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Walcha Junior Rodeo and Campdraft done and dusted

More than 100 young competitors aged between 8 and 21 took to the arena at the Walcha Showground over the weekend for the 2026 Walcha Junior Rodeo and Campdraft.

A major highlight of the weekend was the presentation of the Ross Green Memorial Allround Cowboy and Cowgirl Trophy, with Riley Edwards named the 2026 Allround Cowboy and Montana Thomas named the 2026 Allround Cowgirl. To be eligible for the memorial trophy, competitors were required to record a score in both the campdraft and rough stock arenas.

Local competitors included Thomas McMaugh, Benji Provost, Lucie Saxby, Millie Laurie, Phoebe Grills, Brock Lockyer, Brax Kemp, Ben Lockyer, Mia Goodwin, Lachie Provost, Sarah Swanton, Sybella Miller, Hayden Benson, Harry McMaugh, Cooper Clarke, April Clarke, Harper Clarke, Frederic Nicholls, Jack Provost, Piper Byrne, Mackenzie Gollan, Evie Barwick, William Barwick, Elsie Laurie, Valerie Ham, Joseph Ham, Lindsay Ham, Brock Green, Ava Betts, Poppy Betts, Georgia Nicholls, Jimmy Green, Dusty Gollan, Cliffy Oversby, Lonnie Oversby, Peter Nicholls and Daisy-Ray Kirby

This year's event was brought together by a newly formed committee made up of members from five local campdraft and pony club committees, with the Walcha Rugby Club running the canteen throughout the weekend.

The event was a great display of community spirit, with local committees, volunteers and sponsors coming together to provide opportunities for the next generation of rodeo and campdraft competitors.

Congratulations to all competitors and the newly formed committee on a successful weekend of competition. Full list of results to come next week.



Above: Ross Green's family with winners of the 2026 Allround Cowboy and Cowgirl Riley Edwards and Montana Thomas

Below: Benji Provost 11-14 Mini Bull winner



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around the traps

By SIMON NEWTON

That was the hottest weekend we have put in for quite sometime as the humidity felt like it would brew some storms up, but they never eventuated. Plenty of rain fell in the western parts of NSW with parts such as Bourke and Louth jagging more than 100mm of rain. The week ahead looks good on the forecast with the chance of being under some big falls but they seem to be very isolated along the tablelands. The district has started to go off, and the feed is hardening up which is putting a lot of kilos on the livestock. Rain this week would keep the wheels turning on our season and hopefully run some water, the storms will need to be heavy to create some excess water to get through the grass.

The suppression in housing values is exactly what the government was hoping would happen and allow housing to be more affordable for Australians. Well, I don't think they predicted that investors, first home buyers and families would not invest at all which is what we are seeing throughout the Australian housing market, with some dropping by 15-20% in value. The real issue is that homeowners who purchased at the top of the market now find themselves struggling to make ends meet, tearing up equity left right and centre and not being able to sell a home to cover their debt with the bank. They are saying that people are now less likely to invest in a housing downturn as the fear of purchasing a home on a market that could continue to drop outweighs the positive of being able to afford one. No doubt the housing market will recover at some stage and I'd assume it will move quickly when it does as those who sat on the sideline while they watch the values fall will be hand over fist trying to snap up a bargain.

Cattle on feed have hit another record with 1.677 million head now on the feed bank, a staggering 160,000 head extra to the same period last year. Extra feed yards and expansion has seen the numbers increase with more feed space on the horizon. 70 per cent of the cattle on feed are fed for between 100-200 days which means they would all be destined for the export market. The expansion of feedlots is one of the reasons why we are seeing a buoyant feeder market at present which continues to hold fully firm as the cattle currently heading to the feed yard will hit the slaughter market well into the new year when the backlog of chilled beef should have cleared somewhat.

The cattle saleyard numbers continue to swell as we edge closer to Christmas, and the market shows no signs of weakening. 3900 head of cattle were yarded in Tamworth yesterday while 3600 hd were yarded in Gunnedah on Tuesday. The cattle are presenting in excellent condition with weight paying over the scales. It's been some time since we have seen a market at this time of year as dear as what it is heading into Christmas. The market by all reports is as solid as a rock from the south to the north which leads me to believe that direct consignment numbers are low, or the meat trading business is better than what the whispers are telling me. All classes of cattle sold extremely well yesterday and $1500 per animal does not buy you much anymore. Feeder steers with weight are all making more than $2500, heavy cows with weight nudging $3000 while heavy bulls are romping $4000 in. The ground beef market is exceptional and shows no signs of slowing anytime soon. As I mentioned before, we haven't seen the shortage of cattle from our sell off over the last few years yet and the hang over is still to come with numbers. We continue to talk about the cattle market, and the sheep market is right in the midst of its shortage with breeding females in red hot demand and still breaking records. Although the market for sheep and lamb is as dear as it's ever been we are still not seeing graziers who left the industry for beef head back towards it which tells me it's not all about the money.

Toys for Treatment

Tuesday 1st December 2026

This December, local chiropractor Dr Samantha Goor is joining chiropractors from the Australian Chiropractors Association (ACA) in hosting 'Giving Back' Week to help families in need this Christmas.

Walcha Chiropractic Centre have partnered with The Salvation Army to host Giving Back Week in conjunction with their annual Toys for Treatment Day. The clinic will be asking patients to donate gifts to the value of a consultation in lieu of payment on Tuesday 1st December or donate gifts throughout the week.

The generous donations can be made in the form of new, unwrapped toys, non-perishable food, hygiene products, gift cards or cash donations. There's no limit to how you can help your community this Christmas.

Those without an appointment during the week are also welcome to contribute. Walcha Chiropractic Centre will be receiving donations for the whole week and welcome all donations from the local community.

"Any contribution, whether big or small, will be greatly appreciated and go a long way in helping members of the community in need this Christmas," Dr Samantha Goor said.

These items will be delivered by The Salvation Army in time for Christmas, to less fortunate children and families in the local area, to make their Christmas a truly special one.

"The power to make a child smile and help relieve the burden on a family during Christmas is a great one, so join us this Giving Back Week/Toys for Treatment Day and help us uplift our community this festive season."

For further details please contact Walcha Chiropractic Centre, 109w Fitzroy St, Walcha on 6777 1340. For more information on Giving Back and a list of participating ACA chiropractors around Australia visit www.chiro.org.au/givingback



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Anglican Church Gingerbread decorating

More than 80 ladies and girls gathered at the Anglican Church Hall on Sunday afternoon for the annual gingerbread decorating event. It was a fun afternoon of gingerbread decorating, a delicious afternoon tea and hearing from guest speaker Ellie, who shared how she came to be a follower of Jesus.





We know things are tough right now, but the NSW Government is helping with everyday health expenses.

- NSW GPs with additional training can now prescribe and manage ADHD medication for people aged 6 years and over.
- Free 24/7 health advice from a registered nurse.
- For urgent but not life-threatening illnesses or injuries, you may be able to access urgent care. Some services offer extended hours and no out-of-pocket costs for eligible patients.

There's help with everyday expenses, **visit nsw.gov.au**

NSW GOVERNMENT

letters to the editor

URGENT: Submissions on the New England REZ Transmission Project close TOMORROW, Thursday 26 November, at midnight.

This is our last chance to put our concerns on the record before the government decides. If you don't write, your concerns won't count.

The problems facing our community are real:

Water. EnergyCo still can't say where its water will come from, how reliable those sources will be in drought, or what pumping will do to neighbouring stock bores and our town supply.

Roads and traffic. Hundreds of heavy vehicles, water trucks and worker buses on roads that are already struggling, with ratepayers likely to pick up the repair bill.

Housing and services. Workers' camps and construction crews putting pressure on rentals, accommodation, doctors and local tradespeople.

Bushfire. Transmission lines that make aerial firefighting even more dangerous.

Environment and biosecurity. Clearing of koala habitat, erosion and run-off, and earthworks disturbing old anthrax sites.

Broken promises. Jobs, benefits and cheaper power that may never arrive.

You don't need to read thousands of pages or be an expert. Just pick the issues that matter to you, say how they will affect your family, your farm or your business, and ask EnergyCo to answer before approval, not after. A few honest paragraphs are enough.

Every member of the family should make their own submission. Please encourage your friends and their families to make one too. Every submission counts.

Lodge your submission on the NSW Planning Portal under Major Projects by searching "New England REZ Transmission Project".

If you need help writing or submitting, call Cam Greig on 0428 776 490 or Damien Timbs on 0488 772 307.

Please don't leave it to someone else. Just get it in.

Voice for Walcha



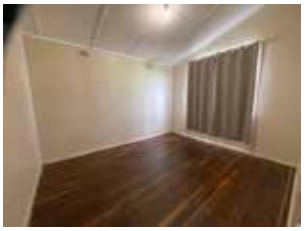
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Public hearing on the Winterbourne wind farm

A public hearing will be held by the Independent Planning Commission on a State significant development application (SSD-10471) lodged by Winterbourne Wind Pty Ltd to develop a wind farm, energy storage and associated infrastructure. The proposed Winterbourne Wind Farm would be located approximately 6.5km north-east of Walcha in the New England region of NSW.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has completed its whole-of-government assessment and referred the application to the Commission for determination. The Commission is the consent authority because the Department received more than 100 submissions objecting to the application and the Minister for Planning has directed the Commission to hold a public hearing.

Key matters identified in the Department's whole-of-government assessment of the development application include the energy transition, biodiversity, visual amenity, traffic and transport.

The Commission has access to all previous written submissions made to the Department, however it is particularly helpful for the Commission to also hear the community's views on the Department's Assessment Report and recommended conditions, which can be found on the Commission's website.

The community is invited to make a verbal submission at a public hearing on the Winterbourne Wind Farm to be held at the Walcha Showground Hall,159N Derby Street, Walcha, NSW 2354 on Monday 14 December and Tuesday 15 December 2026, commencing at 10:00AM (AEDT) on both days. As a public hearing is being held, merit appeal rights in respect of the decision on this application will not be available.

Speakers at the public hearing must pre-register on the Commission's website using the Speaker Registration Form. The deadline for speaker registrations is 12:00pm AEDT (noon) on Monday 7 December 2026.

The Commission is also inviting the public to make written submissions on the Winterbourne Wind Farm via the Make a Submission portal on the Commission's website until 11:59PM (AEDT) on Tuesday 22 December 2026.

Please note:

The public hearing will be livestreamed on the Commission's YouTube channel. Registered speakers will be asked to nominate their preference for presenting at the public hearing either in-person at the venue, via videoconference or by dialing in by telephone. Please note that if the demand for either in-person or virtual attendance is low, the Commission may opt to conduct the meeting either entirely virtually or entirely in person. If this scenario occurs, this will be fully communicated to all registered speakers in advance, including how the Commission can assist people to attend the meeting virtually. These flexible arrangements ensure as many people as possible have the opportunity to be heard, while also making best use of public resources.

NSW Electoral Commission

Walcha Council by-election - Saturday, 16 January 2027

Enrol to vote

A Council by-election (one councillor position) will be held for the local government area of Walcha on **Saturday, 16 January 2027**.

If you are enrolled as a resident in the Walcha local government area as at **6pm, Monday 7 December 2026** you must vote.

Residents of Walcha

You are entitled to vote and must enrol to vote if you are an Australian citizen who is 18 years old or older and have lived in the Walcha local government area for at least one month as at **6pm, Monday 7 December 2026**.

To check the area you are enrolled in, go to **https://roll.elections.nsw.gov.au/NSWLookUp/**

To update your enrolment details online, or to download an enrolment form, visit **aec.gov.au/enrol/** or call the Australian Electoral Commission on 13 23 26.

All voters on the electoral roll for Walcha as at **6pm, Monday 7 December 2026** will be included on the residential roll for the by-election. Voting is compulsory.

Non-residential rolls of owners, occupiers and ratepaying lessees of rateable land in the Walcha

If you are an owner, rate-paying lessee, or occupier of rateable land in the Walcha local government area which is not your place of residence, you or a nominee may be entitled to vote and be included on the roll of non-resident owners of rateable land, or the roll of occupiers and rate-paying lessees, for this by-election. Non-residential rolls are managed by councils.

Details of the eligibility criteria and enrolment claim forms may be obtained from the Walcha Council. You cannot be on both the residential roll and the non-residential roll for the area.

The enrolment form must be completed and lodged with Walcha Council by **6pm, Monday 7 December 2026**.

If you were previously on a non-residential roll, or if you need to update your details, contact the Walcha Council to check that your enrolment is still current.

Further information

- Visit elections.nsw.gov.au
- Call us on 1300 135 736.
- If you are deaf, hard of hearing and/or have a speech impairment, please contact the NSW Electoral Commission through the National Relay Service. Choose your access option and ask for 1300 135 736.
- If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 450 and ask them to call 1300 135 736.

Rachel McCallum, NSW Electoral Commissioner

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Have Your Say on the Future of TAFE NSW

TAFE NSW is calling on communities across the state to have their say on how its services and facilities can better meet local needs, with feedback open until Sunday, 29 November 2026.

The community consultation aims to gather ideas and feedback from residents to help shape the future of TAFE NSW and ensure its services continue to support local communities.

Residents are encouraged to take part, whether they have previously studied at TAFE NSW or not.

The survey provides an opportunity for community members to share their views on local needs and how TAFE NSW can better support education, training and community opportunities.

Feedback received will help TAFE NSW understand what matters most to communities and guide future improvements to its services and spaces.

Community members can have their say by completing the online survey, sharing an idea or telling their story.

To participate, visit haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au before the consultation closes on 29 November 2026.

Ageing In Walcha Info Day will be back!

Date to be confirmed

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- To Walcha it is always a thrill to come home. This weekend was awesome with so much going on. But to top it off, a walk around the levee banks with my best friend, on Sunday afternoon - I was super impressed with the incredible gardens, artwork and birdlife. Sitting in the shade at various points - I couldn't help but marvel at the world class surroundings. Excellent work Walcha Council!
- To the Walcha Road Hotel for their fantastic hospitality towards the Oxley Riders last week.
- To the Walcha Branch CWA Ladies who travelled to Tamworth celebrating the Tamworth CWA 100th year anniversary. President Mrs Bev Dawson welcomed official guests and all in attendance. Wonderful time was had by all.
- To Andrew at the Sports Club for a very good movie day watching "Driving Miss Daisy". Loved the friendship in the movie and the cars.
- To Tom, the bar manager at the Bowling Club, for always doing a great job under difficult circumstances sometimes
- To Brooke for being a brilliant bartender on Saturday night.
- To the yr 7 students in the Central School Hospitality class for their professional service, friendly attitude and help with the Melbourne Cup luncheon. Thank you.

Contributions will be received in person, by phone or email and must be accompanied by your name and contact details. They will be printed at the discretion of the editor.

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Independent review to shape Apsley Riverview's future



Shane Booth, Riverview Interim Facility Manager

Walcha Council has engaged an independent consultant to look at how Apsley Riverview Aged Care is governed, while an experienced interim manager now leads it.

It follows changes at the facility, with Riverview's former Facility Manager and three members of its Advisory Committee recently stepping down.

Council confirmed resident care remains its number one priority.

"Residents, families and staff can be assured that care and services are not affected," Council said.

Day-to-day operations at Riverview are continuing as normal under Interim Facility Manager Shane Booth, while Council actively recruits for the permanent position.

Mr Booth is a registered nurse with a background in critical care, holding master's degrees in health and business administration. He has spent the past decade in senior aged care roles, including Facility Manager, General Manager and Regional General Manager overseeing eight homes across NSW and Victoria. For the past 18 months he has run his own business, Mobile Health Professionals, supporting rural and remote facilities.

He also has ties to the region. "As a boy I spent many years working on my grandfather's station at Bundarra, including as a rouseabout at shearing time – free labour, of course," Mr Booth said.

At Riverview, his day starts with a leadership team huddle, followed by meeting residents and managing daily duties from staffing and maintenance to food services, care and compliance.

He said residents and staff had made him feel welcome. "Staff are welcoming and professional, and they have the needs of residents at heart," he said. "I caught up with residents in my first week, and most told me they feel the facility is well run. They're happy, and glad to have a home and people who care for them."

Riverview's independent review will consider governance arrangements at the facility, including how it is overseen and supported, and will recommend the best structure going forward. Council has committed to sharing the outcomes with the community once the review is complete.

"Since Council took on ownership and management of the facility in 2025, it has worked to keep this important service running for the Walcha community," Council said.

Council established an Advisory Committee in preparation for assuming control of the facility in March last year.

"After 18 months of operation, it's timely to review the needs of the governance structure and skills required as the facility embeds itself within the Council organisation. Any changes recommended to the governance structure will be geared towards providing support to the new Facility Manager," Council said.

"We acknowledge and respect the decision of Riverview's former Facility Manager, and three members of its Advisory Committee, to step down."

Council thanked everyone who has contributed to Riverview's advisory arrangements and said it remains committed to working constructively with all stakeholders through the review.



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To RSVP, text or call Ryan Brady **0409 885 177** or the Walcha Office **02 6774 2600** by Friday 4 December.

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Walcha Seniors get Tech Savvy

The Telstra Tech Savvy Seniors course has officially wrapped up, with Walcha seniors walking away with new skills and more confidence.

Run by Walcha Library over a 12-week period, the course welcomed approximately six participants at each session, bringing together seniors of varying ages and abilities, all keen to learn more about the ever-changing world of technology.

Throughout the course, participants explored a range of everyday digital skills, including sending text messages, taking and sharing photos, using the internet and even navigating online banking.

For some, it was about learning something completely new, while for others it was about building confidence and making better use of the technology they already had.

By the end of the 12 weeks, participants had gained valuable skills to help them stay connected with family and friends, access online services and feel more confident using their devices in everyday life.

Walcha Library is proud to have hosted the program and provided an opportunity for local seniors to build their digital skills, connect with others and have a little fun along the way.

It just goes to show, you're never too old to learn something new!



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PUBLIC HEARING
Winterbourne Wind Farm
(SSD-10471)

New South Wales Government
Independent Planning Commission

The NSW Independent Planning Commission is again accepting written submissions and registrations to speak at a public hearing to be held in Walcha on the Winterbourne Wind Farm (SSD-10471)

Day one
Monday 14 December 2026
from 10:00am

Day two
Tuesday 15 December 2026
from 10:00am

Location
Walcha Showground Hall at 159N Derby Street, Walcha, NSW 2354

Anyone wishing to speak at the public hearing must pre-register on the Commission's website by 12:00pm (noon) on on Monday 7 December 2026.

The Commission also invites the public to lodge written submissions on its website.

Written submissions will be accepted until 11:59pm on Tuesday 22 December 2026.



Please note: *After a public hearing has been held, merit appeal rights in respect of the decision on this application are not available.*

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MEANWHILE, IN THE CENTRAL-WEST REZ...

600 MORE BEDS. 7 DAYS A WEEK. NO SAY.

On 10 November, locals near Merotherie (in the Central-West Orana REZ) got a "work notification": the workers' camp is growing from **1,200 beds to 1,800**. Work had already started, **7am–6pm, seven days a week**, until mid-2027. **This went ahead without the community's approval or any earlier notice. Their community were blindsided and didn't know to fight the project from the start.**

DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO WALCHA.

If EnergyCo gets its way, Walcha will host a workers' camp mere kilometres from town. The New England REZ EIS **doesn't show the mitigation plans** for our water, roads, housing or bushfire risk. That's not good enough. Make EnergyCo answer **before** approval, because we know they won't answer after.

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WALCHA HIGH COUNTRY GUARDIANS

what's the goss
with AJ Cross

Former Commercial Hotel personality Kevin Smith, father of Sam MacAskill who owned the pub with her husband Stu a few years back, lost his eight year battle with dementia last weekend. Condolences to all his family members and friedns. May Kevin 'Big Kev' Smith Rest in Peace.

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There was certainly plenty of action in town last weekend, including the Walcha Junior Rodeo and Campdraft, the inaugural 'Bikers Ball' along with heaps of activities at the Caravan Park. Well done to all the organisers who helped bring a large amount of visitors to Walcha for a few days.

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The Oxley Riders entertained themselves last Saturday when some of their members went on a 'road trip' through Uralla and Kingstown before calling in at the Walcha Road Hotel for lunch. Club life member 'Spook' O'Shannessy reckons the pub went above and beyond with their hospitality during their visit before topping it off with a donation to the Oxley Riders.

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Best of luck to both local and visiting bowlers when they line up for the annual Pasture Wonderland Tournament this weekend. The inaugural competition was played in 1975 where a West Tamworth quartet skippered by Aub King were the first winners.

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Oh so close! Last Saturday Veteran batsman Nick Endacott opened the Walcha/Uralla 3rd Grade innings here at Peter Fenwicke Oval and within four overs had lost his opening partner Brian Muggsy then Stephen Bishop with just a team total of 9 runs on the board. Nick then joined forces with Lachie Hunt to put on a third wicked partnership of 152 before he was sadly caught for 98 off 108 deliveries which included ten 4's and one 6. Walcha/Uralla lost to ladder leaders Hillgrove by 6 wickets.

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Congratulations to inaugaral Ross Green Memorial Allround Cowboy and Cowgirl Belt Buckle winners Riley Edwards from Stroud and Montana Thomas from Singleton on their performances at the Walcha Junior Rodeo and Campdraft held at the Showground last weekend.

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To be eligible for the awards competitors needed to excel in both the Rodeo and Campdraft Arenas where points were combined to determine the winners. Riley collected 66 points in the 11 to 14 years Junior Steer Ride and 87 points riding Pac-Man in the 13 to 15 years Campdraft. Montana picked up 66 points in the 14 to 18 years Juvenile Steer Ride and 79 points riding Angel Cat in the 15 to 17 years Campdraft. The Cowboy and Cowgirl Belt Buckles were sponsored by Ross' parents Les and Beulah.

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Last week there was a mention about Annie Patterson-Kane being awarded Junior Sportswoman of the Year when The Glennie School she attends in Toowoomba held their presentations recently. With a bit more research it was revealed Annie was captain of the Queensland under 14's Indoor Hockey team that claimed a bronze medallion at the National Championships in Canberra earlier in the year.

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Throw in Queensland, Australia and Oceanic Laser Run champion in her age division where competitors are required to run cross country and shoot a laser pistol at targets along with being selected to represent Darling Downs at the upcoming Queensland Aquathon Championships which includes Open Water Swimming and Running and you haven't got a bad junior sportswoman nomination. Nearly forgot, Annie is also vice captain of the Darling Downs outdoor U/14's Hockey team. Go Girl.

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Usually when you spot a 'Red Flag' somewhere it's a case of beware something out of the ordinary maybe going on. Although details are a bit sketchy there are at least a couple of suggestions about the two flags that have popped up at 'Byambi' owned by D.J. Brazel just north of town on the way to Uralla. One was 'Bikie' was going to hold a Central North Reunion on his property whereas another was it maybe to remind a recent visitor Christopher 'Pommy' Cross that was where the ramp he needed to turn off at was. See Darrell for more information.

Tennis News

Round 4 of the 2026 Spring Comp was played out on Tues the 17 of November in pleasant conditions.
Our top four are:1- Club President and local Mayor Hyde Thomson on 91 points, 2- Andrew Blomfield on 76 points, 3- Ed Blomfield on 68 points and 4- Jake Wellings on 67 just behind Ed. Well done to these players. Well done to Jake Wellings who is one of our Junior players and is in the Top Four. Jake is a local talented sportsman doing well in a number of different sports.
No floaters required this week but thanks as always to those who have their names down to float. And thanks to all the registered players who filled their places.
Our next Club Meeting will be held on Mon 14 Dec. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Stay tuned for info on our Christmas Party and end of year Tennis Comp.
Emma and the Mums and Dads are doing an amazing job at Saturday Junior Tennis. The final of this event will be held next Saturday with trophies being presented. We encourage all the Mums, Dads, siblings and Grandparents to join us for a sausage sizzle and see just how much our group of Juniors have developed their games. See you all at the net soon.

Ladies Bowls

Congratulations to Jan Cross on winning the Ivy Makeham Memorial Singles Trophy. It was a close game against Lee McCoy with only two points separating 13-11. Lee was leading by 5 points at one stage. A social game was played with Wendy Moore and Janice Rizzi winning against Marie Spink, Margaret Morris and Esther Hunt. Guyra Bowling Club has invited us to a Triples Friendship Day on Tuesday 1 December. Names to go on board by 26 November if you wish to play. Our Christmas party and presentation is on Thursday 10 December with a bowls game prior to lunch. Please put your name on the board. Guests are very welcome. There will be social bowls tomorrow 9.00am for 9.30am start.

Wednesday Golf

Last Wednesday was a par event for Pip Monie's trophy. Prue Morgan came in our winner with a +2.
Sweepstakes were won by Lorraine Walshe with +1, Sal McCormack +1, Pip Monie, square and Robyn Salt also on square.
Nearest the pin on hole 3 was Pauline Carter and Sal McCormack took out the second shot on hole 18.
Five players travelled to South West Rocks to play in the Jewel of the Coast three day tournament, 2026.
Donna Martin was our star winning the Division 2, 18 Hole gross on the first day and the Division 2, 18 Hole nett on the second day.
Great golfing Donna.
This week we are playing stableford for Sue Partridge's trophy.

At the Nineteenth

A 'Draw for Partners' 4BBB Stableford round was played for trophies donated by Dion and Nixon Bird last Saturday where Will Archdale and Julie Hoad accumulated 45 points but had to survive a countback with James Norton and Rose Baumer before they were declared the winners. Sweepstakes went to the runners up, the trophy donors on 44, Darren Bird and Andrew Crawford 42, Tim Baumer and Wayne Brennan, Don Brooks and Lee Fletcher, Will Brennan and Miles Archdale all on 41.
Sharpest shooters at the pins were Wayne Brennan (3) and Michael Stackman (16).
Last Saturday Mark Hogan racked up 21 points to win the weekly 9 hole competition a couple points clear of runner up Jenny Lisle on 19 points after she counted out Brian Lynch also on 19 points.
N.T.P. on 3 was taken out by Jenny Lisle.
Due to various reasons there will be no Saturday golf this weekend.
Next weekend the Uralla Veterans (Friday), Mixed (Saturday) and Mens (Sunday). Opens are scheduled whereas here on the home front club champion Michael Stackman is in charge of supplying the prize.

Flippers News

The Walcha Flippers held their first club swim meet of the season last week following a seeding meet a fortnight ago.
Swimmers competed at Freestyle, Backstroke, Breastroke and Butterfly over either 50 metres and 25 metres where 49 entered the water in various events.
A total of 29 P.B's were registered including an outstanding performance by Eleanor Cameron who improved her 25 metre Freestyle time by an amazing 10.55 seconds.
Well done to Kix Brown who recorded three P.B's which included taking over 7 seconds off his 50 metre Backstroke time, Benji Provost over 5 seconds off his 50 metre Breastroke, Eve Hayton and Jack Provost who both swim over 4 seconds quicker than their previous best in 25 metre Backstroke.

Cricket

Walcha/Uralla were defeated in both their 1st and 3rd Grade Armidale District Cricket competition matches last Saturday.
At Armidale sportsground against Ex Services the visitors won the toss and batted where they racked up 95 runs before they were dismissed in their 34th over.
Walcha/Uralla were doing it a bit tough at 5 for 35 after their 10th over before the number 7 batsman David Ford added some much needed starch to the total when he scored 30 runs while opener Ed Blomfield 21 and Brett Dwyer 19 were the only other visitors to reach double figures.
In reply Ex Services were in their 27th over when they passed their assignment but lost 7 wickets in doing so and were also 5 for 35 after their 10th over.
Allrounder David Ford completed a very handy performance snaring 4 for 18 off his 8 overs, Ed Blomfield picked up 2 for 13 whereas Matt Harper took a wicket.
Here at Peter Fenwicke Oval the homeside won the toss and batted against ladder leaders Hillgrove where they amassed 5 for 188 off their 35 overs of which Veteran opener Nick Endacott contributed 98 runs, Lachie Hunt 44 and Graham Barnes 13 not out.
Hillgrove reached their required runs in their 34th over for the loss of 4 wickets taken by Nathan Laurie, Matt Tasik and Jack Young.
This Saturday 1st Grade take on Easts at Peter Fenwicke Oval whereas 3rd Grade have a Bye.

Walcha/Uralla v Ex Services 1st Grade

Walcha/Uralla

E BLOMFIELD c J Tejpal b D Emery 21
J GRILLS b J Tejpal.....2
S RAFFERTY c H Thompson b J Tejpal 2
B DWYER c&b R Singh.....19
S LITTLE c B Smith b J Tejpal.....1
C BOYD c T Smith b D Emery.....1
D FORD c M Harris b B Smith.....30
M HARPER b R Singh.....1
B MOORE c RSingh b B Smith 0
G YOULL n.o 5
P BOYD c R Singh b R Singh.....0
Total 95. Extras 13 – Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkt) J Tejpal 8-0-27-3, D Emery 5-2-15-2, W Roberts 5-1-7-0, M Harris 5-0-19-0, R Singh 6.2-1-13-3, B Smith 4-1-10-2.

Ex Services

B SMITH c P Boyd b M Harper.....3
M HARRIS b D Ford 0
R SINGH lbw D Ford.....11
PRIVATE PLAYER b D Ford.....2
J TEJPAL b E Blomfield 41
U BAJRACHARYA lbw D Ford 3
H THOMPSON n.o.....13
T SMITH lbw E Blomfield.....4
W ROBERTS n.o 1
Total 96. Extras 18 – Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkt) M Harper 8-2-17-1, D Ford 8-1-18-4, P Boyd 4-0-28-0, J Grills 2-0-9-0, E Blomfield 3-0-13-2, C Boyd 1.5-0-6-0.

Walcha/Uralla v Hillgrove 3rd Grade

Walcha/Uralla

B MUGGSY r.o B Dexter 2
N ENDACOTT c H Eastwood b M Eastwood.....98
S BISHOP c C Frost b M Eastwood.....0
L HUNT b B Dexter 44
G BARNES n.o.....13
N LAURIE c J Frost b A Partridge.....4
M TASIK n.o.....2
Total 188. Extras 25 – Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkt) C Frost 6-0-34-0, M Eastwood 5-1-13-2, C Hunter 7-0-28-0, A Partridge 5-0-47-1, H Eastwood 5-0-29-0, F Single 3-0-11-0, A Hunter 2-0-9-0, B Dexter 2-0-12-1.

Hillgrove

P TOWNSEND c G Barnes b N Laurie 29
M EASTWOOD r.o..... 50
J FROST b J Young 32
C HUNTER b M Tasik 5
B DEXTER n.o 50
C FROST n.o..... 11
Total 189. Extras 12 – Bowling (overs/maidens/runs/wkt) S Bishop 4-0-39-0, N Laurie 8-1-24-1, G Barnes 2-0-8-0, M Tasik 8-0-49-1, J Young 8-0-36-1, T Morley 3-0-16-0, N Endacott 0.4-0-12-0.

Bowls

Thursday results: Brian Goodwin & Warwick Hogan defeated Noel Goodwin & Barry Hoad 18/14. Gordon Bird & Tony Batterham were too good for Geoff Salt & Denis Makeham 18/16. Barry Kliendienst x 2 & Alan Kirby defeated John McCormack, Mark Hogan & Garry Brennan 15/9. Gordon & Tony were the voucher winners.
Good luck to everyone playing in the Pasture Wonderland Carnival this weekend.
Starting times: Saturday 10.30am. Sunday 9.30am.

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Public Notice

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.

Walcha CWA Branch will be holding a Fashion Parade of Wedding Dresses from 1930 to today on Saturday 13th February at Walcha Bar and Grill. All proceeds will be donated to Pancreatic Cancer Research. Further details soon.

Walcha General Practice Clinic is seeking a house to rent for a Doctor starting at the Practice in February 2027. Preference in town otherwise within a 5 -10km radius of town. Please call Libby 6731 0678.

Raffle Results

CWA Stall - 1st Suzanne Foster, 2nd Bill Mann, 3rd Kristine Morgan and 4th Ruth McNeill. Thank you for your support.

Thank you

Thank you from Peter Hayes Family. Our sincere thanks for the many cards, flowers, prayers and messages of sympathy following Peter's passing. Special thanks to all the doctors and nursing staff at various hospitals during Peter's illness over the last weeks, also thank you to Dr Deng and Walcha hospital staff for their care shown to Peter during the time. June Hayes and Family.

Public Notice *(cont)*

Walcha Council

Disability Inclusion Action Plan survey

Walcha Council has extended the survey until Monday 30 November 2026. Council is updating its Disability Inclusion Action Plan and wants to hear how well its facilities and services work for people with disability, and where things could be better.

The survey takes under 10 minutes, is anonymous and is open to everyone. Please scan the QR code to complete.

Printed copies are available at the Council office and Walcha Library. For help, call (02) 6774 2500.

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Meeting Notice

Walcha Garden Club Christmas Party Friday 4th December, 26, at Warwick & Jacki Fletcher's garden " Cairnie" , Abbotsley Rd, off Emu Creek Rd, Walcha. BYO Chair, cup and plate of food to share and plant or gift to exchange. Meet at McHattan Park at 9.20am for 9.30am departure. Members are encouraged to invite guests. Enquiries: S.Law 0467 450 243, D.Lisle 0429 799 083.

Public Notice *(cont)*

Walcha Council

Notice of Proposed Development Application Number: 10.2026.21

Council has received a Development Application for a co-living residential development and communal building at 8S – 10S Lagoon Street Walcha (Proposed Lot 42) The development comprises of:

- Demolition of the existing carport at the front of the site and removal of the existing trees;
- Thirteen (13) single-storey, prefabricated duplex buildings, each containing two (2) x 1-bedroom self-contained units;
- A communal building for residents (72m2), including a manager's office, toilet and laundry;
- 731m2 communal open space, clothes drying, garbage bin and general storage areas;
- A 17-space car parking area (road base surface);

The application and the documents accompanying the application can be viewed on Council's website www.walcha.nsw.gov.au and at the Walcha Council office during business hours on or before the 8th December 2026.

Any person may make a written submission in relation to the development application. Submissions must be received by Walcha Council in writing before close of business on 8th December 2026.

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