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Tyson Smith heads to PBR Grand Finals

Walcha bull rider Tyson Smith is preparing to take on some of the best bull riders from Australia and overseas after securing his place in the 2026 PBR Australia Monster Energy Tour Grand Finals in Townsville, Queensland this weekend.

Tyson is one of 30 riders who have earned their place in the Grand Finals, bringing together the best of the best for two nights of competition at the Townsville Entertainment Centre.

The Grand Finals mark the end of a year-long competition, with riders battling it out throughout the season for a chance to compete for the Australian title.

Tyson grew up in Walcha and competed in the local rodeo circuit before making his way onto the national stage. His continued success has seen him compete alongside some of the country's best riders.

Earlier this year, Tyson also represented New South Wales in the PBR Australia Monster Energy Origin Series, competing against Queensland's top riders in the three-round competition.

Now, Tyson will turn his attention to the Grand Finals, where he will face some of the toughest bulls in the country, with riders having just eight seconds to make their mark.

With the Australian title on the line, the competition is set to be fierce as the country's leading riders go head-to-head for one final weekend of the 2026 season.



Earning a place among the top 30 riders is another significant achievement in Tyson's bull riding career and one that the Walcha community can be proud of.

The action gets underway in Townsville this Friday with plenty of support for Tyson coming from his hometown.

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around the traps

By SIMON NEWTON

It's not often and nor is it unheard of, but we had a sneaky frost on Monday that would have all the tomato plants looking a bit sad. It has been quite cool of a night, but it is set to warm up, with another chance of some decent rain over the next few weeks. There is a big chance of getting more than 50mm next week with storm activity building most afternoons. No doubt people will be hoping to see some heavy falls of rain to make some gullies run and fill dams. Given the amount of grass growth at present, it will take a rather large downpour to do so. The district looks as good as I've seen it for quite some time and we aren't that wet; the rain has just come at the right time during our growing season.

Once again, a fifth interest rate rise in 12 months will no doubt put more pressure on our cost of production at a farm gate level, but will it dampen our rural property markets? No doubt it will force some buyers to wait on the back of equity changes but a lift in interest rates is not as bad as a drought. If we have a season, we can lift production to cushion the rise in the cost borrowing money which is only one cost of production, yet generally the largest. The latest lift in the livestock markets have all producers breathing a sigh of relief, coupled with our improved seasonal outlook, this might just change the rural land outlook, especially for 2027.

I believe our cost of production is most likely not to drop after we have been able to consume these rises in costs in our businesses, not many costs that go up come down. I think we will see renewed interest in grazing land once we can sustain some decent livestock values for a reasonable time frame, as we all know when you make money on the land you pay tax on the profit. The way our rural businesses are geared with paying tax on profits, people are more incentivised to spend money to reduce their tax than to pay down debt with what is left after paying tax on your profit.

The PM blames the war in Iran for inflation, but they won't blame themselves for their excessive spending which has no doubt lifted inflation, lifting interest rates. Our debt is out of control, and economists are predicting we could enter a recession if nothing changes. Australia debt has risen to over 1 trillion dollars; have a think of how much interest we are paying daily. Australian household debt is at 190 per cent of the household income due to our real-estate market, hence why interest rate rises are unsustainable for many who scratch to live week to week. I feel for those who saved up enough of a deposit and brought a home when the real-estate market was at its peak. Consecutive interest rate rises have now subdued the property market, housing values have dropped leaving who knows how many people stranded with a home that won't repay their home loan. Australia is a long way from getting ourselves out of this debt hole which seems to be getting dug deeper, at least we aren't at the US debt levels which is a whopping US40 trillion dollars.

Livestock markets remain fully firm with stock of all classes in hot demand whether they are light store grass eaters, feedlot ready livestock, breeding females or finished livestock for slaughter. The world is broke, but we all need to eat with protein a large portion of a large percentage of people's diet. Best of the restocker steers and heifers on Friday made $7 per kilo, best of the Angus feeder steers made 617c/kg, a notable improvement in value has been the EU accredited feeder steers selling for an extra 30c/kg on Auction plus over the non eu steers. Breeding units improved again and topped at $4000 online and $3850 in the Tamworth store sale on Friday. Plenty of heavy fat cattle are once again exceeding $3000 in our fat markets, best of the Tamworth cows on Monday made $3561 for 818kg, that's $4.32c/kg while heavy bullocks knocked on $5/kg to make $3753 per head. Sheep and lamb job still seems to be sailing along very well with the best of the heavy export lambs making $360, heavy suckers sold to $314 while mutton topped at $300 in Tamworth on Monday. Hook prices are also very good with our current hook animals dressing extremely well due to the season and the grids being $8.50/kg for mutton and nearly $12/kg for lambs.

Come along and celebrate Walcha's local businesses

Walcha's local businesses do so much to make our town the place it is, and the community is invited to come together to recognise and celebrate them at the inaugural Walcha Business Awards Dinner on Saturday 14 November.

Hosted by Walcha Business Group, the evening will celebrate the achievements, dedication and contributions of local businesses and the people behind them, with winners announced across six award categories.

There is a wonderful group of finalists this year, representing the diversity and strength of Walcha's business community.

The finalists are:

Business Excellence – Business to Business: Walcha Telecottage and Graytill Engineering.

Business Excellence – Business to Consumer: The Coffee Window, Cross Bros Butchery, Sheetal's Kitchen, Paperdolls House, thebigblackbuilding and Walcha Visitor Information Centre.

Community Organisation: Walcha Telecottage and Walcha Business Group.

New and Emerging Business: Linmac Co, Sheetal's Kitchen and The Coffee Window.

Young Business Leader: Kyanah from The Coffee Window, Kate from Walcha Telecottage and Logan from Coffee to Go.

Outstanding Employee: Joscisca from Walcha Telecottage, and Di and Graham from Walcha Taxis.

The awards are an opportunity to acknowledge the people who work hard behind the scenes, provide great service, support other local businesses and contribute to making Walcha a vibrant place to live, work and visit.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Whether you are a business owner, employee, customer, friend or simply someone who loves seeing Walcha thrive, come along, enjoy the evening and help cheer on our finalists and celebrate the winners.

The celebration will be held at the Walcha Sports Club, 13W Hamilton Street, with a 6pm start. Tickets are $70 per person and include a two-course meal and complimentary arrival drink, with a bar and live entertainment adding to the evening.

Tickets can be purchased at https://events.humanitix.com/businessawards.

There will be another opportunity for Walcha's business community to get together before Christmas, with Walcha Business Group hosting its next networking event on Monday 7 December at the Walcha Bowling Club, starting at 5.30pm.

This one will be a little more relaxed, combining a bit of networking and socialising with a friendly game of lawn bowls and dinner. It's a great opportunity for local business owners and their teams to step away from work for a while, catch up with one another and enjoy some time together before the busy Christmas period. Let us know if you can come along by emailing info@walchabusinessgroup.com.au or texting 0429 690 679.

Whether it's celebrating our local businesses at the awards or coming along to connect with others in December, Walcha Business Group looks forward to bringing people together and continuing to build a strong and supportive local business community.

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letters to the editor

The committee of the Walcha Jockey Club were deeply saddened to hear of the recent passing of Peter Hayes. Peter was a Life Member of the club and had been an invaluable member for over 50 years. Peter rarely missed a meeting and was always willing to help in the preparation of the course, whether it was on a paint brush or general clean up leading up the race carnival. He spent many race carnivals helping Kevin Ferrier in the race day office to ensure the administration of the carnival ran smoothly.

The committee would like to send their sympathy and support to June and her family in this incredibly sad time.

The Walcha Jockey Club

In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
Tha larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields

From Warwick Fletcher

Thank you Walcha Men's Shed!

To all the wonderful men at the Walcha Men's Shed, a very special thank you to President Danny Reardon, Gerry Moran and the other gentlemen whose names escape me for their fantastic service today, Monday.

At very short notice, I needed an older-style timber TV unit lowered to half its original height so that my new TV could sit neatly on top. For a number of reasons, this needed to be done in a hurry, and boy, did these men deliver! Within just a few hours, they had completed the job, and the result was absolutely fantastic. It genuinely brought tears of joy to my eyes. Best of all, my much-loved timber unit lives on, albeit in a new format. Yay for recycling!

I think many people don't realise just what a wonderful resource we have here in Walcha. The Men's Shed is not only a place where fantastic work is carried out, but also somewhere men can enjoy a cuppa, read the paper, have a chat or simply enjoy the company of other men. You don't have to be a handyman or even pick up a tool to be part of it.

They would love to welcome some new members, particularly as some of the regulars are getting a little long in the tooth! So, gentlemen, why not pop in and see what you might be missing?

Over the years, the Shed has received generous donations of materials and machinery and has become a wonderfully productive place, offering services at very reasonable rates, with the money going straight back into supporting the Shed.

This certainly isn't my first time using their services, and it won't be my last. On several occasions, I've been grateful for their skills, generosity and willingness to help.

Walcha Men's Shed — a fantastic asset to our community. Let's support them as much as they support us!

Noelene Brady

Year 5-6 Excursion to Canberra!

What a fantastic week the Year 5/6 students from St Patrick's Primary School, Walcha, enjoyed on their recent educational excursion to Canberra. Blessed with wonderful weather throughout the trip, the students made the absolute most of an action-packed itinerary in the nation's capital.

Among the many highlights, the students had the solemn privilege of participating in the Last Post Closing Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial, where student representatives laid a wreath on behalf of the school community. Their trip also included minting their own $1 coins at the Royal Australian Mint, rolling down the iconic grassy roof of Parliament House, viewing the thylacine exhibit at the National Museum of Australia, touring the world-class training facilities at the Australian Institute of Sport, and engaging in the interactive science challenges at Questacon.

Beyond the major national landmarks, the week was filled with memorable experiences, great fun, and a few very unique souvenir purchases!

Mr Hyatt praised the students for their outstanding behaviour and community spirit throughout the trip, noting how proud he was to accompany the group. Special thanks are also extended to staff member Mrs Makeham for her dedication in accompanying the excursion, and to all the parents for their hard work and support in preparing the students for a smooth Monday morning departure..



Lions Christmas Cakes are back



With Christmas just around the corner, the Walcha Lions Club is once again spreading some festive cheer with its popular range of Christmas cakes and puddings.

A favourite among locals each year, the Lions Christmas cakes and puddings are now available for purchase at various businesses around Walcha.

The range includes traditional 1kg Christmas cakes, 900g Christmas puddings and smaller bite-sized cakes, perfect for enjoying over the festive season or giving as gifts.

With the cakes and puddings proving popular year after year, locals are encouraged to get in early to avoid missing out.

The Christmas treats are available from Walcha Telecottage, Walcha Post Office, Cross Bros Butchery, Coffee Window, Commonwealth Bank and Regional Australia Bank.

By purchasing a Lions Christmas cake or pudding, locals are also supporting the Walcha Lions Club and the work they do within the community.

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Walcha Show Society President's Report 2026

By Angus Monie

It is with great pleasure to present the President's Report for 2025/26. Our 148th Walcha Show!

I would like to acknowledge and thank our Walcha Show Society Patrons, Peter Sendall and Don Murchie OAM. Also our Vice Presidents Daniel Kermode, Sam Lisle, Josh Lockyer, Jock Fletcher and Greg Stier. Their support and work ethic towards the staging of the Walcha Show is outstanding.

To our Secretary, Dale Webber. Dale is the heart of our Show Committee and without her, everything would stop beating. Her dedication to the Show Office is exemplary and her attention to detail is truly amazing. Thank you, Dale.

I would like to congratulate our Chief Stewards and Stewards from each section around the Show Grounds. The committee's support to each sector is unbelievable, the livestock and rural produce is amazing, and the arts and crafts are out of this world!

Our Sponsors' support is continually outstanding. I would like to make special mention of Origin Energy for contributing $15,000 to our 2026 Show which is truly appreciated by the Walcha Show Society and the Walcha community. Our Sponsors mean we can run a financially successful Show and provide entertainment and community services such as:

- The Skin Check Truck – 120 appointments over 2 days, 7 melanomas detected.
- Dinkum Dinosaur Puppet Show for the young and young at heart.
- Blacksmith Demonstration which drew large crowds all weekend.

Thank you again to all our Sponsors, your support is invaluable to the success of our Show.

The Young Woman Competition Final this year was held at Warialda. Our finalist, Katie Cummins, was outstanding. Thank you to Katie for being such an impressive candidate. A special shout out to her fiancé, Will Jamieson, and her family for supporting her at the Zone Final. A special welcome to our next Young Woman representative, Jess Cheers and we wish Jess good luck in January at the final in Glen Innes.

The Walcha Show 13-14 March 2026 unfortunately started the day before with a Work Safe inspection. The result was that we received a prohibition notice which removed all carparks around the main arena. Timing was far from ideal, but the committee moved quickly to minimize the effect of losing 100 car parks on the eve of our Show. Further discussion as alternatives for next show are still in progress.

The Show opened on Friday evening by Northern Tablelands member, Brendan Moylan. Our Friday show is action packed for the Agricultural student with junior judging of sheep and cattle and school students competing in the horse events in the main arena.

Lu and Jarch from Triple M were broadcasting their radio show live from Walcha. Their promotion of Walcha was heard all over Australia. They tried their hands at flower arranging, blacksmithing, bull riding for Lu and cake making and decorating. All these events were broadcasted on their prime-time radio show so was amazing exposure for our town.

One of the highlights of the Show was the Men's Cake section auction raising $4,500 for local charities. Special mention to Lu and Jarch as their cakes made almost $2,000.00, purchased by their crew and main sponsor. The money was donated to the Men's Shed, the Walcha Support Group and The Friends of Riverview, each receiving $1,500. It's so great that the Walcha Show can give back to the community as the community gives so much to the Show.

Finally, to works done around the Showground:

- New entry gate kiosk. $10.000 grant achieved with the help of the office of Brendan Moylan.
- Blinds to complete the BBQ shed seating area – RAS Foundation grant.
- A grant for a new computer for the Show office.

Thank you to the Photography Club for taking photos and videos of the Show and Showgrounds for use as an historical record of our Show and the events that took place at Walcha's 148th annual Show.

Finally, a massive thank you to the Walcha Show Society for entrusting me as President for another year. It is always so satisfying to be part of an organization that is such an integral part of the Walcha community.

Walcha Show Society Announces Executive Team for 2026–27

The Walcha Show Society has announced its Executive Team for the 2026–27 year, following the recent election of office bearers.

Ross King has been appointed President, with Daniel Kermode continuing in the role of Senior Vice President and Angus Monie appointed as Treasurer. Continuing on the Executive Team as Vice Presidents are Jock Fletcher, Sam Lisle, Josh Lockyer and Greig Stier.

The Executive Team will oversee the Society's activities and preparations for the 2027 Walcha Show, continuing its important work in supporting and promoting the local agricultural community and the region's proud agricultural show tradition.

The Walcha Show Society congratulates all elected members and wishes them every success in their respective roles for the 2026–27 year.

Quota Quips

The last few months for the Quota Club of Walcha have been especially exciting.

The most exciting thing was welcoming two new members, Kylie and Jennifer to our club. Both of these ladies are full of enthusiasm and are looking forward to becoming a part of our Club's service and social activities.

We had a morning tea at the Walcha Bar and Grill and enjoyed meeting friends new and old who are interested in Quota.

The Feast of Fabulous Fashion Ladies Day Out at the Bowling Club was great success with some fashions from our great boutiques in town. Many of us added to our Summer wardrobes. The food was delicious and the company outstanding. We added a little international twist to the day with Liz Foster's Fleece to Fashion parade and Jo Barr showed us some beautifully crafted felt hats. The financial success of the day enables the Quota Club to continue supporting our town and its people in so many ways.

On a sad notes we have to say goodbye to one of our members, Di Bazeley. Di has been a Quota member for twenty years. She has held many positions in the Club, she has been a generous hostess to many events held at her home and she has a wicked sense of humor and is guaranteed to raise a smile and laugh. We celebrated her friendship with an afternoon tea held at the Royal Cafe. This was also attended by some of her other friends from her wide range of interests.

The Quota Club welcomes new members and anyone interested in coming to meeting to see what we are all about is most welcome. Just see one of our members. We meet once a month on the first Wednesday of the month at the Bowling Club. Our meeting start at 5.30pm, we have an early dinner and are usually home by 7.30pm. We would love to see you.

Home-grown charity wins statewide award



Local Armidale charity, New England Family Support Service, won the small to medium-size organisation's award for excellence and impact at NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS) awards in Sydney on Tuesday 27 October. New England Family Support Service, formerly Armidale Family Support, is over 35-years old. The charity provides 10 funded programs across New England Northwest, supporting children, young people and families experiencing hardship and disadvantage. General Manager, Anne Rix, says families and individuals across the region are now facing 'all the horsemen of the apocalypse; spiralling cost-of-living, excessive fuel costs, drug and alcohol addiction, increasing rates of domestic and family violence and a major crisis with a lack of emergency and affordable housing'. She echoed NCOSS CEO, Cara Varian's remarks, that the charity and not-for profit sector is remarkable for the level of trust it establishes with individuals and local communities. Anne said, 'Most of our referrals are self-referrals, from people who have heard about how New England Family Support can help. We are so grateful for the high level of trust people have in our service. We can't help people unless they walk with us. It's getting towards the end of the year, people are facing increasing hardship, and all our teams are feeling a bit tired. This award recognises the efforts of our local NGOs and their dedicated workers. It's great recognition for a regional charity. It gives us all heart to keep going and do the very best for our place and our people.

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what's the goss

with AJ Cross

A service to celebrate the life of former Walcha resident Nick Clonan will be held at the Tamworth Jockey Club and Function Centre on Monday 23rd of November at 12 noon. Family and friends are warmly invited to attend to celebrate the colourful life of the man better known as 'Fox' with one request - no ties please as he wouldn't have worn one. May Nicholas 'Fox' Clonan rest in peace.

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Congratulations to local equestrian Marlee Wall on her selection in the NSW Intermediate Ladies U/21 team to compete in Darwin next June. Talk about a 'have horse will travel', that will certainly be a lengthy road trip for Team Wall and horse 'Jenkins Watchman' affectionally called 'Watchy'.

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Congratulations are also in order for local junior rugby player Ethan Olrich on his selection in the Northern NSW Under-14's rugby team to compete in the Teagan Miller Cup residential camp at the UNE next January 13th - 17th. The statewide Youth Development Program is expected to attract around 650 young rugby players across five different age groups for both boys and girls. Go Gettum Ethan!

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Luck is something I experienced at both ends of the scale last week - good and bad. On Tuesday, before the Melbourne Cup was run I opened some sweep tickets purchased from the Bowling Club which revealed No. 9 in both the $5 and $2 sweeps. Sadly that horse 'Asterix' was scratched but no need to worry at least I'd get my money back - wrong again, the fine print on the front of the ticket said 'no refund for scratching'.

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Didn't take long for that luck to change from bad to good because last Friday night at the B.C. my number 13 was drawn out in the new Seafood Raffle, a sizeable tray which took some of our family members a couple of days to consume. Don't worry there were plenty of considerate people willing to give us a hand but not required. Thumbs up to organiser 'Disco' Dave.

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Great to catch up with my fellow Kangaroo's tourists Kel Tonkin, her partner 'Bretto' Coombes and her father Dennis who called into Walcha last Sunday on their way home to Queensland after attending the New Zealand/ Tonga, world cup semi-final in Newcastle. Hard to believe 12 months ago we were in England together.

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Still on the World Cup what a performance by the Fijian womens team against red hot favourites Australia in their semi-final where they held the hosts to 8 all at halftime in Sydney last Sunday. Go the Aussies in both finals this Sunday.

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Best of luck to former Walcha Roughrider Tyson Smith when he competes in the Professional Bull Riders Championships Grand Finals where 30 cowboys face off in Townsville this weekend. Fairway to travel to be bucked by a bull Tyson.

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The weekly 777's went off at the Newie last Saturday after Willy Brennan correctly selected 'Lazzura' at Rosehill, 'Tequila Baby' at Eagle Farm and 'Autumn Glow' at Flemington all in Race 7 at those venues. Its been a good run for the Brennans as Willy's much better half Janelle won the competition a couple of months ago and no doubt assisted with advice last Saturday.

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Regular 777's tipster Anne Martin was fairly excited last Saturday when she suggested the jackpot had risen to $777 which wasn't quite the case as it was $322. Anne was looking at the competition name not the jackpot amount which wasn't on the board at the time.

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Around the same time Mark 'Turbo' Peters was explaining to those people interested that the reading glasses he had with him were Bifocal and had three lenses. When I suggested to my across the street neighbor that his glasses would then be in fact Trifocal his reply was along the lines of 'If I read about that this week I'll blow your mailbox up.' 'Turbo' did have his tongue firmly planted in his cheek at the time but if our mailbox is tampered with, at least well have a suspect.

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Tennis News

Round 2 of the 26 Spring Comp was played out on Tues the 3rd of Nov in chilly conditions.
Our top four groups are: 1-Hyde Thomson on 51, 2-Jock Rutherford, Andrew Blomfield and Chris Bruce on 36, 3- Wyatt Hayton and Scott Withers on 35 and 4- Michael Lockyer on 35. Well done to these players.
Thanks to our floaters who keep the train on the tracks: Dave Healey, Axel Blomfield and Trevor Gibson.
Emma Wauch has Junior Tennis going in leaps and bounds. We have around 40 players in the Sat Morning coaching events which is amazing for a town of our size. A huge thanks to all the Mums and Dads that help Emma on the day and bring goodies for the canteen. See you all at the net soon.

Ladies Bowls

Continuation of the Ivy Makeham Memorial Singles Trophy had Lee McCoy winning against Marie Spink 16-10. Tomorrow all going well Lyn Burnell will play Jan Cross in the Ivy Makeham Trophy. Marker Lee McCoy. The winner of that game will play Lee McCoy the following week. In a social game Wendy Moore and Pam Makeham had a close score against Margaret Morris and Margaret Tickle 10-8. Please keep in mind our street stall this Friday 13 November. Our Christmas party is on Thursday 10 December with mixed bowls being played in the morning. Please put your name and invited guests on the board by 3 December. There will be social bowls tomorrow 9.00am for 9.30am start.

Wednesday Golf

Wednesday last saw us playing a stroke game, along with the monthly mug and putting, for a trophy donated by New Birds. The winner with a nett score of 73 was Polly Locke, closely followed by Julie Olrich with a 74 nett and Margaret Davidson with 76 nett.
Julie Olrich also had the nearest the pins under control winning both. The first on Hole 3 and the second shot on Hole 18. Pauline Carter was on fire around the greens with only 22 putts.
The monthly mugs were won by Polly Locke - Division 1, Pip Monie - Division 2, and Robyn Salt- Division 3.
The Armidale Jug last weekend was contended by some 200 players including several Walcha players.
Cark Street and her sister in law Tempe Onus from Quirindi, were successful in the 4BBB on the Sunday, coming in third with 43 points, and they also won the teams event.
Bec Hall and Maddie Lance are in charge of the trophy this week for a game of Stableford.

At the Nineteenth

Club Captain Willy Brennan came home with a wet sail to win the patrons (Margaret Davidson) trophy played over two rounds after trailing by seven stableford points after 18 holes.
Although he was counted out for the daily prize by Col Berry on 39 points last Sunday, where Robert Crichton Barr was the trophy donor, the overall winner racked up 71 pts (32,39) to round up halfway mark leader Mata Matapakia 68 (39,29) by three points over the 36 holes.
Sweepstakes went to Will Nicholls 37, Wayne Brennan 36, Jock McLaren, Drew Bird, Tu Maaka, Penny King and Mitch Crawford all on 34.
Sharpest shooters at the pins were Col Berry (3), Simeon Cross (9), Will Brennan (16) and Drew Bird (18).
In Match Play Jock McLaren defeated Miles Archdale 2 up.
The closing round of the Patrons trophy attracted 35 players which was much better than the 10 who teed off in the opening round.
Last Saturday Jock McLaren accumulated 17 points to win the weekly 9 hole competition, Runner Up was Jenny Lisle on 15 after counting out Lorraine Rennie also on 15. N.T.P on 3 went to Jenny Lisle.
This Sunday is the Monthly Mug where Vicki Heffernan is in charge of supplying the prize.

Cricket

Walcha/Uralla 3rd Grade defeated Ex Services Blue in a nail biter just 3 runs when Round 4 of their Armidale District competition was played here at Peter Fenwicke Oval last Saturday.
The homeside won the toss and batted where they advanced to 49 runs without loss after 13 overs but then lost 10 wickets while adding just another 50 runs to total 99 all out.
Openers Nick Endacott 34 runs and Brian Muggsy 13 along with Blaine Moore 16 were only batsmen to reach double figures.
In reply the visitors seemed to be cruising at 2 for 59 in their 16th over before losing 8 wickets for 35 runs to fail their assignment by 3 runs according to play cricket statistics.
First change bowler Josh Wearne lead the homeside bowling capture 5 wickets at a cost of 28 runs off his 8 overs, Brett Dwyer snared 2 for 6 while openers Stephen Bishop and Matt Tasik both picked up a wicket each as did Tomas Morley.
This Saturday 3rd Grade take on Ex-Services Maroon at Rologas Oval No 1 in Armidale whereas Walcha/Uralla 1st Grade do battle with City/UNE here at Peter Fenwicke Oval after coming off their Round 4 Bye.

Walcha/Uralla v Ex Services 3rd Grade

Walcha/Uralla

N ENDACOTT b B Smith.....34
B MUGGSY lbw B Smith.....13
B DWYER lbw B Smith.....3
J WEARNE c G Kennedy b A Worthington.....7
B MOORE lbw M Conroy.....16
T MORLEY b A Worthington.....2
S BISHOP b B Smith.....1
M TASIK b M Conroy.....3
B JEX b M Conroy.....0
S HASLEM n.o.....4
J YOUNG c G Kennedy b A Worthington.....6
Total 99. Extras 10 – Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkt) P Pilcher 3-0-14-0, H Biemans 4-0-3-0, Z Wotten 2-0-12-0, M Conroy 8-0-13-3, B Smith 8-1-20-4-0, A Worthington 5-0-24-3-0, G Kennedy 1-0-1-0.

Ex Services

G KENNEDY c&b S Bishop.....3
B SMITH b J Wearne.....33
W GOODARE c J Young b T Morley.....7
M WOTTEN b M Tasik.....1
P PILCHER b J Wearne.....10
A WORTHINGTON c&b B Dwyer.....13
M CONROY lbw J Wearne.....0
J MARSHALL b J Wearne.....4
H BIEMANS c N Endacott b B Dwyer.....1
J PILCHER c S Haslem b J Wearne.....4
Z WOTTEN n.o.....1
Total 96. Extras 19 – Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkt) S Bishop 5-1-12-1, M Tasik 4-1-13-1, J Wearne 8-1-28-5, T Morley 3-1-13-1, B Dwyer 2.1-1-6-2, J Young 3-0-22-0.

Bowls

Thursday results: Barry Kliendienst & John McCormack defeated Noel Goodwin & Geoff Salt 15/9. Barry Hoad & Ross Ballinger defeated Alan Kirby & Tony Batterham 15/9. Barry & Ross won the vouchers.
One A Grade singles match played, Kyle Goodwin had a good win over Mat Hamel 31 to13.

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Beloved wife of Geoff (deceased), loving mother & mother-in-law of Karen & Peter, Anne & John, Scott & Melanie, and a much loved Nanny King and Great Nanny King of their families.

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Anthea Nivison, Board Secretary.

Raffle Results

RSL Stall held 6th Nov. 1st Olive Chandler, 2nd Peter Lisle and 3rd Bec Hall. Thank you for your support.

Save The Date

Christmas Carols at the Presbyterian Church Sunday 20th December 7pm. "Light in the Darkness.

DEADLINE FOR STORIES AND ADVERTS
Monday 4.30pm

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- To the wonderful ladies who came to entertain us on Saturday at Riverview. Great show!
- To Evie Hayton for her wonderful singing. You have a wonderful voice.
- To the Council Gardeners for the red poppies on the memorials in town.
- To Linmac Co. - Lisa and James, for my new ride on mower. Love it!
- To the Rams Rugby Club members who did such a great job for me
- To Daniel & Carnie Kermode and Margaret & Bruce Davidson for always checking up on my wife.
- To the two community nurses at Walcha hospital for their care during my son's visits over the past seven weeks. Their professionalism and friendliness were excellent.
- To Linmac Engineering for execptional customer service. Love the new electric mower!
- To Michelle at the Bowling Club for her excellent customer service Friday night.
- To Lilly at the Bowling Club for always being so friendly and welcoming behind the bar.
- To the continuing loss of experienced Council staff and the resulting loss of valuable institutional knowledge. This is costly for our community/ratepayers and concerning for the future of local services.
- To the people who ride their bikes and scooters on the foot path you are going too fast! and someone might get hurt.

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