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Walcha Businesses celebrated at inaugural awards

Walcha's business community came together on Saturday 14 November for the inaugural Walcha Business Awards, celebrating the achievements, innovation and contributions of local businesses, organisations and the people behind them.

Held at the Walcha Sports Club, the evening brought together business owners, employees and community representatives for a night of recognition, celebration and plenty of good humour.

Hosted by the Walcha Business Group, the awards provided an opportunity to shine a light on the diversity and strength of Walcha's business community, recognising the important role local businesses play in supporting the town and surrounding district.

Six judged categories were presented, with an independent panel of experienced small business professionals, the majority from outside the area, assessing the nominations.

The award winners were:

- **Business Excellence** - Business to Business: Graytill Engineering
- **Business Excellence** - Business to Consumer: Cross Bros Butchery
- **New and Emerging Business** - Sheetal's Kitchen
- **Community Organisation** - Walcha Telecottage
- **Outstanding Employee** - Joscisca Matapakia from Walcha Telecottage
- **Young Business Leader** - Kyanah Beelitz from The Coffee Window

Highly Commended recognition was also awarded to thebigblackbuilding in the Business to Consumer category and Logan Stace (from Coffee to Go) in the Young Business Leader category.

The formal awards were complemented by a series of light-hearted, unofficial awards, celebrating some of the personalities, characters and behind-the-scenes contributions that make Walcha's business community what it is.



Joscisca Matapakia and Kersten Wall from Walcha Telecottage with Kristian Schmidt at the Awards

Walcha local Sam Martin kept the evening moving as MC, bringing plenty of personality to proceedings, while guests enjoyed a meal prepared by local business Thunderbirds Cafe. Music from Tamworth musician Chris White rounded out the evening, providing an opportunity for guests to relax, celebrate and enjoy each other's company.

A special feature of the awards was the locally crafted trophies, made by 'Wood We Create' from Claret Ash timber sourced from Walsh Street and personalised by Etcht, providing a fitting local touch to the occasion.

The Walcha Business Group congratulates all finalists, highly commended recipients and winners, and thanks the judges, sponsors Wild Rivers Distillery and Wood We Create, and everyone who helped make the inaugural event possible.

The awards are intended to become a regular opportunity to recognise local business achievements and celebrate the people who contribute so much to Walcha. While the evening recognised individual success, it was ultimately a celebration of the strength of the business community as a whole.

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around the traps

By MAT LARKINGS

If you've been lucky enough to get under a few storms, you've done quite well. Some places have had two or three falls over the past week and picked up more than 40 mm. The ground is still a long way from wet in places, but there's enough grass to slow the runoff and it's growing like the wind. Hasn't the country changed in a month? Some of those storms have been wild. We've had plenty of hail locally, and Wauchope copped so much last Wednesday that parts of town looked like they'd had snow. There were trees down and roofs damaged across the district. South West Rocks was more like Tornado Alley in the great plains of the States, roofs lost and caravans flipped on their sides with a massive clean up ahead of them this week. The coast has copped some of the worst of it lately, but a storm can do plenty of damage wherever it lands. This warm stormy weather is a good reason to keep an eye out for flystrike and watch how your sheep are doing for worms.

While there's grass in front of the stock, it's a good time to look at buying a bit of hay. There's plenty around with good feed test results. If you've got the shed space to keep it dry, you've got time to compare the feed tests and work out what it'll cost landed. It's a lot easier to be picky about hay when you don't need a truckload by Friday.

Rabobank came out this week tipping Australia to produce and export about 3 per cent more beef in 2027. That's on top of an expected 7 per cent lift in production this year. Rabo's call rests on a large national herd and the prospect of a drier season bringing more cattle forward. They're expecting average carcase weights to level out, so most of the extra beef would come from more cattle going through the works. MLA took a different view in September and tipped the adult kill to ease from 9.6 million head this year to 9.2 million next year.

The overseas side matters, particularly if you're selling cows. Rabo expects world beef production to edge lower for a second year running. Cattle supplies in the US are still tight, and American demand for lean beef to go into mince has helped support our processor cow prices. China is one to keep an eye on too. Rabo predicts Australia could fill its beef quota there by around May, which could mean finding another home for some of that beef.

Last week's worldwide Microsoft outage showed how much we rely on these systems to run a business. We could do sweet bugger all in the way of billing or invoicing while it was down. It reminded me of the Telstra outage when payWave stopped working. For all the time these systems save us, one thing goes wrong and half the jobs you had lined up for the day have to wait.

Sheep and lambs. Monday's sale drew 4,200 head, made up of 2,350 lambs and 1,850 sheep. Buyers were keen on new-season store lambs, while the unfinished old-season lambs made for a cheaper market across much of the yarding. New-season lambs at 20–26 kg carcase weight made $245–$300, and the 26–30 kg lambs made $298–$322. The best heavy suckers reached $360. Old-season trade lambs were about $5 cheaper, with the 20–24 kg lambs making $234–$250. Mutton went the other way. There were some better lines of heavy sheep on offer and most grades were $10–$15 dearer, helped by the extra weight and quality. Heavy crossbred ewes made $258–$290 and the best of the extra-heavy mutton reached $320.

Cattle. Tamworth had about 300 more cattle than the previous Monday and the market was generally dearer. Feeder steers gained 5c/kg to average 580c and topped at 608c. Feeder heifers were 7c better, averaging 536c and reaching 567c. There weren't many light restocker steers about, and those on offer made 597–654c/kg. The lighter processor cows picked up around 10c/kg or better in places, making 370–398c, while heavy four-score cows held firm at 400–444c/kg.

Walcha & District Historical Society Clothing Display

For our final fundraising event of the year, members of the Society have dug into our extensive clothing collection and will have a Vintage Clothing Display at Vicki and Peter McIvor's home.

Visitors can view the vintage garments dating from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

The items have been donated by families in the district. However, sometimes our records are sketchy. Items arrive in a trunk with a family's name on it, but no further details. Others are donated with no information at all. If anyone recognises any of the garments, we would love to hear more about their history.

We will feature our most recent acquisition: a 1959 wedding dress and flower girl dress donated by Judy Meredith (née Leah). Judy donated the dresses, photographs and wedding invitation of her half-sister, Joyce Armstrong (née Leah). Joyce married Don Armstrong on 7 April 1959 and lived at "Bendee", Walcha, where they raised their two sons.

Other items on display include nineteenth century dresses from the Tia River Collection; a 1960s afternoon tea dance frock and cream silk net cocktail dress; as well as children's wear and miscellaneous lingerie.

We hope you can come along and enjoy our display and light lunch on Saturday 5 December, 11-2pm, 51N Middle Street. Cost - $30.00 per person

Melanie Oppenheimer, President

Bikes, bands, a ball and lots more this weekend

This weekend it is the first Walcha bikers ball. Organisers have invited bike riders to come to town and do as much or as little as they would like.

The Walcha Caravan Park are hosting a massive day on the Saturday with a Show-N-Shine at 11.30am, tattoo competitions and family fun with kids games and live music from 6pm. At 10am a town ride is planned from the Caravan Park.

The Walcha Bowling Club will be having a sing a long with Disco Dave on Thursday night and the bistro will open at 6pm. On Friday night some classic pub rock music, like it used to be, entertaining locals and visitors with T & R Band from 9pm, a country rockin, honky tonkin rocking blues dance band.



More entertainment on Saturday night at the Bowling Club with the ball and music by Dank Hank and The Hot Ones, fuel injected blues rock to get everyone dancing. Belle of the Ball prizes and activities all planned for a great night out.

All local pubs will have great food on offer. The Commercial Hotel and the Royal Cafe will both be open with live music on the Saturday afternoon.

A great weekend to be in Walcha for locals and visitors.

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Action at the Walcha Showground this weekend with the Walcha Junior Rodeo & Campdraft

In 2024 the Glowalman Championships brought their event to Walcha due to flooding in the Wingham, Gloucester and Nabiac area and this is where it all started.

Walcha Junior Rodeo and Campdraft Inc. is a new committee formed by five local campdraft draft and pony club committees. The five committees are Couatwong Creek, Woolbrook Stampede, Walcha Pony Club, the Walcha Jackpot Campdraft Club and Walcha Golden Gate Campdraft Commitee.

This weekend children will be competing for the Ross Green all rounder Cowgirl and Cowboy trophy buckles. They will need to be competing and score in both the campdraft and the rough stock arena.

There have been overwhelming entries for the junior rodeo which is on Saturday afternoon starting at 2pm. Campdrafting and Sporting will be run over Saturday and Sunday from 7am. Also on the Saturday there will be a time trial.

In honour of Ross Green who was a long time member of the Campdrafting and Pony Club community, the club will be supporting the Mark Hughes Foundation and Beanies for Brain Cancer.

You are invited to come down to the grounds and watch this action packed weekend. The bar will be open Friday and Saturday night. Canteen will be run by the Walcha Rugby Club and will be open all



Markets this Saturday at the Park

This Saturday's Walcha Farmers' Market promises to be packed with local food and artisan stalls, with only two markets to go before Christmas. Produce will include mushrooms, goat dairy products, trout, condiments, honey, flavoured salts and mustards.

There will be fresh vegetables and eggs on the community stall. Depending on river conditions, oysters will also be available. If you're looking for a treat for morning tea, you'll find biscuits, cakes and slices, and there'll be a Christmas cake stall. If you're peckish at the market, try some Thai food or something from the Rotary BBQ, along with a coffee.

Ahead of Christmas, there will be more stalls offering gifts, decorations, and art inspired by our local landscape. You can also stock up on natural products for your body and bathroom.There's always room for another plant in the garden from our nursery stalls, and perhaps an artistic garden ornament, too. The Men's Shed and Historical Society will be in attendance, along with council information on weeds.

The farmers' market is on this Saturday from 8.30 to 12.30 in McHatten Park. Please bring any excess from your garden or kitchen to the community stall to be sold for a small commission.

Great night at the business awards







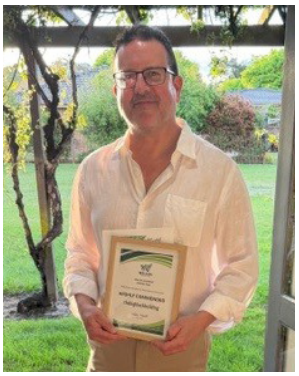


Left: Logan Stace accepts his award. Robyn O'Neil represting Graytill Engineering. Sheetal from Sheetal's Kitchen.

Above: Award winners.







Above: Shaun and John Cross form Cross Bros Butchery. Adam from thebigblackbuilding.

Top Right: Kyanah Beelitz from The Coffee Window with Kristian Schmidt

Congratulations to all the award winners. Just a special mention to the Walcha Telecottage ladies, well done. A great community organisation to have in a small town, so make sure we all keep supporting them.

A challenge at times working there with such a variety of tasks. Also we all love our Apsley Advocate that the ladies produce weekly.

This weeks fill-in at the Telecottage and former employee.
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Have you heard? Oversize truck roadworks could affect Walcha township.

Most people know the New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) transmission project could affect rural landholders. But its roadworks and construction traffic could also affect Walcha township, and anyone travelling to Armidale, Uralla or Tamworth.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released by EnergyCo about the transmission lines lists road works along a Uralla–Walcha route for oversize and overmass (OSOM) deliveries, and near the Central South Hub (and remember this is all just about the transmission lines all of this will increase exponentially in our region if we add wind, solar and battery projects).

Road works listed in the EIS

Road or section	Works listed
New England Highway / Staces Road	Hardstand; utility, sign and fence relocation; vegetation removal
Staces Road	Hardstand; utility, sign and fence relocation; vegetation removal
New access road linking Staces Road to Thunderbolts Way	Hardstand; sign and utility relocation; vegetation removal
Thunderbolts Way / Darjeeling Road	Hardstand; utility and sign relocation
Darjeeling Road	Hardstand; fence and gate relocation; vegetation removal
Darjeeling Road / Saleyards Road	Hardstand; utility and sign relocation
Oxley Highway / Saleyards Road	Hardstand; utility, fence and sign relocation
Central South Hub access road from Oxley Highway	Hardstand; fence and utility relocation; vegetation removal

This tells us the type of work, but not how big each work area will be, how long it will take, or what traffic controls will be used. Those details matter.

What is hardstand?

Hardstand is a firm surface of compacted gravel, crushed rock, asphalt or concrete, built where the ground is too soft or uneven for heavy vehicles. For OSOM trucks it can give extra room to turn, pull over or pass. But the word alone doesn't tell us where it goes, how big it is, or what it affects. EnergyCo should publish detailed plans for each road section and intersection.

What it could mean for Walcha.

The route runs along Darjeeling Road past the cemetery, then on to Saleyards Road near the golf course, before reaching the Oxley Highway and the Central South Hub access. Residents should ask EnergyCo and the road authorities:

- Could construction or OSOM movements disrupt funerals or access to the cemetery?
- How will cemetery visitors get in and out safely?
- What changes are planned at the Darjeeling Road–Saleyards Road bend so OSOM trucks can turn?
- How will access to the golf course, properties and local roads be kept open?
- What traffic controls, warning signs and delays should we expect?
- Who will inspect and repair road damage from construction and heavy deliveries?

OSOM trucks turning at intersections or using narrow roads can cause delays and safety risks. We need route maps, turning-path assessments and traffic management plans, not just a list of works.

Construction traffic adds to the load.

OSOM deliveries are only part of the picture. The EIS expects around 53 high-risk OSOM movements across the transmission project alone, plus heavy daily traffic to and from worker camps and work sites at the peak of construction (again please remember this doesn't include project impacts also)

Source of traffic (EIS Tables 3.6 and 3.7)	**Movements per day**
Camp 4: Central South Hub, Oxley Highway, Walcha Road	566
Camp 5: Central Hub A, Glenburnie Road, Kentucky	1,316
Armidale to camps and work sites	46
Tamworth to camps and work sites	198
Total of these figures	2,126

These numbers need explaining. Does a "movement" mean a one-way trip? Are they peak-day figures? Which vehicles and roads do they include? And do they allow for normal local traffic, school buses, farm vehicles, emergency access and other construction projects?

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What the community should ask for.
Before any roadworks or OSOM deliveries go ahead, EnergyCo should provide:

1. Detailed maps and designs for every road treatment and OSOM route.
2. Traffic and turning assessments for the New England Highway, Staces Road, Thunderbolts Way, Darjeeling Road, Saleyards Road and the Oxley Highway.
3. A clear assessment of delays and safety risks, including for cemetery services and access.
4. Construction schedules and traffic management plans, with advance notice to residents and businesses.
5. Road condition surveys before and after the works, and a clear commitment to repair any damage not left to our council
6. An explanation of the daily traffic figures: assumptions, vehicle types and routes.
7. A cumulative impact assessment when they add projects such as wind, solar, batteries and data centre construction to our roads.

Have your say.
These roadworks and the extra traffic are not a minor detail. Walcha residents deserve to know how they could affect everyday travel, community facilities, local businesses and road safety.
The EIS is on exhibition until 26 November 2026. You can read the documents and make a submission through the NSW Planning Portal, and we encourage you to raise the questions above. If you need help, email whcg.info@gmail.com.

Walcha High Country Guardians

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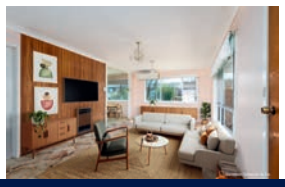
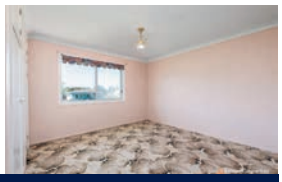
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- To IGA for their Tiger prawns and fresh fruit salad available.
- To Samantha (Sam) for reaching the milestone of 20 years behind the counter at the Walcha Post Office. Congratulations and well done.
- To the Walcha Aero Club for maintaining the aerodrome and organising hay making to utilise the grass and make the whole area look so neat and welcoming.
- To Sally at the Walcha Hospital for her care and professionalism on Sunday evening.
- To the Walcha Business group for all the organising of the business awards and a great night.
- To those who don't know the road rules and park too close to the corners making it hard to see when approaching the corners.
- To the smokers who throw their cigarette buts off the smoking verandah on to the footpath in front of the Apsley Hotel. It looks awful and you are littering. I am sure the Apsley Hotel provide ash trays for you to use. Use them don't let them wash into our waterways.

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what's the goss

with AJ Cross

Last Thursday a tragic boating accident occurred at Fishermans Reach near South West Rocks which claimed the life of Josh Foreman son of former Darks Plumbing employee Mark Foreman and his wife Sheri. Sadly Josh's 2 year old son Nixen was airlift by chopper to John Hunter Hospital where he is fighting for his life. Our thoughts are with the Foreman Family.

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On a much lighter note there will be no shortage of action here in town this weekend where live music and plenty of other activities will be on offer at both the Caravan Park and Bowling Club when the inaugural 'Bikers Ball' takes place. Good luck to the organisers.

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There has been lots of conversation about 'Sandpaper Gate', the 2018 Australian ball tampering scandal which occurred in South Africa especially after ex-Aussie batsman Usman Khawaja launched his autobiography 'Sabr' recently. Somewhere between his account of what happened and current captain Pat Cummins recollection is the truth because the pair certainly disagree with each other on the subject. Having opened the bowling for the majority of my career spanning over 40 seasons (both junior and senior) it is laughable to suggest that you wouldn't know if the ball was being tampered with.

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Plenty of friends and family helped former Queenslander Willy Brennan celebrate his 70th birthday at the New England Hotel last Saturday after quite a few of the attendees enjoyed a few holes of golf that morning. The amazing thing about the whole show was that Willy had no idea his much better half Janelle had organised the big surprize which went off perfectly.

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Hard to believe Willy, Peter Norbury and myself celebrated our 50th birthday together at the Golf Club in 2006 two decades ago. Despite being the youngest member of the trio Willy maintains he is the 'most mature' despite 'Granite' being the oldest.

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Tasmanian visitors Peter and Michelle Flett made some unexpected friends here in Walcha recently while on a trip from Coffs Harbour to Castle Rock part of their trek back to the 'Apple Isle'. Unfortunately for the 'Dynamic Duo' their Toyota Series Cruiser broke down near town and was unable to be fixed during the two weeks they remained here in town where they enjoyed a few regular beverages at the Apsley Arms Hotel with some of the locals. Most people would be slightly irritated to be informed it was going to cost $10,000 to ship their vehicle home but if Peter and Michelle were they certainly weren't showing it.

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Well done to Walcha roughrider Tyson Smith who competed in the 2026 Professional Bull Riders Grand Finals at Townsville last weekend where he finished 5th overall out of 30 competitors. Tyson rode time on two out of three of his opening rounds bulls, 'Marshmallow' in the opening round and 'Honey Hole' in Rd 3 but 'Bar Tender' (Rd 2) and 'Hancock' (final) couldn't be tamed during his other two outings.

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Local Snooker player Adam Dark is a member of the Ram Bams team, which also includes another Walcha player Clint Davey, who have advanced to the Armidale District Snooker final next week where they will cue up against either Mac-N-Go or Cue and Brew who played in the preliminary final last night. Good luck Boys.

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Congratulations to talented sportsperson Anne Patterson Kane who was awarded Junior Sportswoman of the Year when the Glennie School she attends in Towoomba held their annual presentations a few days ago. Little wonder why Annie's parents Lisa and 'P.K' are very proud of their daughters achievement. Good on ya Annie.

Tennis News

Round 3 of the 2026 Spring Comp was played out on Tues 10th November in warm conditions.
Our top four are: 1- Hyde Thomson on 72, 2- Andrew Blomfield on 56, 3- Chris Bruce and Jake Wellings on 54 and 4- Ed Blomfield on 52. Well done to these players.
Thanks to our floaters who keep the Comp going: DA Locke, Emily Zordrager and Trevor Gibson.
The next Club meeting will be held on Mon 14th Dec. See you all at the net soon.

Bowls

Thursday Results: Noel Goodwin, Colin & Geoff Salt were defeated by Justin Rasmussen, John McCormack & Tony Batterham 21/11. Brian Goodwin, Yvonne & Alan Kirby defeated Barry Kliendienst, Barry Hoad & Adam Hall 18/8. The cards were very tricky this week fellas !!!
The Pairs champions for this year are Kyle Goodwin & Mat Hamel defeating Barry Kliendienst & Miles Lawrence 18/13. The game was close throughout with Miles & Barry putting in a late spurt but just fell short. Congratulations to all.
Freddie Cameron played his way into the A grade final with a hard fought 31/20 win over Brian Goodwin. It was an outstanding game from the two veteran gladiators. Congratulations.
Fred will now play the winner of Kyle Goodwin & Miles Lawrence in the final.
There are a few sides showing form in the Twilight comp the next few weeks will be interesting.
The curators have the top green looking good for Pasture Wonderland on the 28th & 29th Nov.

Ladies Bowls

A closely contested, but enjoyable game was played in the Ivy Makeham Singles Memorial Trophy with Jan Cross winning against Lyn Burnell 13-12. Jan plays Lee McCoy in the finals tomorrow. Wendy Moore and Janice Rizzi won in another close game against Marie Spink, Carmel Ryan and Margaret Tickle 10-9. Guyra Bowling Club has invited us to a Friendship Day on 1 December. Please put your name on the board by 26 November if you wish to play. 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. Kate Nivison and Bill Mann were the winners of the street stall raffle. Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way towards our very successful street stall. Our monthly meeting is tomorrow commencing 1pm in the clubhouse. There will be social bowls tomorrow 9.00am for 9.30am start.

Wednesday Golf

Bec Hall and Maddie Lance supplied the trophy for our stableford game on Wednesday.
Jenny Lisle was our winner with a great score of 41 points. Lorraine Walshe also with the top score of 41 points was our first sweepstakes winner.
The following sweepstakes were won by Cheryl McDonald with 39, Pip Monie 37 and Julie Hoad 34, counting out Polly Locke with 34.
The Walcha Ladies Pennants team travelled to Guyra on Thursday to play the final against Inverell. Inverell were the winners and congratulations to them. It was a great effort that we made it to the final. Well done girls.
This week we are playing par for Pip Monie's trophy.

At the Nineteenth

The monthly Stroke Medal Round was contested last Sunday for a trophy donated by Vicki Heffernan which attracted 22 players and it was Wayne Brennan who ran at the winner after he carded 70 nett.
The 2017 Walcha Club Champion also registered the best scratch score, a six over par 76, won the A Grade Mug along with hitting the most accurate tee shot on the 16th hole.
B Grade went to Margaret Davidson on 72 nett whereas Sue Partridge won C Grade on 75 nett.
Long drives sponsored by Tony 'Backhand Larry' Asmus were drilled by Lee Fletcher (A Grade), Don Brooks (B) and Tu Maaka (C).
The putting competition was taken out by Miles Archdale after he engaged his flat stick on 22 occasions while the 'Coverted Pink Shirt' for most putts went to Tu Maaka with 34 jabs.
Only one sweepstakes prize was on offer which Miles Archdale collected on 70 nett whereas Michael Stackman (3) and Tu Maaka (9) win the remaining N.T.P.'s.
The 2026 Match Play Champion is Jock McLaren after he rounded up John McCormack 3 and 2 in the final.
Last Saturday 'Molleydooker' Allan Laurie accumulated 18 stableford points to win the weekly 9 hole competition a couple of points clear of Runner Up John McLaren on 16 pts.
N.T.P on 3 went to Jenny Lisle.
This Sunday is a 'Draw for Partners' stableford Round where the Bird Boys Dion and Nixon are in charge of supplying the prizes.

Flippers News

The Walcha Flippers Swimming Club opened their 2026/27 season where 52 swimmers participated last Tuesday many blowing the cobwebs away after missing last season due to major renovations to the Walcha Memorial Baths.
Freestyle, Breastroke and Backstroke events were held over either 25 or 50 metres where nearly all competitors swam better times than what they recorded nearly two years ago.
Registrations are still open for either half or full seasons which can be referenced on the Flippers facebook page for those interested in joining the club.

Cricket

Wet weather caused both Armidale District Cricket matches Walcha/Uralla were involved in to be abandoned last Saturday but there was still some play in both games.
In 1st grade here at Peter Fenwicke Oval Armidale City UNE won the toss and batted where they scored 219 runs at a loss of 5 wickets off their 40 overs.
Leading wicket taker for the homeside was Cooper Boyd who snared 2/47 while Daniel Boyd and Ed Blomfield both claimed a victim each.
Then the rain came and that was all she wrote.
Up at Rologas Oval No 1 Ex Services Maroon won the toss and batted in their 3rd grade fixture compiling 215 runs at a loss of 7 wickets off their 40 overs.
Most successful bowler for the visitors was opener Stephen Bishop who sent down 8 overs to capture 3 for 42 whereas Nathan Laurie, Glen Young, Grant Youll and Jack Young all picked a wicket each.
In reply Walcha/Uralla were 2 for 36 in their 11th over when the game was called off.
This Saturday 1st Grade do battle with Ex Services at the Armidale Regional Sportsground while 3rd Grade take on Hillgrove here at home on Peter Fenwicke Oval.

Walcha/Uralla v Armidale City 1st Grade

Armidale City UNE

C BRENNAN st B Moore b C Boyd.....37
P LYE r.o J Grills & B Moore.....29
A HANSON n.o.....45
A SKINNER c B Moore b C Boyd.....0
S STUBBS c E Blomfield b D Boyd.....83
G TEOMANS st B Moore b E Blomfield.....6
A SCOTT n.o.....5

Total 219. Extras 14 – Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkt) P Boyd 8-1-34-0, G Barnes 4-0-10-0, E Blomfield 7-0-28-1, D Boyd 8-1-42-1, J Grills 6-0-42-0, C Boyd 5-0-47-2, S Little 2-0-14-0.

Walcha/Uralla v Ex Services 3rd Grade

Ex-Services

C FOLDI lbw S Bishop.....4
S ATHIAPPAN PALANISAMY b S Bishop.....14
K PRATER b G Young.....13
J CLEE b S Bishop.....74
K SMITH c S Bishop b G Youll.....35
C VAN DER VEER c B Jex b J Young.....45
PRIVATE PLAYER n.o.....12
R VAN DER VEER c S Bishop b N Laurie.....5
A HILO n.o.....3

Total 215. Extras 10 – Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkt) N Laurie 8-0-42-1, S Bishop 8-0-42-3, G Young 7-1-29-1, M Foster 5-0-27-0, G Youll 3-0-18-1, T Morley 3-0-26-0, J Young 6-0-28-1.

Walcha/Uralla

N ENDACOTT b A Hilo.....6
B MUGGSY b C Van der veer.....14
N LAURIE n.o.....2
S BISHOP n.o.....0

Total 36. Extras 14 – Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkt) C van der Veer 5.2-0-14-1, A Hilo 4-0-20-1, K Prater 1-0-2-0.

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INVITATION - The Walcha & District Historical Society's Vintage Clothing display. Saturday 5th December, 11am – 2pm, 51N Middle Street, Walcha. Viewing & light lunch $30.00 per person. Pay on the day. Ph. Vic 0427 772 950 to book. RSVP by 2nd Dec.

The Barber Shop is closed this Saturday 21st Nov 26.

Meeting Notice

Walcha Technology Co-operative Ltd
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 24 November 2026
5.15pm at Walcha Telecottage
All current members are eligible
to nominate as a Director.
Anthea Nivison, Board Secretary.

Walcha Support Group Inc Thursday 26th November at 1.30 pm WCCC Rooms Middle Street. Relaxation 12.30pm, BYO Lunch 1pm, Meeting 1.30pm. All Welcome.

Public Notice *(cont)*

Walcha Council

Walcha Australia Day Award Nominations - NOW OPEN

Nominations for Walcha Australia Day Awards are available in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year – Age 24 or younger
- Senior Sportsperson of the Year
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year – Age 18 or younger
- Walcha Community Group, Organisation or Community Event

Nomination forms are available on our website: https://walcha.nsw.gov.au/public-notices/ or from Council Office or the Post Office. Please post, email or drop them into the Council.

Nominations CLOSE Friday 8 January 2027.

Hay - Hay - Hay

This weeks clearance of old stock to allow for new stock. Round Bales of Rye Grass $180+GST. Round Bales of Lucerne $200+GST. Small Bales of Lucerne good quality $22+GST. Phone George 0427 018 493. We only sell the best at the best price.

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Monday 4.30pm

Walcha Air strip looks a picture

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November 29 - 9.30am Family Service
followed by church picnic
Anglican Church
Phone 6777 2543
or email: walchaanglican@gmail.com

PRESBYTERIAN

Walcha: every Sunday 9:30am
Youth Group every Saturday 5pm - 7pm, during term.
We'd love for you to join us.
All welcome.
Phone 6777 2539.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass 10.00am

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THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER
Open from midday • Ladies bowls 9 am • Bingo 12:30 pm
Social bowls 1 pm • Bistro from 6 pm • Disco Dave's Sing Along

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER
Open from 3 pm • Bistro from 6 pm • FREE bingo 7:30 pm
Raffles 8 pm • Seafood raffle drawn after the raffles

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS
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$600
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2026/2027 members only • You must be in the club to win

T&R Band 9 pm
Classic pub rock like it used to be
$10 entry • Kids under 18 free

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