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## Simon's backpack project expands through the assistance of Rotary

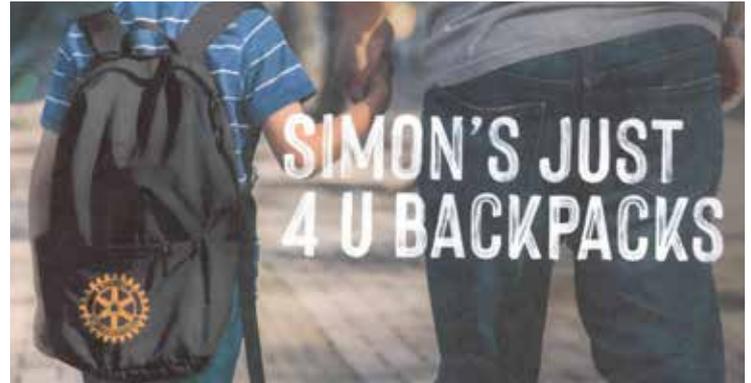
Everyone in Walcha will remember Simon Wellings' amazing 2020 project to provide backpacks to kids entering foster care. That initiative earned Simon various accolades and led him to becoming an Honorary Rotarian.

The children Simon assisted are among the most disadvantaged in society, typically the innocent victims of domestic violence and drug and alcohol abuse. Simon saw that they need and deserve society's support and did something about it.

Working with Simon and his parents, the Rotary Club of Walcha has adopted the project and recently launched 'Simon's Just 4U Backpacks' which will see the Walcha Club working with other clubs across the Northern Tablelands and North West, and in time the Mid North Coast to raise funds to continue producing backpacks filled with necessities and goodies for children entering foster care.

Planning has been going on for several months, including liaising with NSW Department of Communities and Justice (formerly Family and Community Services) and listening to valuable advice from Rachael and Simon, as well as exploring fundraising options. Walcha Rotary President, Andrew Corlette said the club has written to 26 clubs across the region seeking funds to continue Simon's project. "With an alarmingly large number of new foster care placements occurring year after year, Rotary aspires to grow the project into one which recurs year after year. The cost of each backpack is around \$70 giving rise to a fundraising goal of \$25,000 in the current year. This is only a little over double the figure young Simon raised last year all by himself."

Walcha Rotary Club will use these funds to shop for supplies and pack the backpacks. Simon will assist the club in advising what to include in the backpacks, and each pack will include a handwritten



letter from Simon. They will then be distributed through Department of Communities and Justice to children entering care throughout this region.

"It is amazing that Rotary are taking over the project. It would be great to eventually make it International to help kids all over the world," Simon said.

Nine children have come into care at Simon's house during the year and they have all had a new backpack. "They loved having something to call their own," Rachael Wellings said.

All new items will be purchased this year, and there won't be any drop-off points in Walcha. If any locals would like to donate to the project, the only way this can be done is through the website: <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/80-2020-21>

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## around the traps



By Bruce Rutherford

I've always wondered what it would be like to live in gumboots like the Kiwis appear to. Now I know and its not that good! So now I have a new level of respect for the Kiwis, given they seem to spend an awful lot of time in their gumboots. Several years ago we were in NZ and at one stage jumped on a helicopter to be flown into a wilderness area. The pilot was dragged out of his sheep yards to fill in for a regular pilot who was unable to fly and you guessed it, he was still wearing gumboots!

Another week of dismal weather has passed by and we must surely be getting closer to some warmer days and more sunshine. We are more than a month from the winter solstice, so we are definitely heading in the right direction. Every day is longer than the last, which is what I am hanging on to, waiting for the wattle to burst into flower. The Olympics may now provide a welcome distraction to the bitter temperatures we have experienced over the last few weeks. We do have another cold front coming through later this week, but it does not appear to be as strong as the last few. I am really looking forward to spring!

The Eastern Young Cattle Indicator (EYCI) has done what nobody thought possible and pushed through the 1000 c/kg barrier this week. Over the last few months I have been reading some of the stuff put out by analysts and at first, it was thought the EYCI was unlikely to reach 900 c/kg, then it was 925 c/kg and so on, until we are at 1003.5 c/kg as of Monday this week. It is extraordinary, and from where we were at the beginning of 2020, nobody could have even imagined the heights the cattle market has achieved this year. Low cattle numbers are the driver, but the weather is playing its part, big time. The wet weather we have experienced since May has been fuelling confidence that this spring is going to be as good as it gets. We have now reached the point that a big spring is within reach, and graziers are looking to fill paddocks before the opportunity passes by. With a big spring almost inevitable, livestock of all classes will get very hard to buy once feed grows and because of that we have always encouraged graziers to buy their trading stock before spring. Not only do livestock do better grazing on the feed as it grows but the compensatory weight gain coming out of winter in that situation is amazing.

The odds of the cattle market dropping alarmingly at this point are being diminished with every rainfall event that comes through. The rational being that if prices do drop, with feed in front of them, many graziers will hold onto stock they can put more weight on. There is no doubt a lot of very nervous cattle owners out there who are wondering if they should take some of the risk off the table by selling some cattle. The problem is the enormous amount of feed that will grow inevitably from early September through to the end of November and what to do with that feed? The numbers of cattle on AuctionsPlus are a case in point, having risen by 34% last week after a 33% rise the week before. We are seeing some very good lines of weaners being offered for sale that would normally be run through until summer months and be sold at much heavier weights. We are also seeing a lot of PTIC females still coming forward, that may otherwise be calved down.

Prices on AuctionsPlus last week were exceptional. Demand for light steers was quoted as "at fever pitch" with 276 kg LW Angus steers in the central west of NSW selling for \$1,900. The 280 – 330kg LW category of steers averaged \$1,745 per head, which doesn't sound so bad, but there are a lot of northern cattle in that number. An indicator of just how strong the feedlots are is the 400kg + weight range of steers which averaged \$2,216 with a 96% clearance rate. Young heifers, mixed breeds, 200-280kg LW increased in numbers significantly and they sold at an average of \$1,455 per head and a top of \$1,910. Preg tested heifers sold to \$3,380 and averaged \$2,469, while PTIC cows sold to \$3,750 and averaged \$2,911. Lines of cows and calves are also in demand selling to a top of \$4,000 and averaging around \$3,400. I saw one line of Angus cows and calves passed in for \$3,750, which seems gutsy.

The Southcote Shorthorn Bull Sale, held on-line last week, went well with a total clearance of the 16 bulls offered and the top bull selling for \$14,000. I thought it was a good aspect of this sale that there was strong local demand for the cattle, but also that the bulls were buyable. Prices were strong, but not silly. Well done to Sam and Jodie.

The on-line machinery sale Boulton's is conducting later this week is creating a lot of phone calls. There is a very good line up of farm plant and machinery for sale and if you can't find something you need in this, maybe you have too much gear yourself and are a candidate to sell something next time! The sale opens this Friday and closes on Monday afternoon and I would encourage you to view the lots available.

# New equipment making shearing and crutching more efficient

A brand new Upright Shearing Machine and Hecton Crutch Handler are making handling so much more efficient for shearing contractors, Lynden and Karina Partridge.

Lynden and Karina are the only contractors in Northern NSW to have this equipment. The Upright Shearing Machine, ShearEzy certainly does make shearing so much easier. "We use this mainly for the big rams. There is so much less stress on the animals as we don't have to sedate them, and they don't need to be locked up overnight before shearing," Karina explained.

Karina and Lynden have used the ShearEzy in South Australia, as well as some properties around Walcha. "It is really good for sale rams and stud ewes, as well as the Dorsets, Borders and Composite Ewes and Rams," Lynden said.

The ShearEzy can be set up in any location, whether it be the woolshed or paddock. The sheep are easily restrained, rotated and kept still whilst being shorn.

The Hecton Crutch Handler is also new for Walcha and can be used to crutch all sheep. "We use it for dagging, crutching (half and full belly), as well as foot trimming, vaccinating and wool sampling," Karina explained.

The Crutch Handler handles a wide range of stock sizes and gives full access to the underside of the animal as well as holding the sheep in a comfortable position. "We can also use the Crutch Handler to mouth and



eye wig the sheep," Lynden said.

To find out more, or book with Parto's Contracting, Lynden can be contacted on 0499 477 716 or Karina 0456 189 275.

*Pictured left: Lynden using his ShearEzy upright shearing machine. Below: The Hecton Crutch Handler in action.*



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The NSW Government on Sunday announced a new date for the Local Government elections has been set for Saturday 4 December 2021.

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock said the decision, after extensive consultation with and advice from the NSW Electoral Commission and NSW Health, has been made in response to the COVID-19 situation.

“Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and current Public Health Orders impacting Greater Sydney, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the Local Government elections until later this year,” Mrs Hancock said.

iVote (electronic voting) will also be available for the first time in the local council elections and the NSW Government has implemented changes to pre-poll to ensure that voters have 13 days to cast their ballot, reducing congestion on polling day. Nominations will open on Monday 25 October 2021 and close on Wednesday 3 November 2021.

Prospective candidates can find more information at the Office of Local Government website at [www.olg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au).

## Local Business to the Rescue

*By Tony Bozza – Design and Technology teacher*

Walcha Central School's Stage 6 Design and Technology students are currently designing and building their Major Projects for their HSC. All was going smoothly until Jackson Imberger hit a stumbling block. He needed to roll some steel and the school did not have the necessary equipment to finish the job, so we approached Dave Grayling at his business, Graytill and enquired if he may be able to help Jackson with his problem.



Dave Grayling instructing Jackson Imberger at Graytill

After arranging a suitable day, the class went to the workshop where Dave instructed Jackson in the use of their plate curving machine. After some initial hesitation Jackson completed the first component and was confident enough to begin the second piece of his project. When all the components were finished to both Dave and Jackson's satisfaction, Dave gave us a tour of the workshop and facilities. The students were shown the welding area, machine shop and we observed components being assembled for a new spray rig being built. We were also shown the CAD drawing program Graytill use to design and build their world class products. The students were most impressed with the drawing program and said it would have been handy when they were designing their projects.

The students and I wish to thank Dave and Jenny Grayling for allowing us to use their equipment and showing us the day-to-day running of their unique and distinctive business. This is just another example of the local community and businesses providing opportunities for our students and we thank all of you for the experiences you provide them.

# Quota Christmas Markets will be back in 2021

By Pam Makeham

The Quota Christmas Markets will again be held this year, after having to cancel last year due to COVID.

Quota first held the markets in 2001 and has grown over the years to be known as one of the best markets in the New England. The first market day involved car boots and market stalls with around 13 – 15 stalls. We now have on average 40 stall holders, with many of the original stall holders returning year after year.

Our market day is one of Quota's major fundraising events, with all profits kept in our local community. This year it was passed at our March business meeting to sponsor the Walcha Youth Group, which is run by Karen and Graham Barnes. All profits from the day will be donated to this group.

The Walcha Youth Group was started in 2018 and has been supported by the local Anglican and Presbyterian Churches and other donations. The group meets every Saturday night in school terms, with up to 55 young people attending from years 5 to 10. Quota is very happy to support such a worthwhile cause in our community.

Our market day will be held on Saturday 27 November 2021 at McHattan Park. Quota ladies run the canteen offering bacon and egg rolls for breakfast, sausage sizzle for lunch, morning and afternoon teas as well.

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- Meat and Livestock Australia awarded \$1.52 million to assist with exploring new export channels in overseas markets.
- The funding will help the industry to focus their exports efforts in new and emerging markets including Thailand, Vietnam and Saudi Arabia.

Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) will use a \$1.52 million Australian Government investment to explore market diversification opportunities within untapped segments of three export markets.

Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia David Littleproud said the grant would help increase market expansion and diversification for Australian exporters.

“Through this grant funding, MLA will explore new export channels in Saudi Arabia, Thailand and Vietnam,” Minister Littleproud said.

“New business development specialists will work on improving trade flows for Australian beef, sheep meat and goatmeat to build new business opportunities in trade, retail and foodservice sectors.

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# RUGBY REPORT WALCHA V GUNNEDAH



By Eric the Spider and his Spidery Friend

**First Grade:** Walcha Rams took on the ladder leaders Gunnedah in the Central North competition this week in what was described as an extremely important game for the Rams. The Rams started the game well, dominating the early battle for field position thanks to some excellent kicking from Dom 'Skate Rat' Bower. The Rams held the ball in close, nice inside the Gunnedah red zone and chipped away at their defence. Wally 'The Slippery Somerton Sheep Breeder' Davidson eventually crossed for a try evading some potential defenders and reaching out to score the first try of the match. Walcha continued to play field position forcing the Gunnedah pack around and getting in behind them. Some big defence and key line-out wins from Sandy 'The Bull' Cameron ensured Walcha would remain at the right end of the field continuing to attack. Again Gunnedah's defence eventually cracked with Wally Davidson breaking through for the second try of the match. Walcha started to throw the ball around and began to stretch the Gunnedah defence out wide. Sam 'Just Carry' Lomax was proving hard to stop, making big metres returning the ball leaving a wake of Gunnedah defenders behind him, and putting Walcha back on the attack. Walcha's third try came just before half time with an excellent line from James 'HammerHahn' McLean off the shoulder of the Skate Rat to run through untouched. Walcha went into the halftime break leading 17 – 7. The Rams began the second half well putting pressure on the Gunnedah attack with big defence from Sam 'Congi Cowboy' Agar and Will 'nickname pending' Chaffey forcing a mistake from Gunnedah in their own end. The Walcha Piggies mauled off a line-out, out muscling the Gunnedah pack with Lachie 'IYKYK' Fletcher diving over in the corner. From the kick-off Gunnedah began to rally, with Walcha succumbing to ill discipline and basic handling errors giving Gunnedah excellent opportunities to attack. Gunnedah capitalised on this scoring two tries in quick succession, swinging the momentum of the game against the Rams. The Rams were forced to defend their own end for long periods of time, finding it hard to exit their own end. Strong defence out wide from Eddy 'The Emu' Cordingley saw Walcha snuff out a number of attacking raids. Strong carries throughout the game from Lachie 'Holzie' Holz enabled the Rams to get some go forward and Edgar 'Mates call me Bragsy' Brag ran the ball tirelessly, as well as tackled everything that came at him. Unfortunately for the Rams, Gunnedah were able to complete the comeback scoring with minutes to go. Walcha ended up loosing 24 – 26. Some minor discipline issues and game management decision cost Walcha in the end.

Points: Sandy Cameron 3, Eddy Cordingley 2, Wally Davidson 1 and PP

**Reserve Grade:** Walcha headed to Gunnedah this week in what were much better conditions than the previous two. A light breeze and subtle sunlight greeted the Rams as they ran onto the field for a tough game ahead. For the first ten minutes the Reggies defended their line well until a driving maul off a lineout got Gunnedah over the line for the first points of the game. With the ball being re-gathered after the kick-off, it was Walcha's turn to put some pressure on. Throwing the ball around well in the backs, Andrew 'Snoz' Kelly was true to form running straight and hard making valuable metres, but Gunnedah's defence was too strong. Some fast ball off the scrums saw Gunnedah cross for another two quick tries before half time, but a last rush of blood saw Lachy 'High ball king' Greig go over in the corner before the whistle blew.

The second half saw some fresh legs and some good phases being put together by the Rams, but some forced passes and silly mistakes allowed Gunnedah to take advantage and add to the score. Strong defence by Ross 'A Grade' Monie and JB 'Brawler' Ballon made the second half tough for the devils to get a roll on. The tension was rising between the two teams and it wasn't long before Sam 'Junior Brawler' Payne had some excellent involvement and direction in the game, with each touch of the ball putting the Rams closer to the white line. Gunnedah continued to use their backs off the scrum and sealed the game with a final try taking the score to 29 – 5. A very physical game with plenty of effort given by all.

Points: Sam Colwell 3 and Players' Player, Dougal Payne 2 and JB Ballon 1.



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# Aerial baiting campaign touches down for another year

The annual Northern Tablelands aerial baiting campaign targeting wild dogs and foxes has come to an end after two weeks in the air. The campaign began at Niangala and worked its way up to Legume, north of Tenterfield.

The 2021 wild dog and fox aerial baiting campaign was, once again, a collaboration between 409 private landholders, Local Land Services, NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service and NSW Forestry Corporation.

During the campaign, which was the culmination of five months of meticulous mapping and planning, an experienced team of Northern Tablelands Local Land Services staff injected each of the baits with 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate), loaded baits into the helicopter and assisted with navigating the flight path of the helicopter.

137,381 baits were dropped according to strict guidelines along 3,434 km of pre-determined aerial bait lines across both private property and country managed by government agencies.

In addition to the aerial baiting, more than 9,000 ground baits were distributed by landholders from 40 wild dog control groups to maximise the impact of the campaign on the wild dog and fox populations that predate livestock and native fauna and carry diseases.

"Landholder collaboration is critical to the success of the baiting program. We are seeing more cattle producers involved in the program as they are becoming more aware that wild dogs carry the Neospora infection that causes abortion in cattle," said Mark Tarrant, Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Pest Animals Team Leader.

"Research suggests we need to control 70% of the wild dog population annually to prevent an explosion in numbers. We need to maintain our grip on the population to minimise the burden of wild dogs and foxes on livestock production and the environment," Mark said.

For more information about the 2021 wild dog and fox baiting campaign on the Northern Tablelands, contact Mark Tarrant at Northern Tablelands Local Land Services on 0427 007 183 or mark.tarrant@lls.nsw.gov.au



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# Positive year at Riverview despite restrictions

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020 – 2021

From Jan Cross

It is with great pleasure that I once again bring to you my President of the Friends of Riverview Report for 2020 – 21. The continuing support from members is wonderful.

COVID-19 has changed all our lives in many ways including the physical support the Friends give to Riverview and its residents. During COVID Riverview was visitor free. However, September 2020, the musicians were invited back to provide music for happy hour, and in November one person was allowed in to assist with Bingo. Now almost all activities are functioning as normal with the COVID care regulations being adhered to.

Bingo remains very popular among the residents with Willow Wing joining on occasions. Thank you to Marg, Veronica, Pam and Graeme, Olive, Pat and myself who assist with Bingo each Tuesday morning. The Friends continue to provide the prizes.

We have continued giving a monogrammed handkerchief to each resident on their birthday. Thank you Trish and Pam who so capably organise this and to Graeme who delivers the men their handkerchief. Also thank you to Tracey Hoy, who monograms the handkerchiefs free of charge.

Street stalls were held in October, which raised \$806.70 and April which raised \$956.05. These are great revenue raisers. A knitting group from the coast donated various knitted items for us to sell. The hand warmers sold like hot cakes! Thank you everyone who manned the stalls, cooked or donated vouchers, or purchased tickets. Our next street stall is in August.

The Friends purchased a barbeque to replace the previous one we bought. We also contributed to the purchase of a Library Trolley to assist with the distribution of books to residents. The trolley makes it much easier to transport the books into and throughout Riverview. Janine had Santa sacks made by the Monday sewing group for each resident and the Friends bought items to fill them as their Christmas gift from the Friends.

We were very fortunate to receive donations during the year, including several from resident's families and \$200 from St Paul's PWA. Due to COVID the Regional Australia Bank (RAB) breakfast was cancelled. However, the Friends received a cheque for \$1,799.62 as our share of the Community Partnership program. This is a very positive way for the RAB to give back to the community and is a substantial amount for the Friends. We thank all those customers of RAB who nominate the Friends as their charity.

Due to COVID we were unable to support the singers for Christmas Carols, however the singers have returned to sing their hearts out during Happy Hour, much to everyone's delight. We welcomed Sally Forsstrom to our meetings and we welcomed her to the Friends of Riverview at our AGM.

As Richard, Riverview's Service Manager's role increased, a meeting decided to relieve Richard from his secretary's position of the Friends and voted Olive Chandler in as President and Jan Cross as Secretary for the remaining months until the AGM.

We were then saddened to have Richard resign from Riverview as travelling from Tamworth was proving too onerous. Richard was thanked for his presence at our meetings allowing the Facility and the Friends to have a collegial working relationship, heading towards one common goal – the residents and their welfare. I encourage this open communication to continue as it keeps each group well informed and the Friends feel included. We hope our next Manager will offer the same friendship and support that we experienced with Richard.

Janine Wright and Carol Bird as Lifestyle Co-ordinators make our volunteering very easy and keep us well informed of the wonderful activities organised for the residents, including outings, cooking, mind games, indoor sports, card games, Mahjong, pets for therapy eg. dogs and cats visiting Riverview and gardening inside and out. Janine or Carol endeavour to attend our meetings and present very comprehensive reports. We appreciate the relationship between the staff and the Friends.

Thank you all once again for being part of the Friends, coming to meetings when you are able and supporting functions in whatever capacity suits you. We are a happy little band of workers trying to make the residents lives more comfortable. We have wonderful friendships and fellowship when working together, for this I am most grateful. We all look forward to a productive, happy year ahead.

**Claire Brazel, who has supported the Friends of Riverview for many years with her delicious baking, was once again nominated as Patron at their AGM.**

After 13 years as President, Jan Cross stepped down and Olive Chandler was elected as President, with Jan being elected Secretary. Don Murchie remained Treasurer and Hazel Cameron Vice President. Trish Partridge and Pam Fairweather offered to continue with the organisation of the gifts and Jan will continue to organise bingo volunteers. The Friends sincerely thank Tracey Hoy for monogramming gift items at no cost. There will be a street stall on the first Friday of August. Any saleable goods would be appreciated.

advocate sport 

## Bowls

**Dads Army:** Oh, what a great day for bowls it was on Thursday afternoon when nine players turned up for the Dads Army comp. One game of triples and a game of pairs were played. The triples game saw Brian Goodwin, Tony Asmus and John McLean defeat Denis Makeham and Mick Bullen, who played twice 18 – 16. Noel Goodwin and Peter Hayes, who only took the lead on the 21st end, snuck home to defeat John McCormack and Eric O'Keefe 21 – 20.

**Draw for this Saturday, 1:00pm start:** Pairs Final D Bird and K Goodwin v G Bird and S Goodwin. Triples Semi Final G Clare, M Hamel and K Cameron v A, N and B Goodwin. Also social bowls names in by 12:40 for a 1:00pm start.

## Ladies Bowls

Debbie Richards and Wendy Moore played Lyn Burnell and Jan Cross in the three bowl pair championship with Debbie and Wendy winning 26 – 14. These winners will now play Pam Makeham and Margaret Tickle this week. Pat Laurie and Janice Rizzi have forfeited, therefore Margaret Morris and Veronica Jamieson will proceed to the final to be played on the 5 August. Janice defeated Marg Tickle in a social game of singles. Social bowls can also be played this week.

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 19 August commencing at 1.00pm.

We send our very good wishes to June who has had a knee replacement.

## At the 19th

They say only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun, well at the opposite end of the scale, eight 'dedicated' golfers turned up to compete last Sunday.

Due to the cold and inclement weather conditions the competition round was called off but a skins game was organised where Simone Sweeney was the winner over her husband David, Miles Archdale, Don Brooks, Michael Stackman, John McCormack, Neil Dark and Willy Brennan. The bottom line is that different things 'float your boat' and if playing golf in freezing conditions is your go, well then so be it. For the third Saturday in succession there was no weekly 9 hole competition due to the adverse weather conditions.

This Sunday is a par round for a prize supplied by Dion Bird while the Boggabri Open is also scheduled for the 'Horse's Birthday.'

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## Death Notice

### GORDON CAMERON

Passed peacefully on July 20th  
Aged 84

Loved husband of Robyn, loving father  
and father in law of Debra and Grant  
Peter and Sally and loved grandfather of  
Annabel and Lucinda, Joshua and Charles.

A good friend to many, well known in  
Walcha where he lived out his life.

He will be remembered for his  
involvement in his community.

Privately cremated.

Due to COVID restrictions a celebration of  
Gordon's life will be held at a later date.

Piddington's AFDA 6772 2288

## In Memoriam

### MATTHEW DUNBAR

3.11.74 – 2.08.17

The circle of life  
It moves us all

Through tears and hope  
Through faith and love  
Till we meet again  
The circle of life  
Forever in my heart

Love mum

## Public Notices

I would like it to be known I have been in the  
Walcha community for 52 years. I have in that  
time helped out in the community as a volunteer  
in so many ways. I was saddened when I learnt  
about the many lies that were said about me,  
how easy these lies were believed.

Nobody ever spoke to me about what was being  
said. If I knew things would be a lot different. I  
know I wouldn't be going out to the cemetery to  
see my son. I am saying this because I hope  
nobody else will have this happen to them.

Common sense – you most certainly don't  
get involved in other families affairs when you  
haven't heard the other side, the truth! If these  
lies were true, why would I have stayed in Walcha.

Janet Dunbar



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The family of Merle Wall would like to thank  
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Friday 6 August, 9.30am Walcha Bowling Club  
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### Woolbrook Hall & Park Committee AGM

Monday 2 August, 7.00pm at the Hall.  
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