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## *Anna named NSW Pharmacist of the Year*

It was a whirlwind week for Pharmacist, Anna Barwick which started with her selection to attend the Future Women's Leadership Summit on Tuesday and Wednesday in Sydney, and ended in her taking away the major award at the Pharmaceutical Society's NSW/ACT Annual Therapeutic Update conference on the weekend.

Anna was one of only 24 women selected from 423 applicants for the one-year scholarship program with Future Women NSW. The Leadership Summit last week was her first chance to meet the other scholarship winners which Anna thoroughly enjoyed. "There were such a diverse group of women including artists, miners, teachers and farmers as well as women in diverse businesses," Anna said.

"There was a heavy focus on female leaders and we heard from Gladys Berejiklian, Tanya Plibersek and other female ministers on their leadership styles," Anna commented.

Over the course of the year, Anna will have access to various other networking, mentoring and learning content and opportunities with the program designed to connect driven and passionate women from all ages and backgrounds to assist them develop leadership skills and help them progress to the next stage of their career.

Anna then returned home to Walcha for a short break before flying to Sydney again for the Pharmaceutical Society's NSW/ACT Annual Therapeutic Update conference on the weekend.

NSW PSA President, Chelsea Felkai, presented awards for NSW Intern of the Year, NSW Early Career Pharmacist of the Year and NSW Pharmacist of the Year at the award ceremony held at the Novotel in Manly on Saturday 13 March.

"These awards not only recognise the outstanding achievements of the winners but also highlights the vital role of pharmacists across different practice settings and locations," Ms Felkai said.

In presenting Anna the NSW Pharmacist of the Year award, Ms Felkai said Anna has led work in the area of telehealth and improving communications between pharmacists and the general community.

"Anna's pioneering work in this field has led to the formation of the PharmOnline, extended



*Anna Barwick receives the NSW Pharmacist of the Year award from PSA President, Associate Professor Chris Freeman*

telehealth advisory service which provides opportunities for the community to access health and medicines advice. Anna has also served as a member of PSA's NSW Branch committee," Ms Felkai said.

Anna developed PharmOnline in March last year and launched the service in August/September 2020. It offers people in rural and regional areas, access to professional pharmacist advice after hours. "People can make appointments and discuss their health concerns or have their questions answered regarding medications after hours and on weekends," Anna explained. The PharmOnline website also has blog posts which Anna has put together on health topics, as well as podcasts. "I am passionate about health care and rural people, and the PharmOnline service uses volunteer pharmacists from right across Australia to help people who are isolated and don't have access to pharmacists after hours," Anna said.

"Her work and advocacy in this field has certainly improved opportunities for rural communities to access advice and treatment opportunities where they have traditionally proved very difficult," NSW PSA President, Chelsea Felkai said.

Anna also works as a lecturer in the Pharmacy Department at UNE, and is studying for her PhD part-time. A very busy lady, making a huge difference to the lives of rural people.



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## around the traps



By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

What a great week for some this last week has been. A weather front bringing significant rainfall has moved slowly across the state, with many areas in the northern half of the state benefitting from the event. This rainfall event has occurred in a line from the Kimberley region in WA (falls above 150mm) through Central Australia (falls from 25 to 100mm), central western QLD (falls from 25 to 50mm generally) and down into north eastern NSW (where falls have been generally from 25 to 50mm). Tamworth has had a blinder during this event, with some of the weekly totals well above 100mm. Talking with people further up in the tablelands and south towards the Hunter region, it appears we missed the big falls in this event, but we have had good rain in recent weeks. Crops and pastures are really responding to the wetter end to February and early March. There is no better time for rain at this end of the year.

The Walcha Show committee should take a bow after a wonderful show on the weekend. The weather was near perfect, the events were well attended and entries in pavilions and around the ring were well subscribed. I can't remember seeing bigger crowds generally at the show and there were a lot of out of town faces there. I was talking to several people from out of the area and they all made very positive comments about the show, the community spirit and how pleased they were to have made the effort to come to our show. There is little doubt the show was made so much better by the improved facilities made possible through various Government funding programs, which does highlight the need for these programmes and the benefits that come with them in smaller communities.

Livestock markets this last week have seen nothing new or alarming. Wet weather is holding back numbers and keeping supply relatively tight. Tamworth numbers tanked on Monday with just 1350 sheep and lambs on offer and about 650 cattle (from memory as the report was not available on line). It is difficult to remember an autumn period when cattle markets have been so light on for numbers. Gunnedah might normally be yarding 2500 to 3000 cattle at this time of year, with just 800 last Tuesday. Dubbo is in a similar situation where their numbers were just 1430 last Thursday and could easily normally be 3000 plus. Slaughter numbers are not so bad with 25,000 cattle processed in NSW last week as opposed to 30,000 the previous year. So you can assume many of the numbers of cattle moving through the processing plants are not necessarily coming from saleyards. They will be coming from feedlots and direct to plant sales. The EYCI stands at 859 c/kg which is still well above the 725 c/kg at the same time as a year ago.

The sheep and lamb numbers are a different story, with sheep numbers through saleyards and processing plants nationally increasing on a year on year basis. Last week there were 121,000 sheep and lambs processed nationally, compared to 79,000 at the same time last year. A recent article published on the MLA web site points to the increased numbers and the flock rebuild after the drought. Victorian numbers have increased by about 35% year on year which does highlight the fact they have not been affected by drought as much as NSW in 2019.

A reminder that Simon Quilty will be covering forecasts for red meat markets next week on the 25th at Walcha Vet Supplies, but you need to be booked in with tickets to go. If you need to know how to get tickets, call the LLS or specifically Brent McLeod who will point you in the direction.

The Federal Government is under significant pressure at the moment on a number of fronts, from the treatment of women in and out of the work place, to the COVID pandemic and specifically how they are managing the vaccination program. If what you read and see in the media is anything to go by, they don't appear to be handling either issue well, and the smell in the air is political capital fuelling a fire they don't seem capable of putting out. With billions spent on access to vaccines and the main one we are accessing now causing some concern in Europe, it is difficult to see their situation improving quickly. As a country we have done so well to this point in managing the pandemic, but we have backed ourselves into a corner with our borders closed and our reliance on a vaccine to enable the country to open up. Right now it appears to me that if we are going to wet the bed every time we are exposed to a case of COVID, it is difficult to see how we will ever open our international borders again. We are isolated and that has been good to this point, but in the longer term somehow we have to work out how to open our borders to international travellers again.

# Angus returns to Walcha with his plumbing business

With the frosts just around the corner, plumbers will be in demand, so it is timely that Angus Crawford has returned to the district and is operating as Angus Crawford Plumbing (ACP).

Angus grew up at Woolbrook and since finishing school trained as a plumber with Tony Hoskin Plumbing in Armidale before moving into Commercial Plumbing with A Murray & Sons, who he worked with for seven years. During this time Angus worked on large jobs from Moree to Young and everywhere in between.

Angus is happy to travel throughout the Walcha district, from Uralla to Nowendoc and Yarrowitch to Bendemeer. He offers a wide range of plumbing services ranging from:

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Angus is really happy to be back in the district and looks forward to working with the local community. He can be contacted on 0407 192 192.



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## Committee members needed for Handmade

Walcha Handmade was opened in September 2014 and has been operating for the past six and a half years as a shop selling wonderful local handmade items, along with a studio where workshops and classes can be held.

This Thursday 18 March at 5.30pm. Walcha Handmade will hold their Annual General Meeting in their studio, and would like all members to attend.

All positions will be declared vacant with the current committee indicating that they will not be standing again. Positions include President, Secretary, Treasurer, shop coordinator, window display manager, kids craft corner coordinator and studio/workshop coordinator.

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# Walcha Show

## The Royal of the North

The 2021 Walcha Show has been described as “The Royal of the North” and a template for more country Shows.

The weather was perfect, the Showground was full and the people came in thousands. Visitors commented that the atmosphere was friendly and welcoming. Simply, it was just fun.

The big crowd was well behaved and observed the COVID safe regulations. Walcha Show President Martin Oppenheimer thanked the hard working committee and volunteers for putting on a great Show in challenging times. “We have over 270 volunteers, that’s why we can run a Show, one of the best in the Country.”

“Thanks to all the support from the community and businesses. We had record gate and bar sales, many food vendors including the Lions BBQ sold out on Saturday night. The Pizza van has only ever sold out at the Birdsville Races and here!”

“We also had close to 20% increase in membership, which is the lifeblood of the Show. We always welcome more people to be involved with the Show.”



*Huge crowds both nights soaked up the amazing atmosphere of the 2021 Show*

Highlights of the Show included increased entries in the Merino & Meat Sheep sections, Prime lambs, Beef Cattle, Yard Dog Trials and over 300 birds in the Poultry section.

The Pavilions were full with outstanding produce, flowers and crafts. The improved season and improved outlook for Walcha was evident.

The two-day Woodchop had more than 50 axemen and women and was very well supported.

The SpeedShear was exciting with the locals winning a close one in the ‘Walcha versus the World’ event. The final went viral on social media with over 400,000 views.

The Walcha Showgirl for 2021 was announced during the Grand Parade with congratulations to Katrina Campbell, who will go to the Zone final representing Walcha.

Thanks to Walcha Council with invaluable funding to help run the Show and the Bushfire Recovery Marquee, where support services were available. This was joint Commonwealth State funding administered by Resilience NSW.

The renovated Sheep Pavilion plus the new Show office and toilets at the Main Pavilion were much appreciated by exhibitors and show patrons. Thanks to State and Commonwealth funding for these improvements.

“We have to keep improving the Showground and facilities to bring it up to a modern standard. Safety, usefulness and comfort are imperative if the Show is to continue growing.”

“Thanks to the Walcha community for supporting the 2021 Show, now we start planning for next year.”



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## letters to the editor

### Can you spare a few days fencing

BlazeAid is returning to Yarrawitch this Sunday 21 March after completing fencing at Nowendoc and Winterbourne.

The camp is looking for volunteers. If you can spare a couple of days please call Kirky on 0477 819 306 or email [Blazeaid.Yarrawitch@gmail.com](mailto:Blazeaid.Yarrawitch@gmail.com).

**Louise Clarke**

# Aspley Falls works underway

Works are underway at Aspley Falls this week as part of planned upgrades and improvements to visitor safety.

National Parks and Wildlife Service Area Manager Aaron Simmon said the planned works over the next six months include enhancements to picnic and camping areas.

“Visited by an average 60,000 people every year, it is important that Walcha’s iconic waterfall and gorge continues to provide the best visitor experience.

“This week will see the removal of the old stairway and lower platforms after independent structural and geotechnical experts deemed them unsafe. The lower stairway has been closed for some time after a routine engineer’s inspection raised issues over movement and slope instability which cannot be rectified due to the geology of the area.

“The main viewing platform, which is wheelchair friendly, will remain in place continuing to provide visitors with the best view of the falls.

“The walking tracks including the Apsley Gorge Rim walking track where wildlife like wallabies can be spotted will not be impacted.

“The Apsley Falls precinct will also benefit from planned upgrades to the campground and picnic areas over the next six months. The upgrades will include provision of extra camping sites, an upgrade of existing sites, new interpretation signs, and an upgrade to the falls parking area.

“We will also be improving the appeal of the Oxley Highway entrance area, enticing visitors to stop and take in the magnificent views.

“The community has long-held a strong connection to the facilities at Apsley Falls, with Walcha locals involved in construction of both the first wooden stairs in 1902, as well as the change in the 1960s to steel.

“This community spirit will be acknowledged in new interpretive signs planned as part of the improvements.

“With more people than ever visiting our national parks, we want to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all visitors as they take in the spectacular scenery of the New England area,” Mr Simmon said.

## Kids, it’s time to pull on your rugby boots

Central North Junior Rugby has confirmed that the 2021 Gala Days will commence in Walcha on Sunday 2nd May. Gala days are held in a different town in the region each week involving boys and girls from the ages of 4 to 12. They are a great way to experience rugby in a supportive environment. The Under 6 age group participate in drills and skills each week and all other age groups compete in rugby games modified for their age level.



Registrations are now open via the Rugby Xplorer website or app and all new players are very welcome. Membership costs range between \$102 and \$140 depending on age. Active Kids vouchers can be redeemed when signing up to reduce this price significantly. Cost of registration includes the use of the Walcha Ram Lambs playing kit that players will be responsible for while they are at the club.

The first training session will be held on Wednesday 31st March at Peter Fenwicke Oval commencing at 4pm. This will be followed by a sausage sizzle and an information session for parents.

If anyone would like more information regarding junior rugby they are encouraged to contact Charlie Street (President), Ben Ussher (Treasurer) or Mel Benson (Secretary). If you need assistance with registrations please contact Mel Benson on 0429 047 322.



## Thank you for making the Walcha Woodchop a great success.

To the businesses and individuals who didn’t hesitate to sponsor, support, or donate equipment or products for the 2021 woodchop – thank you. Without your generosity this event would not have been possible.

To our hard working ring crew who worked tirelessly over the two days – Aspro, Justin, Dave, Christine, Dan, Doug, Belinda, Harry, Greg and Pat.

To the competitors who travelled to Walcha to compete and put on a great spectacle for the community. And to all who came along to watch and cheer on the axemen and women – the competitors appreciated your enthusiasm and applause.

Thank you Walcha.

**Alan Scrivener** – Woodchop Coordinator



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# Coffee, the way you like it

The Walcha Farmer's Market supports and showcases local producers and others across the New England region. One of these stallholders is Walcha Roasted Coffee, which is achieving almost celebrity status, at the Market, for its flavoursome brew.

Owner, Cameron Hayton took the time to explain the art of crafting the perfect espresso, from plantation to cup "it's a complex process" said Cameron - part agriculture, part science, part ethics, part technology, part commerce, part culinary, culminating in the skill of the barista.

To bring out the intrinsic flavours of the premium beans he sources, Cameron adopts some serious roasting techniques, even expelling hints of caramel, tangerine and apricot from his blends. His brewing recipes are precisely developed and tracked through a software app to get the best results.



Cameron loves having his family closely involved in this coffee enterprise. "I saw a coffee farmer and his daughter working together tending their plantation, and now here am I with my daughter Bella roasting the beans they grew," Cameron said. His passion for coffee and the journey it takes comes through in Cameron's knowledge, feel and care for his product.

As an unknown author once wrote "A cup of gourmet coffee shared with a friend is happiness tasted and time well spent." So for those who put coffee first in their day, make it a 'good morning' with a visit to Walcha Farmer's Market this Saturday. Meet Cameron and enjoy a quality espresso. You won't be disappointed.

## Need help cleaning up your yard?

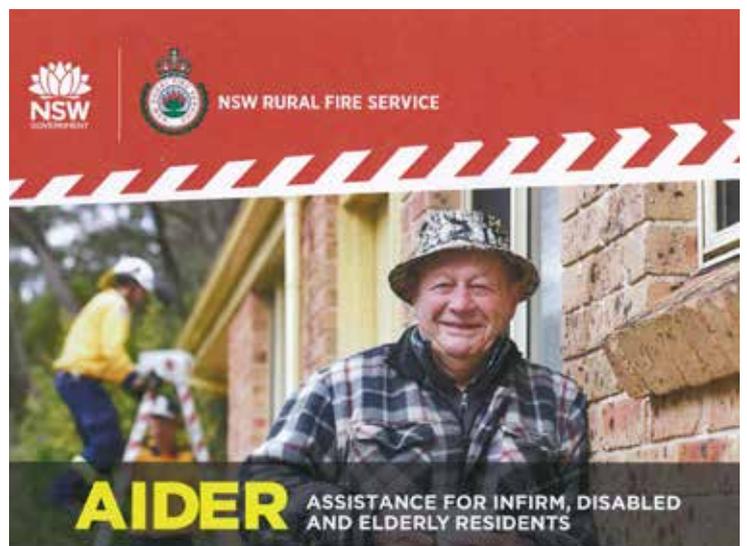
Crews from the Armidale Rural Fire Service are currently looking for residents in the Walcha area who may need help cleaning up their yards to prevent bush fire hazards.

This free service is available to anyone in the area who is infirm, disabled or elderly and is known as AIDER.

Nathan from the Armidale RFS explained that they create an Asset Protection Zone around your house, which could include cleaning your gutters, trimming vegetation, clearing overhanging trees, removing noxious weeds, tidying up around your house and ensuring fire truck access in your driveway.

"AIDER is a once off FREE service, supporting residents to live safely and confidently in areas where bush fires may start," Nathan said.

All you have to do is contact the RFS on 8741 4955 to book in for the free service.



# Wellings Walcha Cricket Kingpin

By AJ Cross

Round Swamp allrounder Luke Wellings was named local 'Cricketeer of the year' when the Association held their annual presentations at the Apsley Hotel after the recent grand final.

He finished the season on 13 points to take out the E.R Bazel Memorial Award three points clear of runner up Uralla allrounder Jay Grills who won the trophy in 2014. Kentucky skipper Daniel Boyed and Uralla's Nathan Swan were a point back in third position on 9 points.



Back row: Round Swamp Captain Barry Hoy, Nathan Swan, Blain Moore, Thomas Swan, Jay Grills, Shannon Rafferty, Troy Tape. Front row: Ben France, Ed Blomfield, Uralla Captain Cameron Wood, Luke Wellings, Daniel Boyd and Gavin White.

## Trophy winners:

Major Premiers (Walcha News Cup) ..... Uralla  
 Minor Premiers (Yalgoo Shield) ..... Uralla  
 Turton Cup ..... Round Swamp  
 ER Brazel Player of the Season ..... Luke Wellings 13pts  
 Batting Aggregate (Commercial Hotel) ..... Ed Blomfield 375 runs  
 Batting Average (Lloyd Livingston trophy) ..... Luke Wellings 216 @ 43.2  
 O/35 Batting Average (Fleet Helicopters) ..... Luke Wellings 43.2  
 U/21 Batting Average (Bob Bowden Memorial) ..... Daniel Boyd 298 @ 37.25  
 Bowling Aggregate (Association) ..... Nathan Swan 12 wickets  
 Bowling Average (Denis Wall) ..... Gavin White 7.9  
 O/35 Bowling Average (Fleet Helicopters) ..... Nathan Swan 10.6  
 U/21 Bowling Ave (Bob Bowden Memorial) ..... Thomas Swan 18.85  
 Wicketkeeper of the Season (Association) ..... Blaine Moore 29pt  
 Most Catches (Viv Partridge Memorial) ..... Shannon Rafferty 8  
 Player of the Grand Final (Mounted Ball) ..... Cameron Wood  
 District Bowling average (Jocky Byrne Memorial) ..... Randy Grewal 6@11.0

Best Bowling performance in Grand Final (Jim Fletcher Memorial perpetual) went to Ben France 4/35.

District Batting Ave (Don Fletcher Memorial) to Jay Grills 83 runs @ 27.6 ave.

District Bowling average (Jocky Byrne Memorial) to Randy Grewal 6@11.0.

### Tons

Ed Blomfield 126 v Kentucky 4/1/2021  
 Thor Crombie 104 v Kentucky 5/12/2020

### Five Wickets in an innings

Jamie Robertson 5/45 v Kentucky 28/11/20  
 Nathan Swan 5/35 v Colts 12/12/20  
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# WALCHA SHOW 2021



Pictured above: Walcha Show President Martin Oppenheimer presented Charles Koebel, Lee Fletcher and Ross King with Life Membership for their 40 years of service to the Show Society.





Pictured above: Walcha Mayor Eric Noakes and Adam Marshall with our 2021 Show Girl runner-up Felicity Yarnold and winner Katrina Campbell.





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# School captains attend International Women's Day breakfast

## By WCS Captains

The Armidale Quota's International Women's Day breakfast was an opportunity to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.



*Thomas Micallef, Abbey Mackaway and Sophie Worth with  
Mrs Amanda Cooper*

This year's theme was 'Choose to Challenge' and we listened to the remarkable story of Rianna Feenstra, recipient of the 2019 New England North West Regional Business Awards Business of the Year and Outstanding Young Entrepreneur awards.

Rianna's talk provided an insight into the harsh reality of harassment that women face within the workplace and their community. Rather than focusing on the negatives, Rianna reminded everyone that others can't hold you back or define who you are, instead that everyone is more than capable of any goal they set their mind to.

## **Focus on Vanuatu at Prayer Day this Friday**

Walcha residents have the opportunity to join the World Day of Prayer this Friday at St Patrick's Church from 5pm.

World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian movement initiated by women. On one day a year it is an opportunity to set aside time to pray around a designated theme for the needs identified by the women of a specific country.

This year prayers will focus on the people and country of Vanuatu. The theme, *Build on a Strong Foundation* has been chosen as this is paramount to living in Vanuatu. Throughout the service you will hear the voices of the Vanuatu women, who invite people to focus on the Bible story in Matthew 7:24-27. Jesus tells a story about the kingdom of heaven using the image of a house and the land on which the house is built. Choosing the land on which to build the house is an important decision for people in Vanuatu. The combination of considering the terrain and the climate is crucial in a tropical archipelago located in the South Pacific Ocean prone to earthquakes, cyclones, volcanic eruptions and rising sea levels. On April 6th, 2020, Vanuatu was hit by Cyclone Harold, which had made its way across the Pacific destroying many islands in its wake.

You can join in this prayer event at St Patrick's Church at 5pm on Friday 19 March, which will be followed by a light supper.



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# 2021 Walcha Show Results

## Walcha Speedshear

**Novice Winner** Jayden Rossiter

**Intermediate winner** Jhordan Coulter

**Open Winner** Aiden Lopp 24 sec, 2nd Jerome Taiki 27 sec, 3rd Tete Petuha 28 sec, 4th Jezza 29 sec.

Fastest time for the night in the heats was 22 seconds. 32 competitors entered, with half the field being locals. Travellers came from as far as Mt Gamber SA, Wagga Wagga, Goulburn, Dubbo. A total prize pool of \$7700 cash and prizes. Special thanks to all sponsors and Glen Collin Pastoral for supplying the sheep. A big thank you to the men and women who helped out on the day. A spectacular show from the Walcha boys taking out the Walcha v World for the win - Walcha's shearers were Josh Hull, Jerome Taiki and Tete Petuha.



Open Finalists



Intermediate finalists

## Merino Show

**Extra Superfine Champion Ram** Bocoble  
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**Superfine Champion Ram** Bocoble,  
**Champion Ewe** Nerstane

**Fine Champion Ram** Nerstane,  
**Champion Ewe** Nerstane

**Fine/Medium Champion Ram** Nerstane,  
**Champion Ewe** Nerstane

**Junior Champions Ram** Nerstane,  
**Champion Ewe** Nerstane

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**Grand Champion Ewe of the Show**  
Nerstane (Fine wool)

**National Australia Bank Supreme Exhibit**  
Nerstane (Ram)

**Most Successful Exhibitor of the Show**  
Nerstane

**Breeders group** (3 rams & 2 ewes March or August shorn) Westvale



Breeders Group - won by 'Westvale'



Poppy McLaren with Nerstane's Grand Champion Ram & Supreme Exhibit of the Show

## Cooking

A good year with a total of 236 entries (Open and Juniors) was down by 73 but we were not sure how this year would affect the cooking section, so thank you to everyone who entered making it a success in these uncertain times. A huge thank you to the Stewardesses for all their hard work and assistance. It is a long day but very rewarding to see the cabinets with such an array of cooking.

**Open Section Champion** - Congratulations to Broni Koebel with her Peach Blossum cake. She does it perfectly every time. The Judge commented on how well it was presented.

**Open Section Feature cake** - Carrot  
1st Samantha Lockyer, 2nd Vicki Mclvor. Congratulations ladies

**Open Section** - The Most Successful Exhibitor - This year we had equal winners Congratulations to Samantha Lockyer Prize - \$30 IGA voucher donated by Kim McKinnon and Carol Dunn - \$30 voucher donated by Vicki Mclvor. Well done ladies

**The over 70's section Champion** - Congratulations Margaret Carter with her lovely

lemon slice. The Judge was very impressed with its taste.

**Men's Section Champion** - Congratulations to Chris Wyatt with his prize winning Orange cake. The Judge commented it had a lovely flavour and a nice texture.

**Men's Section Feature cake** - Orange cake 1st to Chris Wyatt, 2nd Anthony Uren. Men's cooking certainly improving with 17 entries in the feature cake. Well done to you all.

**Junior section High School Champion cake** Kimberley Blake Plain Butter cake. The Judge was very impressed with the standard of this cake.

**Feature cake** Marble cake 1st Marlee Wall, 2nd Ella Jenkins. Congratulations.

The judge suggested that all entrants may like to attempt another cake just to improve on the marbling technique but she congratulated you all on your efforts. Well done and we hope you bring your cooking in again next year.

**Primary School section Feature cake** Theme 'Walcha Races' 1st Millie Laurie, 2nd Eamon Barnes. We had 20 entries in this section and the Judge had a difficult decision deciding the winners. Well done to you all.

**Junior Section Encouragement Award** Congratulations to Marcus Blake for his 1st prize winning Patty cakes. The Judge was really impressed. Prize donated by Vicki Mclvor.

**Six to eight years** - Gingerbread persons 1st Claire Williams, 2nd Eamon Barnes. Well decorated and tasted nice.

**Under five section** Decorated Arrowroot biscuits 1st Phoebe Grills, 2nd Lisa Blake.

The Judge thought all the biscuits were beautifully decorated and awarded them all a Highly Commended card. Well done children. Vicki Mclvor Chief Stewardess.

## Handicrafts - Hostel, Nursing Home, Day Care

Congratulations to everyone who put entries in to make such a wonderful display in the Handicraft and the Hostel, Nursing Home and Day Care sections. Thank you to stewards Jenny, Denise and Lisa for all your help, Great job.

**Senior Champion** Yvette Stanton

**Junior Champion** Stuart Lawrence

**Judy Hobbs Memorial Trophy** for most successful competitor donated by Walcha CWA - Yvette Stanton

Nancy Partridge Memorial Champion  
Ribbon Hostel, Nursing Home, Day Care - Willow Wing

## Preserves

Champion Marmalade and Overall Champion Bronwyn Koebel, Champion Condiment Samantha Lockyer (Mango Chutney), Champion Jam (Blackberry) Wainie Robertson, Junior Champion Alex Hobbs, senior Champion Hazel Cameron, Champion Gentleman Andrew Corlette, Champion Preserve section Audi Dunn, Encouragement Award donated by Diana Lisle - Shiena Allerton.

# State Golf Championships here this weekend

By AJ Cross

Walcha Golf Club will host the 2021 weekend mens 4BBB Sandgreen Golf Championship this weekend with nearly 40 local players nominated in the field of 132 from all around the state.

Last year the tournament was scheduled to be played here but due to the COVID outbreak the event was cancelled leaving 2019 nett winners Peter Norbury and Wayne Brennan, who won at Manildra, as reigning nett champions.

Back in 2003 Peter teamed up with Phil Perry to win the nett while the following year Jim Nivison and Nick Hall were victorious when both championships were played here on the Walcha Course.

Walcha players have also been successful in the scratch section of the event the most recent when Andrew Brennan and his father Wayne won at Hay in 2016.



PAST WINNERS Mark Peters, Rodger Jamieson, Luke Brennan, Kyle Goodwin, AJ Brennan, Wayne Brennan, Simeon Cross.

In 2007 Wayne's oldest son Luke joined forces with Kyle Goodwin to finish equal winners at Trangie whereas Wayne and Simeon Cross won here in 2003. Followed by Mark Peters and Rodger Jamieson in 2004.

There will be a 9 hole competition on offer from midday on Friday and after that the course will be closed.

Also on offer will be breakfast on Saturday from 8:30am and Sunday from 6:30am. Hopefully the weather will be kind over the weekend. Best of luck to all competitors.

advocate sport 

## Bowls

Results from the weekend pennant games:

Saturday – Walcha travelled to South Tamworth and came home with a 9 <sup>1/2</sup> to <sup>1/2</sup> win 75-47 on the big board which was a great result. R. Kerr had a 20-20 draw K. Goodwin won his rink 29-14 and S. Goodwin won his rink 26-13.

On Sunday at Walcha Bowling Club in very wet conditions against West Tamworth we battled it out and come away with another great 9-1 win 53-42 on the big board.

R. Kerr won his rink 20-14. K. Goodwin won his rink 22-10 and S. Goodwin going down in their game 18-11. These results have secured us into the next level.

This Saturday we travel to West Tamworth for our final game of the round with the next level to be played on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th March at a venue to be decided.

Teams for This Saturday – E. O'Keefe, A. McGuffog, F. Cameron and S. Goodwin. A,B and N. Goodwin and R. Kerr, M. Bullen, G. Clare, M. Steel and D. Makeham.

Subs : K. Goodwin, D. Bird, I. Bird, G. Carter and T. Asmus.

Skips to organise transport during the week.

**Dads Army:** We were joined on Thursday by two Queensland visitors with a Scottish accent.

Two games of triples were played, with the "chook" winners Noel Goodwin, John McLean and Jack having a big win 18 - 5 against Tony Asmus, John McCormack and John Watts.

The second game saw the return of Barry Kliendienst who was joined by Eric O'Keefe and Pat to defeat Brian Goodwin, Peter Hayes and John Hine 17-12 in a close encounter. The raffle was won by John Watts.

## Walcha Show 2021

Champion Led Show Hunter Hack  
Percheron Mare Kamilaroi Yvette  
Shown by Genevieve Freer – Percheron breeder



*Congratulations to the organising committee, Judges, Stewards on a great Show.*

## Ladies Bowls

Seven lady bowlers played a game of fours last Thursday with Wendy playing lead and second along side Esther and June who won over Carol, Janet, Marg Morris & Lynne Watts 19-16. Esther, Janice & Marg Morris played at Uralla's McNaught Gardens fund raising day last Wednesday winning both games. This Thursday meeting at 1 pm.

## Tennis

Round 5 of the Summer Comp was played out on Tues 9th March sadly Thurs night was a wash out. Stosur defeated De Minaur in a great close match 28 to 26 and Dellacqua demolished Gavrilova 36 to 16. Gavrilova were the top scorers of the round with an amazing 36 out of a possible 36 points. Well done Ben Clifton, Steve Blake, Melinda Clark and Nick Buckland.

The next club meeting will be held on Mon 10th May at 6.30pm. It will be our AGM and all members are welcome to attend. The yearly street stall will be held on Sat 15th May. A load of wood and a fruit and veggie tray will be on offer. Any helpers to sell tickets will be welcome. See you all at the net soon.

## Wednesday Golf

A par event was played on Wednesday for Sheila Faulkner's trophy. The winner with a great score of +3 was Donna Martin. Sweepstakes went to Sue Partridge on +2, Prue Morgan square and Doug McDonald on -2, on a countback. Sharpest shooter on hole 3 was Katie Smith and no-one reached the sand on hole 16. Congratulations to all.

Wednesday 24th March will be a Stableford event for a Club trophy. A good contingent of girls will be heading to Glen Innes to play in the NEDGA Tournament that day and for the following two days, the 25th and 26th March. Good luck to all heading up there.

## At The 19th

No golf last Sunday due to the weather. The weekly 9 hole comp was on Saturday where Steph Sweeney ran out the winner after he accumulated 18 stableford points, two points clear of runner-up Mark Hogan. In the ladies division Vicki Szpitalak racked up 16 points to finish a couple of points in front of Jenny Lisle who counted out Pauline Carter on 14 points for runner-up. N.T.P. on 3 went to Gary Brennan.

This weekend course is closed to all but players competing in NSW Sandgreen.



## Death Funeral Notice

**Green: Ronald William**

9th March 2021

Of Summervale, Emu Creek Road, Walcha.  
Loving father & father-in-law, grandfather,  
great-grandfather, brother, brother-in-law,  
uncle and great uncle of his family.

*Aged 70 years*

Funeral to be held at St Andrew's Anglican  
Church, Walcha Friday, 19th March 2021  
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the Walcha Cemetery.

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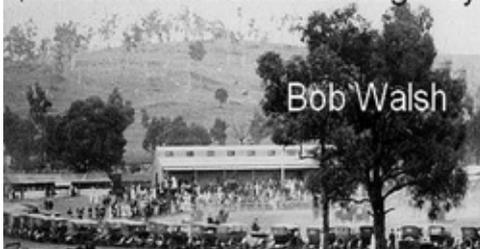
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### WORLD PRAYER DAY

Friday March 19, 5pm at St Patrick's Church  
followed by a light supper.

## Walcha Stories

\$40 at the Walcha Newsagency



## Public Notices (Cont)

**Junior Indoor Hockey** – Nominations  
must be in by Friday 26 March to:  
walchajuniorindoorhockey@gmail.com  
Phone: Chloe 0400 389 573 or Edwina  
0427 772 297. **New members welcome.**

### ONE STOP SHOP

Today Wednesday 17th March  
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### WALCHA BATHS 2020/21 SEASON CLOSURE



Residents are advised that  
the 2020/21 swimming  
season will finalise on Thursday 1 April  
2021, and the swimming pool will be closed  
from 6.00pm that day.

Chris Weber – Interim General Manager  
Walcha Council, PO Box 2 Walcha NSW 2354

### Child Care Vacancies

Vacancies available for  
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**Dead or Alive motorbikes,** quads, trikes,  
buggies etc. Any make, any model and all  
parts. Cash on pick up. Phone 0402 861 364.

**Old Vinatge Motors** – Before you take them  
to the tip, please send photos to Erika  
0413 016 806, we are interested.

## Meetings

**Walcha Support Group Inc.** – Meeting  
Thursday 25th March, 1.00 pm at WCCC  
rooms Middle St. All welcome.

**Walcha Junior Indoor Hockey AGM** – 6pm,  
Monday 29 March at Apsley Arms Hotel. New  
members welcome and strongly encouraged  
to attend.

**Walcha Basketball Assoc.** – AGM.  
Wednesday 24 March, Apsley Hotel at 6pm.  
All welcome.

## Raffle Results

**Walcha Historical Society** – Street Stall  
raffle – Load of Wood to David Murchie, Meat  
Voucher to Denis Yarnold & Natio Gift Pack  
to Suzie Fortesque.

**St Patrick's P&F** street stall raffle – 1st Load  
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30 January for school Year 5 - 11. Contact  
Graham Barnes on 6777 2539 for more  
details. [www.walchapc.org.au](http://www.walchapc.org.au) or call.

**CATHOLIC Mass** 10:00am with conditions.

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## thumbs



- 👍 To the magnificent, beautiful, talented entries at the Walcha Show. Congratulations to everyone.
- 👍 To the volunteers who cleared the rubbish and dead trees from the backyard at the Museum. A great job well done and much appreciated.
- 👍 To Julie for helping me out with medical appointments last Thursday, many thanks.
- 👍 To Blake and his girls for helping me empty my broken down freezer. Greatly appreciated
- 👍 To Martin and his huge crew of volunteers for a fabulous 2021 Walcha Show.

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1.00pm – Social Bowls

### Friday 19

2.00pm – Bingo  
5.30 for 5.45pm – Twilight Bowls  
6.00pm – Bistro  
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7.00pm – Free Bingo  
8.00pm – Meat & Veg Raffles

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