

The Walcha-owned and bred gelding is set to race in the Kosciuszko this Saturday at Royal Randwick, with \$2 million up for grabs and \$1 million going to the winner.

The eight-year-old chestnut gelding, owned by Mark Taylor of Tamac Stud and trained by Todd Payne at Inverell, is back for another crack at the 1200-metre race after coming agonisingly close last year, losing by just two inches.

With around \$750,000 in prize money already to his name, Lisztomania has certainly made his mark, and according to Taylor, he is going better than ever.

Jockey Kerrin McEvoy will once again be in the saddle for Saturday's race, with Taylor and the rest of the crew travelling to Sydney on Thursday to meet up with Lisztomania ahead of the big day.

It is impressive for a horse bred in Walcha to be performing at this level, particularly one that has had just the one owner throughout his racing career.

The Kosciuszko is the richest race for country-

trained horses, with slot holder tickets sold for \$5 each. This year, 242,000 tickets were sold before 14 tickets were drawn, with Kevin and Brendan Allan from Penrith securing the slot associated with Lisztomania.

The race is held on the same day as the TAB Everest at Royal Randwick, making it one of the biggest days on the Australian racing calendar.

After getting so close last year, there will be plenty of local excitement as everyone follows Lisztomania's run this Saturday, hoping he can go one better and bring home the \$1 million first prize.

While Lisztomania prepares for his big race, there is also some exciting news back at Tamac Stud, with his little sister arriving just 20 days ago.

The new filly is out of the same dam, Kalahari Princess, but is by Tassort.

Tamac Stud currently has eight foals on the ground, with another four still to arrive this season.

With Lisztomania continuing to perform on the track and a new generation arriving at the stud, there is plenty happening at Tamac. All eyes will be on Randwick this Saturday to see if the Walcha-bred gelding can go one better than last year.



Lisztomania's mother and little sister



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By MATHEW LARKINGS

Australia is about to have access to another livestock selling platform, and I reckon this could be an interesting development for our industry. For a long time now, online livestock selling in Australia has been dominated by AuctionsPlus, with StockLive providing much of the competition, particularly in the stud stock space. You could almost call it a monopoly, or at least a duopoly, and while both platforms have done plenty for our industry, a bit of competition never hurt anyone.

Enter CCI.live, an American livestock auction and marketing business with plans to enter the Australian market in 2027. Founded in 2017 by Christy Collins, the business has established a strong following in the United States, particularly throughout the seedstock industry. They're projecting more than US\$200 million in online seedstock sales this year, with around 2.3 million website visits annually and online bidding participation reportedly exceeding 24%.

What caught my attention wasn't necessarily the auction platform itself, but the marketing behind it. They've built their business around getting livestock in front of as many potential buyers as possible, using targeted advertising, large buyer databases and digital marketing alongside the auction process.

We're all becoming increasingly comfortable buying livestock without ever laying eyes on them in person. Whether it's a pen of steers, a line of replacement heifers or a stud bull worth \$50,000, the industry has certainly changed. For those of us selling livestock, the challenge is making sure we're getting them in front of the right people, and plenty of them.

I don't think AuctionsPlus or StockLive have anything to panic about just yet, but another serious player entering the market should be good for everyone. Hopefully it encourages a bit more innovation, better service and some competitive pricing. I'll be interested to see how they go.

Speaking of stud bulls, the results out of Brahman Week in Rockhampton last week were certainly something to behold. Across the three days, 709 bulls sold to achieve a 98% clearance, averaging \$13,708, with the top-priced bull making a staggering \$210,000. Not a bad week's work! This sale is widely recognised as the largest bull sale in the southern hemisphere. Rockhampton certainly has marketed itself as the beef capital of Australia.

It got me thinking about how those figures compare with our own Angus sales here in the New England. Looking across a sample of five Angus bull sales throughout the New England and surrounding northern NSW, some 527 bulls averaged just over \$12,170. That's not a long way behind the Brahman Week average.

Of course, there's a fairly obvious distinction between the two. Brahman Week is a multi-vendor sale, where breeders are generally bringing a selection of their very best bulls, rather than offering their entire annual draft as many of our New England studs do. So it's hardly an apples-for-apples comparison, but interesting nonetheless.

One thing is certain, there's still plenty of money being invested in quality genetics. Particularly encouraging when you consider the seasonal challenges some of our local breeders have had to contend with this year. Whether you're breeding Brahmans in Central Queensland or Angus on the New England, the good ones are still making good money.

Friday's store cattle sale at TRLX was another good indication of the confidence in the cattle market. A yarding of 1,115 head saw well-bred Angus steers weighing between 200kg and 280kg average around 669c/kg, while similar-weight heifers averaged approximately 550c/kg.

Yearling steers reached \$2,010 per head, while Angus cows and calves sold to \$3,000 per unit. Some categories reportedly improved by as much as 100c/kg or more. Certainly some very handy money being paid for young cattle, and a good reminder of what can happen when you've got a few buyers competing for the right article.

With the way the cattle market is travelling, the results coming out of the stud sales and now another online selling platform looking to enter Australia, there's certainly plenty happening in our industry.

The forecast looks positive for the week ahead, and I hope everyone gets under some well-timed rain. A decent fall across the district would be very welcome and might just put a bit more confidence into an already encouraging livestock market.

Walcha Bowling Club 90th Birthday



Walcha Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd is celebrating its 90th birthday with a fundraising day on Saturday 24 October. Information about the day can be found via the walchansw.com.au/whats-on website.

A committee was formed in April 1934, and with support from Council, on land provided by Council. The green was constructed and a modest clubhouse built that was officially opened on February 19, 1936. The Bowling Club purchased the site from Council in 1952.

Senior members of the community will remember the flood of 1962, before the levee banks were built, when the clubhouse floated off its foundations and landed in the middle of the cricket pitch of what was then known as Walcha Park. The clubhouse was rescued and revived but was eventually replaced in 1970 by a new clubhouse further from the river, and the old clubhouse became the original preschool building.

At various times in its history the club has supported many community groups. Old news articles from the 1970s record the activities of a Club welfare officer who visited hospital patients, weekly. The Club

also sponsored the Rugby League and Rugby Union clubs, and, in 1985, they sponsored the disbanded cricket club which became the Walcha Bowling Club Cricket Club. The Timber Expo, which had its inaugural event in 1987, started life as a Bowling Club fundraising event, and in 1989, the Walcha Bowling Fishing Club was formed. Support has also been provided to Touch Football, tennis, and the Walcha Races.

Lions, Quota and Rotary hold their regular meetings at the Club, with Rotary doing this since 1974. And now, the Club is the home of the Walcha RSL Sub-branch and proudly displays the Sub-branch's records and memorabilia.

The Walcha Bowling and Recreation Club looks forward to welcoming all members of the community to its fundraising day celebration. For those who would like to support the club, but don't play bowls, come and listen to some music while you cheer along the bowlers, have a barbecue lunch, participate in a guessing competition, trivia game or raffle, or watch the President vs President Challenge after lunch.



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Walcha Lions Club celebrates 69 years

The Walcha Lions Club is celebrating 69 years, with members gathering at the Walcha Bowling Club on Monday, 12 October to mark the occasion and enjoy an evening together.

The celebration was an opportunity to recognise the dedication and commitment of club members, with attendance awards presented to acknowledge their ongoing involvement. Some members have been part of the club for as long as 51 years, highlighting the loyalty and support that has helped the club continue over the years.

Guest District Governor Joe Pope attended the celebration and spoke about the work he has been involved in, including the 'Sight for Kids' program. The initiative has helped millions of school children, with many benefiting from eye tests and receiving the assistance they need to improve their vision. His talk highlighted the importance of community service and the positive difference these programs can make to people's lives.

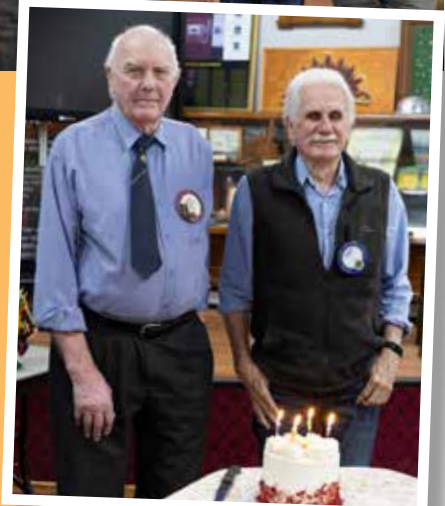
The evening was also filled with plenty of laughs and good humour, with Cameron Greig receiving praise for his waiting skills, while Snow kept everyone entertained with a collection of one-liners and jokes.

The birthday celebration provided a chance for members to catch up, recognise the contributions of fellow Lions and reflect on the club's history. With members continuing to give their time and support, the Walcha Lions Club marked 69 years as an important part of the local community.



Above: District Governor Joe Pope, President Phillip Hamel, Lloyd Levingston, Peter McIvor, Terry Olsen, Robert Burnell and Ian Bird.

Right: Donald Scott and Robert Burnell cutting the cake.



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New England Renewable Energy Zone network infrastructure project

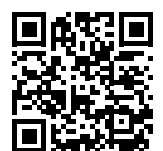
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EnergyCo is planning the New England REZ network infrastructure project to connect renewable energy to the electricity grid and deliver reliable power to homes and businesses across NSW.

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Learn more

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New England Solar Farm, near Armidale

Changes at the Craft Shop

Recently, Walcha Creative Arts, known to most of us simply as The Craft Shop, conducted its Annual General Meeting. By consent, but in her absence, Vicki McIvor was elected President with Susan Bowden elected to the role of Vice President. Other office bearers are Mary Brearley as Treasurer and Sue Law as Secretary. The move of some members into leadership positions promises to invigorate the organisation and will likely see new ideas emerge.

The Craft Shop is a community enterprise that exists to benefit the entire community while doing its bit to add to the appeal of Walcha to visitors. Creative people in Walcha and some more distant areas have a place to offer their crafts and creations to the public owing entirely to volunteers who attend to everything to keep the Craft Shop filled with stock, looking neat and tidy and dealing with all the practical and administrative tasks that make up the day to day running of the shop.

Feedback from members working behind the counter reveals strong, recognition and support the shop enjoys with travellers, some of whom are prompted to break their journey in Walcha specifically because of their desire to see the latest products at the shop. These visitors typically also spend money in other businesses in our town. Locals also support the shop and know that they are benefiting Walcha when they shop locally for a gift that has a certain extra meaning, knowing it has been crafted by our own talented makers.

A first initiative by the new committee is an update to signage in the form of a colourful flag placed in a planter pot on the footpath making the shop more visible to passers-by, hopefully attracting more visitors to come in and explore the artistic creations on offer.

The Craft Shop is open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4pm and Saturdays 9.30am to 12.00pm.

Walcha Junior Rugby

Last term Walcha Junior Rugby celebrated the end to a wonderful 2026 season with a barbecue and awards at Peter Fenwicke Oval. There were a number of new players who joined the club this year, resulting in 10 registered under 6 players, complete under 8s and under 10s teams, as well as 5 under 12s who combined with Barraba and other clubs on Sundays. We also welcomed several girls who stepped out of their comfort zone and had a crack! Our girls were fearless on the field, often developing enormous bruises from putting their bodies on the line! There were many individual improvements, particularly from players who were new to the sport. Our juniors displayed great teamwork, sportsmanship and skills week after week matching it with the big clubs! All of the ram lambs are to be commended on a fabulous 2026 season.

Thank you to coaches Angus Laurie, Henry King, Nick Rogers, Sandy Cameron, Troy Davey and Doug Lisle for your tireless efforts throughout the season. It is a big commitment twice a week and we are very grateful for your time and patience with our juniors! A big thank you must also go to Amy Clark, Kim Lisle and Lissie Blomfield who are stepping down from the Junior Rugby Committee. They have all been instrumental in the running and organisation of the club for many, many years and for that we are truly grateful.

Well done Ram Lambs we are so proud of you all. Bring on 2027!

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

Under 12s Best and Fairest: Blake McKinnon
Under 12s Most Improved: Corelle Petuha
Under 10s Best and Fairest: Archer Clark
Under 10s Most Improved: Fergus Davey
Under 8s Best and Fairest: Pete Nicholls
Under 8s Most Improved: Lulu O'Brien
Girls Encouragement Award: Florence Davey

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Tigers season wraps up



2026 has been an incredible season for Uralla Junior Tigers, with many Walcha kids and families joining in to make it an outstanding season in all age groups. Combining players from Walcha, Uralla, Armidale and surrounds, the club is growing stronger each year.

Walcha players included:

Under 8s: Finn Olrich

Under 10s: Patrick & Angus O'Connell

Under 12s: Lexi McKern, Maddie Brennan, Cash Carter, Logan Dyson, Corell Petuha, Morrison Morris, Rolland Green and Isaac Olrich - with Koby Brennan one of the coaches.

Under 14s: Bentley Brennan, Nate Bloomfield, Flynn O'Connell, Cooper Broadbent, Tyler & Nathan Ross and Charlie McKern.

Under 16s: Cameron Mooney, Jack McKern, Ethan Foster, Levi Olsen and Noah Morris.

Under 18s: Koby Brennan

The 14s made the semis but unfortunately were defeated by Glen Innes on the day. Luke Brennan has coached the 14s for 2 years now and they have made the semis both seasons. This year with his son Bentley as captain, it was incredible to watch the team progress. They did really well up against some strong teams all season.

Presentations were held on 20th September. Flynn O'Connell was Players Player for 14s. Cameron Mooney won this award for the 16s.

The Committee would like to thank Walcha community for their ongoing support with junior and senior league, and look forward to the 2027 season.

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👉 To Sue Law, President of Walcha Garden Club for organising an informative meeting and a happy 70th birthday.

👉 To the Walcha Council Community Care for a very good day out on Friday. Awesome!

👉 To Mat Barwick, Johnno Byrne and Amanda Latham and all the helpers for such a great pony camp well done.

👉 To the Walcha Bowling Club for the great dinner on Monday night to celebrate the Walcha Lions Club turning 69!

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Field work taking place for the New England REZ network infrastructure project

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Ongoing field work from Muswellbrook to Armidale

To support and inform the planning and design of the New England REZ, a program of field investigations will continue from October to December 2026. This work also supports the Port to REZ program, which is investigating road upgrades needed to transport large renewable energy equipment safely from the Port of Newcastle to the New England REZ.

You may see workers carrying out geotechnical investigations, surveys, traffic counting, site inspections and other activities in various locations from Muswellbrook to Armidale, including Aberdeen, Rouchel, Gundy, Pages Creek, Barry, Niangala, Walcha, Bendemeer, Moonbi, Uralla and Rocky River.

Most activities will be carried out in publicly accessible areas, such as road reserves. Where investigations need to be carried out on private property, we will consult with landowners directly to seek access permission. This work helps us identify potential constraints and minimise impacts to landowners and the environment as we plan the network infrastructure project and road upgrades.

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Chopper fundraising helps keep it in the air

Westpac Chairperson's Report July 2025 to 30 June 2026

It gives me great pleasure to present my report.

We have had a busy year representing the Service at sales and field days by catering either with BBQs or supplying sandwiches, manning stalls at shows, selling raffle tickets and having two street stalls - all of which have been generously supported by the Walcha Community.



Our biggest event this year was manning the gates for the Walcha Garden Club at the 5 gardens beautifully presented by the owners in the Walcha District over the two days in September last year. Thank you to Kim for the work she did on the brochures.

Generous donations have been received from private donors as well as groups and associations which goes towards keeping this valuable Service running 24/7 and free to those in dire situations.

Thank you to our amazing treasurer Robyn and all our members for being so supportive and available to help shoulder the work load.

Thanks to Maria for taking the minutes, Carmel & Peter for being responsible for the BBQ side of things and Tony for tin collection and also along with Robert transporting equipment to and from events.

We were saddened for the loss of one of our valued members in David Moore in July.

Wishing the incoming Executive a successful and supported year.

Olive Chandler Chairperson

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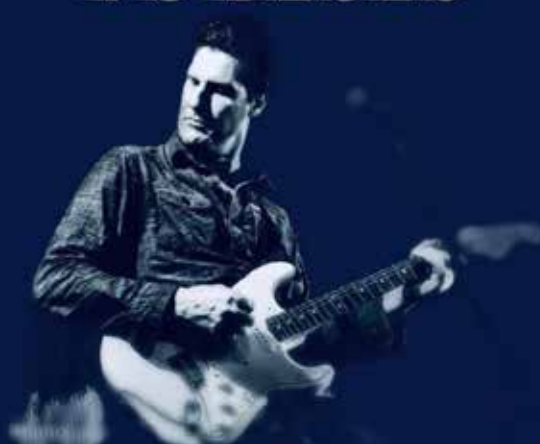
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Walcha Touch Football will kick off their 51st season this Thursday at John Oxley Sportsground with a grading day commencing with juniors at 5.30pm followed by seniors around 6pm. By all accounts there has been a good mix of familiar teams and new ones registered so far which should make for a fun season ahead.

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Local Touch hasn't always been played at John Oxley Sportsground, the first eight seasons were conducted on various fairways of the Walcha Golf Club until the number of teams nominated became too big to be accommodated hence the change in venue. Walcha Rugby League instigated the first competition in late 1976 which consisted of just eight teams including Panthers who defeated Rabbitohs 15 to 6 (or 5 to 2) to win the inaugural premiership. Panthers won four of the first five competitions before deciding to split up.

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Congratulations to Walcha/Uralla cricket allrounder Daniel Boyd on claiming his third 'E.R. Brazel' Memorial 'Player of the Year' trophy in the past four seasons. Daniel was named co-winning in 2022/23 with Sinclair Little then went back to back in 2023/24 before Jay Grills interrupted his impressive succession of the clubs best cricketer last season. Way to go Daniel.

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Walcha/Uralla kick off their 2026/27 Armidale District competitions this Saturday when they take on Ex Services Club in 1st Grade here at Peter Fenwicke Oval and 3rd Grade travel to Harris Park in Armidale to do battle with Hillgrove. Currently around two dozen players have registered which realistically isn't enough to field two teams each week. If you are interested in playing please contact organiser Ed Blomfield.

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Local Junior Rugby player Ethan Olrich was a member of the New England Under 15's squad that took part in the NSW 7's competition at Mudgee last weekend where they played six games in three days. According to Ethan's grandfather Kevin Creighton the N.E. boys performed well over the weekend despite being up against very strong opposition each time they ran onto the field.

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There were 22 disappointed punters in the weekly Newie 777's horse racing competition last Saturday when 'Land Legend' at fixed odds of \$71 won Race 7 at Caulfield in Melbourne. All 22 participants were out after the first race where the aim is to select the winner of Race 7 at Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney on any given Saturday. Anyway it's on again this weekend where prize money has jackpotted to \$210 at a princely cost of \$2 to enter.

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During recent times 'Former English Wrestler' and 'Mollydooker' golfer Mal Ballard wagered some of his hard earned on 'Pretty Perky' which won at Murray Bridge prompting him to inform D.G. Clare about his good fortune. Garth was a bit skeptical at the time as he thought that particular race hadn't been run yet and he was correct but when it was shortly after 'Pretty Perky' ran a very valiant 7th behind 'Shadow Eagle' much to Malcolm's unhappiness. The first run must have knocked 'Pretty Kerky' up Mal.

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Maybe there is a local Rugby Enthusiast who could explain to me how long 'Play the Advantage' goes for before it's play on and not go back 23 phases for a penalty. If you can please let me know as I'm 'All Ears'.

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At the Nineteenth

Last Sunday a stableford Round for a trophy donated by David Sweeney was on offer which attracted a good field of over 40 players and it was 'Mollydooker' Allan Laurie who ran out the winner after he accumulated 44 points.

Runner Up was Nick Hall 44 followed by the remaining sweepstakes prize receivers Lyn Livingston 42, Will Hall 42, Penny King 41, Jock Rutherford 40, Cheryl McDonald 39, Anne Martin 38, Jenny Lisle 37, Mark Hogan 37 and Will Archdale 36.

Sharpest Shooters at the pins were skipper Willy Brennan (3) and John McCormack (18).

In Match Play President Miles Archdale got the job done 2 and 1 over Ross King.

Last Saturday a few drops of rain was enough to see the weekly 9 hole competition cancelled.

This weekend the annual Walcha Opens are scheduled from Friday to Sunday with the veterans kicking off Friday followed by the Mixed Open on Saturday before concluding with the Walcha Open on Sunday.

Yesterday Walcha were represented at the N.E.D.G.A Ladies Medal Playoff in Uralla by Anne Martin (Div 1), Cark Street (Div 2) and Rebecca Hall (Div 3).

Bowls

Thursday Bowls Results: Young guns Tony Batterham, Peter Halliday & Alan Kirby had a good win over Barry

Kliendienst, Mark Hogan & John McCormack 17 to 8. Greg Carter & Geoff Salt 22 defeated Barry Hoad & Adam Hall 11.

The giant killers Alan, Peter & Tony won the vouchers. Twilight bowls commenced last Friday, it was great to see many new faces. See you next Friday at 5.30pm.

Don't forget the fundraiser coming up on Saturday October 24, starting time 9.30am. Three bowl triples will be played, no experience necessary. Arrange your team of three, come along and try your luck and have a good day, everyone welcome.

A shout out to the volunteers who have done a great job on the top green in readiness for Pasture Wonderland on Nov 28 & 29th.

Annual General Meeting this Sunday 18th at 9.30 am.

Ladies Bowls

It ended up being a beautiful morning to play bowls. Five ladies played a game of 3 bowls triples. Carmel Ryan, Marg Tickle and Lee McCoy had an early start but Esther Hunt x2 and Deb Richards were able to creep back to have a narrow loss 12/11.

Tomorrow is the start of the Ivy Makeman Singles Knockout Competition where Esther Hunt will play Carmel Ryan (marker Lee McCoy) and Marie Spink will play Janice Rizzi (Marker Pam Makeham). Next week Jan Cross will play Wendy Moore (marker Marie Spink)

and Pam Makeham will play Lyn Burnell (marker Lee McCoy)

Wednesday Golf

Rose Baumer's trophy was up there for the taking on Wednesday playing a stableford round.

The run had disappeared after the much welcomed rain, so the scores of 40 or more were no longer.

Pip Monie won the day with 39 stableford points.

Sweepstakes were won by Cark Street with 38 pts, Sue Partridge with 36 pts and Penny King with 35 pts.

Margaret Davidson took out nearest the pin on Hole 3 and Cark Street claimed the second shot on Hole 18.

This week we are playing a par event and Cathy Lisle is in charge of the trophy.

On Tuesday the NEDGA medal round finals are being played at Uralla.

Our representatives are Anne Martin - A grade, Cark Street - B grade and Bec Hall - C grade. Good luck to our girls.

Daniel Boyd Cricketer of the Year - Again

By AJ Cross

For the third time in four seasons Daniel Boyd has been named Walcha/Uralla 'Player of the Year' when the club held their annual presentations at the Commercial Hotel last Sunday afternoon. He picked up his first 'E.R. Brazel Memorial' trophy in 2022/23 then went back to back the following season before Jay Grills interrupted his run in 2024/25.

Trophies in 2nd Grade went to:

1 Day

Batting Aggregate Ed Blomfield (351 runs)
Batting Average Ed Blomfield (43.88)
Bowling Aggregate Matt Harper (21 wickets)
Bowling Average Will Fletcher (7.89)

T20

Batting Aggregate Daniel Boyd (211 runs)
Batting Average Shannon Rafferty (36.5)
Bowling Aggregate Matt Harper (8 wickets)
Bowling Average David Ford (4.5)

Trophies for 3rd Grade 1 Day

Batting Aggregate David Morley (205 runs)
Batting Average Nathan Laurie (23.86)
Bowling Aggregate Ben Ussher/Nathan Swan (15 wickets each)
Bowling Average David Morley (15.64)

T20

Batting Agg/Ave Hugo Ussher (51 Runs at 51)
Bowling Agg/Ave Ben Ussher (6 wickets at 17.83)

Centuries

Ed Blomfield 100 v AUCC
Shannon Rafferty 104 v AUCC

5 Wickets in an Innings

Ben Ussher 5 for 30 v TAS
Nathan Swan 5 for 12 v TAS



Daniel Boyd receiving his trophy from club sponsor Doug Moore.



Funeral Notice

Margaret Anne Swanton

nee Taylor

7th Oct 2026

of North Street, Walcha.

Much Loved daughter of John & Daphne Taylor (both dec'd)

Beloved wife of Robert Swanton (dec'd)

Loving mother & mother-in-law of Kylie Swanton, Colin & Sharyn Swanton, Jamie & Shannon Swanton, Cindy & Jiah Furneaux, Rebecca & Paul Bullock and Lisa Swanton. Loved grandmother of her 15 grandchildren & 2 great-grandchildren.

Loved sister & sister-in-law of Jackie & Paul (dec) Nash.

Loved aunty and great-aunty of her family and a friend to many.

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Vietnam Veteran

Age 29

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There'll be oysters, mushrooms, goat dairy products, trout, and homemade condiments.

Stock up on honey and eggs, while grabbing a sweet treat (or two), a steak sandwich, and a coffee.

There'll be stalls displaying locally made art and craft, along with natural body products.

After some rain, it'll be the perfect time to choose some colourful new plants and veggie seedlings.

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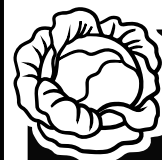
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