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Council appoints new General Manager

Following a very competitive recruitment process involving rigorous assessments and interviews, the Councillors of Walcha Shire Council have reached a unanimous decision to appoint a new General Manager.

The Council had received significant interest in the role with an impressive field of twenty three candidates. There was a very good mix of representation from government, local government and the private sector – with three candidates from overseas – Indonesia, Fiji and Hong Kong, four from Queensland, two from Victoria, and fourteen from NSW.

The Council Recruitment Panel first selected six candidates for interview and prior to interview two had to withdraw after they had been offered roles elsewhere. The panel proceeded to interview four candidates and then all Councillors conducted a final interview with two candidates. Arising from that interview Mr Barry Omundson, currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Fiji Water Corporation has been offered the position. Barry has accepted the offer and he and his wife, Toni, will move to the Shire to take up the role in late June or early July.

Barry has been the CEO of the Fiji Water Corporation since 2019 and prior to that position Barry has impressive experience in local government – at the Central Coast Council in Tasmania as Director of Community Services, at Whitsunday Regional Council in Queensland as CEO, and at Mackay Regional Council in Queensland as CEO. He has a strong professional side as a professional engineer, at Maranoa Regional Council in Queensland as Director Infrastructure Services, and as Executive Manager Operations at Cradle Mountain Water in Tasmania.

Barry has impressive academic qualifications – a Master of Business Administration from the Southern Cross University in Lismore, NSW, a Diploma of Engineering from the Department of Defence ACT, and a Company Directors Diploma from the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Walcha Shire Council's newly appointed General Manager Barry Omundson

Mr Omundson has been appointed on a five year performance based contract and will enter into a performance agreement within three months of commencing in the role.

Mayor Eric Noakes said, "The appointment of Barry Omundson was a unanimous decision of the Council and reflects the very rigorous process conducted in evaluating candidates and the dedication of my fellow Councillors in undertaking this important task. It's an exciting period for Walcha, with so many challenges and opportunities being addressed by the Councillors and staff. It is also very exciting that we have been able to attract a highly experienced local government general manager like Barry Omundson to the role."

"In welcoming Barry and Toni I know the Walcha community will give them strong support and encouragement as they become part of this wonderful region.

"Barry has experience in both small and large local governments and his very wide knowledge of councils across Australia, and now in Fiji will I am sure prove most beneficial to our council. Barry impressed the Councillors with his strong focus on and commitment to supporting staff and

growing capacity, and his expertise in asset management and community development."

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Weber who has acted in the role in a most expert manner."

Barry will move to the Shire in July with his wife Toni and they are keen to make our Shire their home. Barry has this message for the Walcha staff and community: "I am extremely grateful to the Mayor and Councillors for choosing me as their next General Manager. Whilst our time in Fiji has been most rewarding and we have left some dear and talented staff – indeed friends; we yearn to come home and to settle in Walcha. We look forward in time to buying a farm where we can accommodate our dogs and eat what we grow...."

"I have been very impressed with the vision of the Council and the quality of the services being provided. It is clear the Council has a deeply committed staff group who not only live in the Shire but value the opportunity to give excellent customer service to their fellow residents.

I want to establish a very strong partnership across all departments – and I will be visiting the works staff as a first priority. I want to ensure staff have the resources to do their job effectively and to support their professional goals, aspirations and growth.

I started work as a 14 year old and joined the Navy as a 15 year old apprentice, a few years back. I have been fortunate in working with a number of good leaders in private and government organisations, having learnt much along the way. I look forward to being able to bring this diverse experience to Walcha.

"One of my first tasks will be to get out and about and meet as many community members as I can. I want to hear what their Council can improve and they can be assured I am a good listener and will act upon my findings to build a better Shire."



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By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

Winter has arrived. After what seems a very long May and a cold end to autumn, we are finally across the winter threshold and what it holds for us over the next few months. The BOM has released its forecasts for the coming months and they are for warmer than normal temperatures in the eastern states generally and higher rainfall than average across much of QLD, NSW and northern Vic. WA is going to remain dry with the exception of the north western corner where rainfall is expected to be above average. I hope they have that right, because so far it has been an early start to winter, and dry enough!

The cattle market is continuing to defy the odds and remains very strong across all categories. We have seen a softening of values for heavy export cattle in most markets over the last week or so, but they are still making plenty of money if you are in that space. The EYCI remains elevated and close to 900 c/kg at 891 c/kg as at 28/5. Feedlots continue to set the pace on suitable lines of heifers and steers, while restockers appear to have turned their attention to lighter weight weaner steers and heifers and pregnant breeding females. Individually there were some exceptional sales on Auctions Plus last week, with local cattle producers Glen Collin Pastoral Co selling a wonderful line up of EU Acc Angus feeder steers weighing an estimated 473kg LW for 501 c/kg. The same producer had a line of non-EU feeder steers passed in for 486 c/kg and sold later for a higher price. At Tenterfield a line of Wagyu F1 mixed sex calves were sold for \$2510 (strs weighing 266 kg) and \$2140 (hfrs weighing 248 kg). At Tumut a line of 5 yr old cows PTIC to Angus bulls sold for \$4020. Breeding females were in strong demand with values week on week rising sharply.

I wish I could say the same for the lamb market, but values are erratic as numbers continue to come forward. Dry weather is affecting quality in some southern markets which in some regional sales, mutton prices have been quoted as high as the secondary lambs in dressed weight terms. The lamb market has been flat most of the autumn when compared to the previous couple of years and forecasts from market analysts. However, numbers being processed year on year are considerably higher than the previous couple of years. The good news is, there is not a lot wrong with mutton prices and you won't go broke selling lambs at 750 c/kg or thereabouts.

I have to say I am not surprised to see the Victorians suddenly rushing vaccine centres looking for their "Jab". A few weeks ago I did make the comment that I thought what we needed is an outbreak of COVID to get people back into empty COVID vaccination centres and with this recent outbreak in Victoria that appears to be the way it is playing out. With a 7 day lockdown imposed in Victoria, you can understand the level of anxiety as they rightfully do not want a repeat of their lockdown experience of a few months ago. The best way to avoid that situation is to get a much greater number of the population vaccinated, and fast. I really hope the situation in Victoria is brought under control quickly. They are testing a big number of people daily which will help identify any community transmission taking place. It is now up to the tracing teams. I think Victorians certainly need and deserve a break, but I don't understand why the authorities in Victoria seem less capable managing this problem than others. There does appear to be problems between the Feds and the States when implementing vaccination programs. According to some, the Feds need to let go and let the States get the job done.

I am still amazed at the number of people who appear so negative about getting vaccinated. Risks of illness as a result are so low it is inconceivable anyone could think the health risks outweigh the health and economic benefits. We are being told that this winter, outbreaks in Australia are inevitable. That means the experts are thinking "when" rather than "if" we have an outbreak. It is simple, if we are to avoid unnecessary deaths and economic hardship, we need to get vaccinated. We need to be thinking about the greater community rather than self interest when it comes to vaccines.

On Sunday a few of us had a drive to Yarrowitch and attended the Fanny Lumsden concert at the Yarrowitch Community Hall. What a great event! This was a government initiative aimed at getting entertainment to the bush and help with the recovery from fires and drought. But you had to apply for the event and then make it happen, which the Yarrowitch community did in style. Fanny Lumsden is a well recognised, very professional entertainer and it was wonderful to see someone of her calibre out there in a community hall doing her stuff. Well worth the effort.

Divers spotted in Walcha pool

By A.J. Cross

If you thought your job early last Thursday was a bit uncomfortable due to the frost we experienced, spare a thought for Roejen Services Dive Team members Harris McKay, Mathew Iredale and Paul McLachlan who travelled from Sydney the previous day to check out leaks in the Walcha Pool.

Mathew took one for the team spending most of the time underwater when he entered both the main pool and balance tank in search of any leaks, splashing around in water sitting at a balmy 10 degrees.

Paul was in charge of the wading pool while Harris was clever enough to get his dive over on Wednesday afternoon in the main pool when the water was nearly three degrees warmer!

When asked about the coldest water they have dived in, Mathew suggested he was doing it right there and then, while Harris reckons he has been in seven degree water.

The boys inject dye into any trouble spots to locate where the leaks are, and it didn't take long to identify some problem areas including the main return line, scum gutters, expansion joints and balance tank.

Quizzed about what other sort of work they do, their response was "anything underwater really." One task they have carried out in the past installing shark nets in Sydney Harbour.

Although Harris indicated it was only a mistake, he packed his Ugg



Left: Mathew Iredale takes some deep breaths as he jumps out of the icy pool.
Right: Walcha Council Pool Refurbishment project manager Kath Little with the dive team Harris McKay, Mathew Iredale and Paul McLachlan

boots instead of his steel caps for the trip, he must have had some sort of inkling about what the weather conditions were going to be like.

The pools are currently being drained before some concrete core testing is carried out later in the week, the next step in the Walcha Pool Refurbishment Project.

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Happy Hour for residents

The residents of Walcha MPS, their families and staff enjoyed a fabulous Happy Hour wearing fun hats and singing along with local singer Kevin McDonald. The visiting family members brought their own silly hats and the residents decorated their own party hats. Some of the many songs included favourites Waltzing Matilda, I like to have a Beer with Duncan and Good Night Irene.

Homemade Pikelets, cake, biscuits and dip were also enjoyed.

We look forward to having Kevin and the other regular Happy Hour entertainers joining us again for our regular Happy Hour.



Kevin McDonald and his wife Gail
entertaining the residents

Wingham Beef Week success



While Wingham Beef Week was run a little differently this year, they still offered schools and producers the opportunity to breed, feed and compete with their cattle. All entries for this years competition had to be delivered to Wingham Beef Exports on Sunday 16 May, with the carcasses then being judged, results calculated and winners and champions announced on Sunday 30 May.

Local breeders Bruce and Helen Scrivener's Bonny Brooke Angus steer, sold to and entered by St Catherine's Catholic College Singleton, won the Heavy Middleweight HSCW 275kg – 299.5kg with a massive score of 94.92. To the delight of St Catherine's Head of Agriculture, this steer pictured above, also went on to win Champion School Carcase and Overall Grand Champion Exhibit.

Alan Scrivener, who runs his own commercial herd, also walked away with several 2021 Wingham Beef Week awards. His steers took out four of the top five places, including first amongst a field of 50 plus entries in the Heavyweight division (325kg +), with scores ranging from 93.20 to 91.90. His top scoring steer won the Manning Valley Naturally Best Grass Fed Exhibit and also claimed Champion Heavyweight Exhibit. Some of his other results included the Champion Pen of 2 with a combined score of 185.3, Reserve Champion Pen of 2 (184.28), Champion Pen of 4 with a massive total score of 370.16.

Entries are now open for Wingham Beef Week's Virtual Young Judges Competition. For more details go to winghambeefweek.com.au.

WIND WARNING

- ▶ **466 Wind turbines and 10.2 million solar panels are proposed within a 70km radius of Walcha, making this area the second largest wind area in the world, China being the largest.**
 - ▶ **The Renewable Energy Trust (RET) will subsidise the eligible companies \$500,000 per wind turbine per year for approx., 15 years or whenever the 9.3 billion dollars has expired.**
 - ▶ **Hosts, being landholders that have entered into a contract with the developer to have wind turbines on their land, will receive \$15,000 to \$30,000 per turbine per year in NSW. In QLD they will receive \$60,000 per year per turbine.**
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Part quote from the Wind Commissioner, Andrew Dyer:

“Fees for hosting a wind turbine for 25 years is in the range of \$250,000 to \$625,000 (depending on the turbine capacity and when the wind farm commenced operation). It is therefore possible that the cost of decommissioning a turbine could be equal to or greater than the total income generated for the land owner over the 25 year lease period.”

- ▶ So called renewable energy developers see Australia as a soft target. Their own countries won't allow them to develop a wind farm without first putting money into a bond which would pay for the decommissioning of the wind farm. Here in Australia there are no laws or legislation making the developers or operators responsible for removing these wind turbines. The developers would reduce their profit margins if they were made to decommission the turbines.
- ▶ A developer will come in, do all the ground work, get all the approvals then sell the business to another company. For a host this could be a nightmare, as you will have to negotiate a new contract and hope that you receive the same money. As we all know a contract is not always notwithstanding.
- ▶ As a host there is no protection for you. After 20 years when the turbines come to the end of their life and the company has been sold to an overseas company the chances are very high that this company will go into voluntary liquidation which the Australian Government can't do anything about, the host will be left with a massive cleanup bill to remove the turbines and rehabilitate all the native vegetation.
- ▶ Why should the rate payers have to foot the bill for all the waste. It is Council's responsibility to take care of the waste that is not recyclable. They would have to build massive land fill sites for these 80m to 100m blades which are made of carbon fibre (non recyclable)
- ▶ These are just some of the reasons why we should question wind farms in Walcha. There needs to be a lot more research done by State and Federal government ministers into the viability of so called renewable energy projects. Why can't the whole community decide if we want wind farms or solar farms? Why should it be left to a state politician to call the New England a 'regional energy zone' (REZ). Why aren't wind prospecting companies more transparent about what they are doing?

**Mark Berry
Walcha Grazier**

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Embroidery enthusiasts from all over NSW in Walcha for workshop

Last weekend seven participants gathered at Walcha Handmade for a Mountmellick Embroidery Workshop with Walcha-based embroidery teacher and author, Yvette Stanton.

"We had a great weekend exploring the stitches and techniques of Mountmellick, which is a style of whitework embroidery from Ireland. Participants had the choice of two projects, either a cushion or a pincushion, and as well as learning the stitches, they made a good start on their project. There was some beautiful embroidery made in the class, and some were overjoyed to master difficult stitches they had never been successful with before! With its lovely creative atmosphere and warming fire in the studio, Walcha Handmade is such a great venue for classes like these," Yvette said.

The Bush Patissier provided delicious morning teas, and class participants and their companions joined together for a meal on Saturday night at a local eatery.

Some of the participants had come from as far away as Leeton and Nowra, and some were locals. One participant from Melbourne was unfortunately unable to come due to Victoria's snap lockdown.

"With the downturn in traffic with the Oxley Highway shut yet again, I wanted to help bring some tourists to town, as well as to provide new opportunities for locals. I'm really pleased that we had a good number from out of town, and my future classes already have quite a few out-of-towners booked in. We'll just have to hope that Covid doesn't stop those classes from going ahead!"

Yvette's next class at Walcha Handmade will be a Smøyg Pattern Darning Workshop at the end of July. Smøyg is a beautiful style of embroidery from Norway, based on simple running stitch. For more information and bookings go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BQSPA>



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↳ To the Walcha Bowling Club and bistro for providing a wonderful venue from the Community Stay Safe Online/Scams Awareness Seminar last week run by the Commonwealth Bank.

↳ To the community members, business houses, participants and visitors that supported the seminar. What a fantastic turn out.

↳ To Tim Sutton and Michael McDonnell as the guest speakers at the Community Stay Safe Online/Scams Awareness Seminar, Well done to you both!

↳ To Phoebe Imberger for a great performance on Sunday.

↳ To the Yarrowitch Community Group and Fanny Lumsden's Country Halls Tour. What a great night.

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RUGBY REPORT

WALCHA V QUIRINDI

By Eric the Spider

First Grade

A cold winters day set the scene for the Rams final match of the first round. The Rams were set to take on Qurindi, and keen to keep their good run of wins rolling. The game started with both teams defending solidly and arm wrestling for territory. The Walcha forward pack had the edge on the Qurindi forwards making good metres and positive carries, allowing the Walcha backs to pin Qurindi deep in their own half. Dom "Skate Rat" Bower sliced through the Qurindi defence and showed he still has a bit of pace burning the opposing fullback to the tryline to score Walcha's first try. Walcha were playing with a small breeze at their backs which they used well.

Walcha's second try came from a well executed line out which saw the resulting phases switch around to the blind side where Wally "Slippery Somerton Sheep Breeder" held the defence up and muscled over for a try. Walcha scored again after Qurindi gave away a penalty deep in their own 22. Another well executed set move saw the ball spun out wide through the hands which enabled Hamish "Taco" Bell to score in the corner. Walcha were gaining some momentum in the game and the Qurindi team were starting to get sick of tackling the hard running Walcha forwards. Lachie "Holzy" Holz was making good metres in attack, consistently breaking over the gain line. Walcha went into the half time break leading 22-0.

The second half saw Walcha continue to attack the Qurindi defence. Walcha scored the first try of the second half with a perfectly executed backline move from a scrum and a precision pass which saw Walcha score untouched under the posts. The scrum was a big highlight with the Walcha forwards driving the Qurindi forwards back at every chance. Henry "Loved Up" Leslie controlled the line outs well, bravely taking the field even after suffering a horrific facial injury the week before. Nat "Daddy Long Legs" Brazel was a pest for the opposition line out stealing a number of balls against the throw. Walcha was getting on top of the tired Qurindi defence and began playing an expansive game. Patty "The Ugly Keen" had another big game proving very difficult to stop and consistently opening up the opposition defence. In the second half Walcha threw the ball around and backed each other up well, scoring 8 second half tries to finish the game 74-5. Another clinical performance where the relentless attack and defence of the Walcha team made a good team look very average. Walcha now has two byes to finish the round. Good luck to all Walcha players representing Central North on the June Long Weekend.



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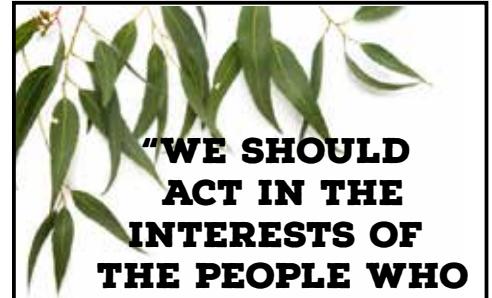
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As a very wise 100-year-old man recently said, "We should act in the interests of the people who will inherit what we do".

We therefore ask that Walcha Council takes the lead and helps put Walcha on the map as a tree-caring community.

The 1st step in doing this is to reinstate the tree-preservation order; not just reinstate it, but actively enforce it with very substantial fines (as other council jurisdictions do).

It would also be terrific if Walcha had an experienced, highly-qualified horticulturist to help guide Council's environmental planning (including the strategic planting and ongoing care of trees).

When us humans work together, it is amazing what we can achieve. What we do about trees on our own bits of land impacts, not only on our immediate neighbours, but on the planet.

We have the opportunity to act now and do what's right for the benefit of the generations who will follow us in Walcha.

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Rugby players selected for representative team

Two St Patrick's School students will proudly pull on the Armidale Diocesan rugby jersey in Forbes on 21 June following their selection in the representative team last week.

Hunter Thornbury and Koby Brennan travelled to Tamworth last week for the Armidale Diocesan rugby trials. After five hard games, the Year 6 students were thrilled to be named as part of the squad of 20 to take on teams from all over Northern NSW at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Rugby Championships.



Hunter Thornbury and Koby Brennan with their ticket to the NSW Primary Schools Rugby Championships in Forbes

This is a huge achievement for the boys who were selected from 95 students vying for a place in the representative squad. Hunter was selected at halfback and Koby will play at breakaway in Forbes.

Garden Clippings

From Walcha Garden Club

Even though winter is upon us there is still plenty happening in the garden, especially underground. The root systems of trees and plants are developing extensively until the soil regains warmth for growth above ground in spring. For instance, the downward movement of sap in deciduous trees is to assist in the rejuvenation of their roots. If the sap remained in the branches and trunk at this time of year, then the frosts would split the bark and freeze it. Leafy plants are affected by frost when water in their leaf cells freeze and expand. As the ice thaws, the cell walls collapse. Damage is usually not seen for up to 2-3 days post frost. Plants such as brassicas (e.g. cabbage, Brussel sprouts, cauliflower) have a waxy coating which gives them extra protection. Frost protection can be as simple as placing an old sheet over frost tender plants when frost is forecast. Be mindful to remove the covering as soon as the frost has gone. There are various types of commercial frost protection cloth available. Frost protection fabric is designed to allow air flow and moisture through and has good shade ratings. Another suggestion is to spray Yates Waterwise Drought Shield over frost tender plants and seedlings. It forms a clear polymer film over leaves protecting them from water loss, drying winds, transplant shock and light frosts and lasting up to 90 days.

Rose planting time is nearly here. If you have purchased bare rooted roses, then it is best to plant them as soon as possible. Prior to planting let the plant sit in a bucket of water for 24-48 hours. This will help to rehydrate their roots. Dig a hole slightly wider and deeper than the root ball. Form a mound in the middle of the hole and then place the roots downward over it. Fill the hole with water and allow it to sit there till the bubbles stop coming to the surface. Back fill the hole ensuring you gently rock the plant back and forth to ensure there are no air pockets in the soil. Water again. This reduces the chance of your rose bush becoming susceptible to fungal diseases. Make sure the graft union is approximately 3cm above ground level. At this point, do not fertilise the plant. Fertilising should be left until the rose has begun flowering. Prune branches back to about 15cm above the graft. Prune on an angle about 1cm from an outward facing growth eye. Spray with lime sulphur to reduce black spot and other fungal diseases. Mulching is highly recommended. Apply 3-5cm of mulch such as sugar cane, garden compost and good quality weed free lucerne. Keep mulch slightly away from the stem.

If you plan on buying camellias for your garden, then consider what variety may suit. Sasanqua camellias commence flowering in late autumn. Their display can extend to late September. This variety is brilliant for hedging or screening. The bushes have a more relaxed growth habit. Japonica camellias are more formal in flower type. Reticulatas are the showstoppers with large colourful blooms. Now is the time to check out your local garden nursery for the great colour range available.



Winter is certainly a good time to prepare the soil for spring crop plantings. The addition of old sheep or cattle manure is excellent as is good garden compost. Avoid chicken manure as it may burn seedlings. Sowing a green manure crop will add plenty of nitrogen to the soil. Green manure mixtures can be sown now and churning into the soil at the end of winter.

The next meeting of Walcha Garden Club is Friday, 4th June at the Walcha Tennis Club, Angle St, Walcha commencing 9.30am. Our guest speaker is Josh Robb, Weeds Officer, Local Land Services. Enquiries Di Bazeley 0403464865 Diana Lisle 0429799083. New members most welcome.

Wednesday Golf

Last Sunday saw several of our girls head to Barraba to play in their Open Day. It was great to see Penny King coming in third with a 70 nett.

Wednesday was a par event playing for Jeanette Wark's trophy. There were some excellent scores on the day with Katie Smith on fire with a score of +4. Sweepstakes went to Vicki Spzitalak +3, Sue Partridge square, Pauline Carter -1, and Prue Morgan -1. NTP on 3 was Jenny Lisle and second shot on 18, Sally McCormack.

Today is the Elders trophy playing the 27 hole Foursomes Championships and the following week is a 4BBB, draw for partners playing for Beth Ross and Deb Richards trophy.

Ladies Bowls

A great day of bowls was played on a beautiful sunny President's day last Thursday. Bowlers came from Guyra, Armidale, Uralla and Bendemeer. President Pam thanked the visiting bowlers, Noel our green keeper, Lynette our secretary, the members who helped in any way, including providing prizes, and the men bowlers who filled in the vacant spots. Pam also thanked the kitchen staff who provided a scrumptious baked lunch. The guests were Jean, our Patron, Hazel, Dulcie and Val. Our District President Nanette was also in attendance.

Marlene, John, Debbie and Noel were drawn as winners for the day with Pam, Lynette, Margaret M and Margaret Tickle runners up.

Congratulations to Pam and Esther who won the Four Bowl Pairs in a close game 18 to 16 against Lyn and Wendy. The Three Bowl Pairs will commence on 10 June with Jan and Lyn B playing Debbie and Wendy. There will be social bowls this week.

Bowls

A Pairs: N & B Goodwin def M Steep & M Hamel 29-11.

Mixed Pairs: P & D Makeham def J Hayes & R Kerr 22-5.

Draw for this weekend our Fours Championships: Saturday 9:00am S Bath, M Bullen, S Sweeney & F Cameron v G Mitchie, A McGuffog, D Bird & R Kerr. Saturday 1:00 start Winner of the morning game will play against G Bird, B Kliendienst, S & K Goodwin. Other game for Saturday afternoon 1:00 start is M Steep, A, N & B Goodwin v F Henry, G Clare, I Bird & D Makeham. Winners of the afternoon games will play against each other in the Final on Sunday 12:00 start.

In regards to our state Pennant trip in July leaving on the 15th for 4 nights we have 1 spare spot in our accommodation and Travel that we need to fill. If you are interested please give Kyle a call 0429 623 735.

At the 19th

A modest field of 15 players teed off in the annual lefthanders v righthanders where 'molley dooker' Dion Bird was outnumbered 14 to 1 but salvaged a draw when he carded the equal best score on the day. Overall winner of a trophy donated by lefthanders captain Warwick Hogan was Simone Sweeney after she accumulated 40 stableford points before counting runner-up Dion Bird on the same score.

Sweepstakes went to Lee Fletcher and Margaret Davidson both 37, Mark Hogan 36, Kyle Goodwin and his aunty Cheryl McDonald both 35.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Dion Bird (3) and Crichton Barr (16).

Walcha were represented at the Werris Creek Open last Sunday by 13 players, the most by any club including the hosts. President Allan Green and captain Willy Brennan racked up 20 points to win the first nine holes while Wayne Brennan teamed up with 'Molleydooker' Mal Ballard to take out the back nine holes after compiling 20 points also. The 'Creek' open attracted 62 players.

Last Saturday David Dunn provided the best score, 19 points, to win the Men's Division from Max Holstein on 16 points. Ladies winner was Margaret Higgins on 17 points but only after she counted out Pauline Carter.

This Sunday D.A. Locke is in charge of supplying the prize for a stableford round.

Tennis

Round 5 of the Eskimo Comp was played out on Tues 25 May. Top players on the night scoring 18 points from a possible 18 were Roxana Mathews, Kris Wall, Nick Buckland and Trev Gibson. Well done to those players. The new starting time for the Eskimo Comp from Tues 1st June will be 6.00pm sharp. The comp will conclude on Tues 15th June.

The next Club meeting will be held on Mon 12th July all Club members are welcome to attend. See you all at the net soon.

Darts

Darts results for Thursday 27th May played at New England. The Commercial had a win over the Magnificent 7 seven games to four. Best for the Commercial, W Morris 100x2 and Matt Allen 125 and 100. For Magnificent 7 – C Norbury 112, H Williams 120 and 100 and M Ireland 109. In the other game the Arrows had a win over the Rednecks 9/2. For Arrows – C Watts scored 100x2, T Baumer 100, G Olrich 100, 140, V Costigan 130, 133 and Tu 100, 105 and 114 pegout. For the Rednecks, Digger 101, Nga 100x2, 125 and B Green 134. This weeks draw, Mag 7 v BC and Apsley Arrows v Commercial Hotel.



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Loved sister & sister-in-law of Betty & Ken Means (both dec'd), Nessie & Neville (dec'd) Young, Daphne & Ross Bramble, Robert (dec'd) & Leah and fond aunt of their families.

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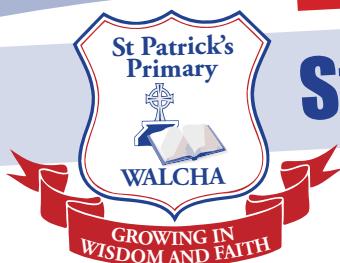
Walcha Garden Club meeting Friday 4th June, 9:30am start at Walcha Tennis Club. Contacts: Di Bazeley 0403 464 865 or Diana Lisle 0429 799 083.

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