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Major upgrade on the way for Walcha Aerodrome



Walcha Council shared in \$38 million of funding announced last week by Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce from the National Bushfire Recovery Fund.

The big winner was Walcha Aerodrome which will have \$1.61 million spent on upgrading the access road and facilities to ensure it remains a key base for the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSWRFS) for local aerial fire fighting.

As the Aerodrome is also regularly used by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) for high altitude training of C130 Hercules air crews in the use of unsealed airstrips, the upgrading of the airstrip as a part of this project will also enable the crews to continue this training.

The \$1.61 million funding will enable Council to:

- Strengthen and seal the existing road access, Aerodrome Road, from the Oxley Highway to the Aerodrome, providing safe all weather access

- Extend adjoining powerlines to provide reliable electricity supply to the Aerodrome, and the NSWRFS aerial fire fighting base in particular
- Regravel the existing main runway to support continuing use by NSWRFS and RAAF operations

The upgrade to our Aerodrome will support future commercial operations at this facility, with economic growth potential for our community. "It was important that we funded projects based on need and merit and which offered a lasting and tangible impact, tailored to local needs and conditions," Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce said.

Council also received \$88,261 from the National Bushfire Recovery Fund to enhance the water infrastructure at Nowendoc Hall to assist with bushfire safety and preparedness.

Yarrowitch Public Hall and Recreation Reserve received \$76,644 for Improved Emergency Response Support and community facilities.

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around the traps



By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

Without wanting to be Hanrahan, there are some parts of the district and indeed the state that are really in need of rain. In the last couple of weeks there have been occasional forecasts of possible rainfall or storms in our district and they have yielded very little. The BOM had us down with an 80% chance of some rain on Monday with a possibility of as much as 13mm. The result was more than disappointing with nothing received. The eastern fall has had some good rain though, with falls well above the old inch over the last few days and it appears there is more to come. Storms are forecast just about every day for the coming week, so hopefully our circumstances will change.

While the eastern fall has been very wet, the top of the range and western fall has had an average start to the year. We can only hope that the rainfall keeps coming and we do not revert back to one of those dry autumns. February has seen the usual amount of cropping activity locally, with a lot of farmers planting fodder crops, while others are planting longer term pastures. Soil moisture is still quite good but getting through the dry surface has been a challenge for some. In my view we are only a couple of decent falls of rain from a great start to autumn, but that much short of a dry one as well. As crazy as it sounds, I think we need rain badly to keep the season on an even keel.

The sheep and lamb market has taken a sudden turn for the worst this week with prices in early week trading much cheaper in the south. Bendigo reported a yarding of 16,100 sheep and lambs on Monday which is not a big number. However, two processors were absent from the sale and a lack of demand led to lamb prices from \$10 to \$25 cheaper, while mutton was quoted \$15 to \$30 cheaper. These are significant numbers and point to the volatility being created by COVID and logistics. According to the report most lamb prices were in a range from 700 c/kg to 800 c/kg CW with export lambs affected most, the way I read it. Dubbo yarded 19,500 sheep and lambs on Monday with similar trends and price outcomes on a dressed weight basis. Prices were quoted \$7 to \$10 cheaper, but carcass prices finished at similar rates to those in Bendigo. Tamworth yarded 4,800 sheep and lambs which from reports was a fairly plain quality yarding. Market trends were also cheaper throughout.

While there is not a lot wrong with lamb prices in the 700 c/kg to 800 c/kg carcass weight range, it is a hard pill to swallow when we keep getting told how strong the demand for sheep and lambs is. It is going to be a difficult time through autumn selling lambs if you can't get space to kill them and the processors don't answer their phones. This is happening now and before the numbers spike! I am not really sure why, but it is hard to get lambs booked in to be processed and our options are so limited in the north of the state. With the Australian flock numbers on the rise and more pressure on processing space, graziers are going to have to be very focused on when their stock will be ready, having space booked well in advance of that time. The other aspect of this is that a 45kg LW lamb is now considered a store lamb, possibly even a 50kg lamb is seen in that light. So, in my view if you want to fatten lambs to be processed, you will need to get them to 55kg LW as a minimum to get the best competition, and we all know how hard that can be in New England. The good news is, there is increasing competition in the feeder space for lambs, but they too have a preference for weight. Most feedlots have supply contracts and need continuity of supply. This market is developing rapidly and it will possibly lead to a similar situation as the cattle market, where there are breeders, back grounders and feedlots. It will be interesting to watch this over the next few years, but my guess is many breeders in New England will turn to higher ewe numbers and selling lambs as weaners.

The cattle job has held together over the last week with saleyard prices firm. The appetite from feeders and back grounders for cattle is amazing and that space continues to drive prices. I noticed a report of the recent Ballarat Steer sale on Beef Central where 5454 steers were yarded and grossed over \$13m. The sale averages were wonderful with 500 to 600 kg LW steers averaging 528 c/kg, 360 to 500 kg steers averaging 601 c/kg and 280 to 360 kg steers averaging 828 c/kg. Apparently it was very hard to find steers under 320kg which does point to the magnificent season being had in the south. A significant number of the steers found their way into feedlots in northern NSW and southern QLD and that highlights how light numbers are in the north.

Katrina shines at Zone

At last years Walcha Show, Katrina Campbell was announced the winner of the local Showgirl competition. This competition has recently been renamed the NSW Young Woman Competition to reflect the importance of the competition along with its evolution.

On the weekend Katrina represented Walcha at the combined Zone 4 and 13 finals in Wee Waa. The judges praised Katrina on her knowledge and passion of rural and community affairs and were captivated by her enthusiasm to educate the younger generation about the huge role that agriculture plays in society.

"Pipped at the post by Walgett and Tamworth, we couldn't be more proud of how Katrina handled herself and represented our community" organiser Pip Monie said.

Like to enter the 2022 Walcha Ag Show Young Woman Competition?

Any local young lady aged between 18 – 25 years who is passionate about our town and available to attend the Walcha Show on Saturday 12 March is eligible to enter. If you are interested please contact Pip Monie on 0403 908 664.



Zone finalists at Wee Waa, with winners Walgett and Tamworth pictured centre front. Top right: Katrina spoke well and impressed the judges. Inset: Jim Boyd and Katrina with her proud parents Julie and Michael. Photos courtesy of John Burgess Photography.

My experience as 2021 Walcha Show Girl

by Katrina Campbell

Becoming Walcha Show girl was never on my radar, until I got the call from Pip Monie a few months before the Show last year. At first, I couldn't think of anything more daunting ... public speaking, standing up on stage, especially in front of people I know was unbelievably nerve racking to me. But after speaking to past Show Girl Sophie Uren, my nerves were settled and I thought "Why not?". The Show weekend was spent chatting to Show-goers, putting ribbons on cattle, sheep and chooks and meeting all those who love and live for the Walcha Show. It was a great two days! And after a short interview and lovely dinner in the flower pavilion, the time came to find out who would be Walcha Show Girl for 2021/2022, and I was fortunate enough to be voted in for this position, meaning I would be heading to the Zone Qualifiers in February 2022.

Having the opportunity to represent Walcha in the 2022 Sydney Royal Ag Show Young Woman of the Year Zone Final in Wee Waa last weekend, was one I will cherish for years to come. The experience was one like I had never experienced before. Having the opportunity to meet and become friends with 17 like-minded Showgirls from all over the state, is an experience like no other. Every single girl is so dedicated to their own community and show, and I am absolutely honoured to have been able to be a part of such a fun weekend. Although having the opportunity to go to Sydney was just out of reach for me this year, the experience has allowed me to believe in my capabilities and aim to do more this year, and into the years following to help out my community and go outside my comfort zone.

Almost a year has passed since I became Walcha Show Girl, and in just under three weeks the next Walcha Show girl will be announced. I cannot wait for whoever is lucky enough to win, to experience everything I have and more!

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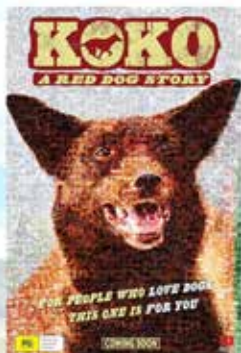


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Nowendoc Community Movie Night & BBQ

This Saturday from 5:30pm

Come along to the Nowendoc Community Hall on Saturday the 26th of February 2022 from 5:30pm, for a free BBQ and movie night featuring the film;
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Mobile Service Centre staff help customers with essential government services including Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support services.

Blue Gum is one of three trucks in the Mobile Service Centre fleet operated by Services Australia.

Anyone with Centrelink or Medicare questions should head down and talk to the staff aboard Blue Gum.

"Staff on board Blue Gum provide friendly face-to-face services, information and support tailored to customers in these rural and regional communities," Mr Coulton said.

Staff on board this trip can help with:

- Centrelink claims
- Medicare registrations, and
- accessing online services.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services will also be available.

All of the services provided on Blue Gum are offered with strict COVID-19 safety precautions in place.

Walcha Show update

Needlework section change

There has been an important addition to the Needlework section at Walcha Show this year since our last article.

The feature class in the Needlework section is 'Article or garment from used or recycled material' and the steward's reminder to exhibitors is: Remember to attach the old or previous labels of garments to their new recycled article or garment creations.

Cooking section change

Correction to Open Section – Feature cake – Red Velvet Cake.

Please add the following to the Method –

following the beating of oil, vinegar, vanilla etc.

Slowly add dry ingredients and beat until just combined, then place in tin.



Last Wednesday Walcha Council held their first meeting as a new Council following Local Government elections last December. Pictured prior to the meeting are Councillors (back) Nena Hicks, Greg Schaefer, Eric Noakes (Mayor), Kevin Ferrier, Mark Berry. (front) Anne-Marie Pointing, Aurora Reilly and Scott Kermode (Deputy Mayor)

CWA gearing up for the Show

From Fiona McCormack

It's almost Walcha Show time and the CWA members have been deciding which competition to participate in. From cookery to handicrafts the CWA has been working to have their entries ready to help make the 2022 Walcha Show a fabulous one.



Many of the competition recipes are selected from CWA Cook Books and the Judges are usually CWA certified and they judge all the delicious food.

So after you've enjoyed seeing the entries, pop along to the Luncheon Pavilion and have cuppa and some delicious treats.

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- 👉 To the staff and volunteers at St Patrick's School swimming carnival. Well done.
- 👉 To the race caller of the Betts Transport footrace, Gary Olrich.
- 👉 To Kath & Archie Little for timing and helping at the Betts Transport footrace.
- 👉 A big thank you to Narelle Gehrke for helping me organise help when I had a burst pipe last week.
- 👉 To the low life vandals who break into our homes and businesses late at night.

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



Australian Government

Pharmacy no longer accepting knitting

The Guardian Angel Knitting Program is no longer operating in 2022.

"The COVID 19 pandemic saw us postponing the donation of knitted garments for the 2020 campaign. This meant that the 2021 campaign saw an influx of knitted donations. Continuous lockdowns forced many of the St Vincent de Paul retail outlets to close throughout 2021, creating a backlog of stock that still needs to be distributed and sold. Vinnies do not have the capacity to hold another year of stock from our program," organisers said.

Kings Pharmacy will not be able to accept any knitted garments this year and the program won't operate in the future as it has in the past.

The Guardian Angel Knitting for Good program has been operating for 22 years now, but will no longer continue in years to come. "We are however, introducing new changes to the program this year which will allow people to give back to the community through exciting year round activities," organisers said.

Kings Pharmacy and *The Advocate* will keep you up to date with these changes.

Supporting small business through Omicron

Small businesses who experienced downturn over summer can now apply for a NSW Government support payment of up to \$5,000 per week through Service NSW.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson encouraged businesses with reduced cash flow to apply for the Small Business Support Program so that they could ensure they get through this tough period and keep people in jobs.

Mr Anderson said businesses who had previously applied for support would be familiar with the process and that the Service NSW Business Concierge team and grant assessors were ready to assist.

"Eligible businesses can expect to see payments within 10 days after submitting their application which means they'll received a much needed cash boost as soon as possible."

The Small Business Support Program will provide targeted support to businesses with an annual turnover of between \$75,000 and \$50 million that experienced a decline in turnover of at least 40 per cent in January 2022 and the start of February 2022.

Payments will cover up to 20 per cent of weekly payroll, to a maximum of \$5,000 per week. Eligible non-employing businesses, such as sole traders, will receive \$500 per week.

Funds can be used to cover business expenses such as wages, rent, loss of perishable goods, professional services and other costs.

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Herbicides will be used in parts of Hanging Rock, Nundle and Nowendoc State Forests from February 2022. Herbicide application will continue throughout this period until May 2022, subject to weather.

Areas undergoing treatment will be clearly signposted and all directions regarding entry must be followed.

For further information regarding this notice, contact Grafton Forestry Corporation Office on 6640 1658



New feature at Walcha Show this year

The 2022 Walcha Show is shaping up to be yet another great agricultural Show on 11th and 12th March.

The Show ring will be a high of activity for the two days of the Show with the horse events and show jumping on both Friday and Saturday. Make sure you are at the Show to watch the exciting junior and open six bar horse jump Friday afternoon. The horse sporting events of flag, bending and barrel racing will be highly contested by all ages on Saturday afternoon after the Grand Parade and official Opening of the Show by the President of the Royal Agricultural Society, Michael Millner.



Shearing competitions will be front of stage just near the bar on Saturday. The challenging Sports Shear will take centre stage Saturday morning and the exciting, fast paced Speed Shear competition will be held on Saturday evening, with the grand finale 'Walcha Versus the World'.

The feature event at the Walcha Show will be the 'Cattle Dog Challenge' in the rodeo ring on the Showground on Saturday evening starting at 6:30pm.

A good working dog pays dividends to both cattle and sheep producers, and some of the most highly trained and experienced cattle dogs will showcase their skills at the Cattle Dog Challenge at the Walcha Show. With high stakes of \$5,000 for first prize, and limited to only 25 competitors and only one dog per handler, this event will attract the best of the best from all around NSW!

Saturday and Sunday will see the Yard Dog Trials, where working dogs with natural sheep working ability and their handlers work with precision and concentration to compete in a timed trial. The format has changed this year with the local event which is usually run on Friday, now being moved to Sunday at 8am. "This change allows locals to come and show off their dogs, and gives them the opportunity to try dog trialing," organiser, Tony Overton said. "It is very much the same as how you work your dogs at home."

Saturday starts with the Open Dog Trial, which will be great to watch. "The Open final will be run around lunch time at the same area, near the rodeo ring," Tony said.

"I would really like to thank Coprice, Walcha Vet Supplies, Walcha Carrying Company and Gwydir Kelpies for their sponsorship of dog trialing at the Show, as well as David and Simone Sweeney for the loan of their sheep and Europambela Grazing Co for the use of their cattle," Tony said.



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ST PATRICK'S 2022 SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

St Patrick's School held their annual swimming carnival last week, with students showing lots of enthusiasm both in the pool, as well as cheering on their friends from the sideline.

It was the closest finish in many years, with only three points separating Red and Blue House at the end of the day, with Red House engraving their name on the shield this year!



Senior boy champion Hugo Blomfield
Casey Crossman



Senior girl champion Sarah Swanton
and Brydie Elks



11 year boys champion Nate Powell
and Lachie Provost



11 year girls champion Addison
Smith and Annabelle Patterson-Kane



Juvenile girl champion
Lucy Rizzi



Junior boy champion Albert Green
and Angus Fletcher



Junior girl champion Grace Smith
and Georgina Arundale-Fuller



Juvenile boy champion Harry Fletcher
and Teddy Healey.
Right: Red House captains



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With A.J. CROSS



Since 1986 the Colleen Cross Memorial golf trophy has been competed for on 35 occasions, 32 times as a 4BBB and three as an individual event. As it won't be played for again, 'Waterloo Mayor' Ross King and his wife Penny are the final winners of the perpetual prize. From next Sunday mum will be joined by dad when the inaugural Colleen and I.J. Cross Memorial Trophy is played for under a medley round.

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Husband and wife Greg and Dianne Partridge were the first winners after they posted a very good score of 50 stableford points only equalled or bettered on five other occasions. In 1989 the late David Anderson teamed up with Lynne Watts to record the highest total of 56 points whereas Miles Archdale and wife Janelle are next best on 53 points in 2000.

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The other duos to have registered 50 points are Roger Jamieson and Margaret Davidson in 1990, Glenn Death and his mother Rhonda in 1991 along with David Sweeney and his wife Simone in 1997. Five times 49 points has been the winning score including by I.J. Cross and one of mums best friends Brenda Walker in 1987.

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Colleen's nephew Simeon has won the trophy more times than any other player, three with Julie Hoad (2002, 2005, 2006) and they are the only competitors to go back to back. Simeon's fourth victory came when he combined with Donna Martin in 2019.

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Between 2014 and 2016 the event was played as an individual with David Leake winning the first mens competition after he carded 39 points. When David made his acceptance speech we suggested he felt like the bloke that shot Bambi after he defeated Colleen's favourite son by a point.

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Twice Simone Sweeney has won the event with her husband David but it was her third victory which impressed me most simply because I was

fortunate enough to be her partner that day in 2001. Thanks once again Mrs Sweeney.

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Local junior cricketer Hugo Ussher was involved in a match winning partnership of over 70 runs when the Armidale Bushrangers U/11 representative team defeated Moree in the Josh Hazlewood Cup final recently. Batting in the middle order, Hugo made a valuable unbeaten 25 runs assisting the Bushrangers to remain undefeated for the season.

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Calling all budding junior Aussie Rules players between the age of 10 and 14 years. The New England Nomads are conducting a 'Come and Try' day, along with a sausage sizzle on Sunday 6 March at Bellevue Oval in Armidale between 10am and 12noon. If you need more information please have no hesitation contacting either Ben or Sonia Ussher.

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Last Friday one golfer copped more than he bargained for while competing in the Uralla Vets Open arriving back home a bit sore and sorry. By all accounts Tim Beaumont was a few moments away from putting out his final hole when a wayward drive from a nearby adjacent tee by Newie 21C, Bob Denniss, drilled 'Blowie' on the full, at speed, before rebounding backwards about 30 metres after leaving Tim spreadeagled on the fifth green. When Blowie checked his chest for damage a bit later he discerned a sizeable bruise with an imprint of the dimples of the ball and part of the word Callaway (the brand of the ball) imbedded in his skin. Certainly could have been a whole lot worse Tim.

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Last week after collecting some bread rolls from Moons Bakery I was surprised to see Margie Macfarlane climbing into the front seat of my car. Just about to confront Margie about the incident I suddenly realised she was actually in her own car and mine was parked next to it.

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The Walcha Roos and Jillaroos have agreed to join forces with the Uralla Tigers for the 2022 Group 19 Rugby League following a meeting by both clubs in Uralla last Thursday. There are a few loose ends to tidy up, but at this stage both the Roos and Tigers are planning to play as separate teams in the upcoming pre season mini competition in a few weeks time.



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At the 19th

With a number of players competing in the Uralla Open last Sunday a modest field of 17 teed off in a stroke medal round here at home for a trophy donated by Vic Coulter. Overall winner with a sensational 62 nett was Gavin White after he carded 84 off the stick which also secured him the C Grade mug.

A Grade was always going to go to Kyle Goodwin after he was the only player to nominate in that division and he did produce the best scratch score of 79 which equates to 75 nett.

Sweepstakes went to B Grade winner Alex Gill 68, Crichton Barr and Andrew Robertson both on 69 after counting out John McLaren. Long drives, sponsored by Tony 'Backhanded Larry' Asmus, were belted by Doug McDonald (B) and Crichton Barr (C) whereas NTP's were hit by Andrew Robertson (3) and Jenny Lisle (16). The putting competition was won by Pauline Carter after she engaged her flat stick on 24 occasions while Bill Heazlett was thrilled to receive the coveted 'Pink Shirt' for most putts with 33 jabs.

Last Saturday John McLaren was the weekly 9 hole winner after he mustered 20 stableford points, while Dave Dunn and Matthew Palmer picked up sweepstake prizes with 17 points each. NTP on 3 went to Max Holstein.

Last weekend was the annual Uralla '3 Days of Golf' where Walcha was represented by 19 players in the Veterans Open on Friday, 20 in the Mixed Open on Saturday and then 21 in the Men's Open on Sunday. Of the Walcha players, Owen Presnell finished runner-up in B Grade on Friday after he was counted out of the top position on 41 stableford points. In C Grade Jack O'Hara accumulated 37 points to run third, whereas Penny King was the most successful Walcha lady after racking up 36 points.

On Saturday Vicki Heffernan teamed up with Dorrigo player Paul de Veer to win the mixed event after carding a +7 just ahead of Julie Presnell and Jon Izzard, Col Berry and Julie Hoad, Simone Sweeney and David Sweeney all on +6. Despite compiling a good score of 47 points Jack O'Hara and Deon Lawrence were never in the hunt on Sunday considering the winning score was a massive 56 points, but they did finish fourth. Next best were Simeon Cross and Col Berry on 45 points while Don Brooks and Steph Sweeney, Bob Denniss and Mal Ballard posted 44 points each.

This Sunday here on the home front, is the inaugural Colleen and I.J. Cross Memorial trophy. Hope to see you there.

This Thursday is the second round of the N.E. Vets Pennants here at Walcha commencing with 9.30am registrations for a 10am shotgun start. Green Fees are \$20 and lunch is available on the day.

Flippers

Last week the Swimming Club held Round 8 of their swimming program where 65 P.B's were registered taking the season total so far to 365.

Swimmer of the Week is Jess Wellings for gaining maximum points after setting P.B's in all three of her events.

There was only one mover and shaker last week when Lincoln France was elevated from Tadpoles to Frogs.

New member Elijah Williams had a great first week when he hopped straight into the Frogs division.

Next week will be the opening round of championships while a number of Flippers are off to the North West selection trials in Armidale next Monday and Tuesday. Best of luck to all competitors.

Tennis

Round 2 of the 2022 Summer Comp was played out on Tuesday 15 February in pleasant conditions.

Gavrilova: T Gough, T Gibson, C Lyon and L Lockyer spanked De Minaur: A Goodwin, K Lisle, J Hoy (floating for A Barillaro) and A Marsh (floating for M Luchich) 33 to 11.

Ebdon: H Thomson, N Buckland, E Clifton and R Mathews defeated Groth: M Lockyer, S Blake, P O'Brien and M Ireland 24 to 23 in a great close match. Stosur: K Wall, E Wauch, J Gibson and P Palmer accounted for Kokkinaakas: D A Locke, M Palmer, P Uren and M Dye taking the win 34 to 20.

Well done to all players and thanks to our floaters for keeping the train on the tracks.

The 2022 Seniors Tournament will be held on the 4, 5 and 6 March. Sixty players will be in attendance including some of our local players. If any Club Members can help in the kitchen or drop in cakes and slices over the tournament weekend it would be greatly appreciated.

Our next Club meeting will be held on Monday 14 March all members are welcome to attend. See you all at the net soon.

Wednesday Golf

Great golfing weather on Wednesday when we played a stroke event, along with putting and monthly mug for Lorraine Rennie's trophy.

It was wonderful to see Sally Rutherford, our winner on the day with a nett score of 70, counting out Penny King also on 70. Sweepstakes went to Sue Partridge 72, Alison Cameron 72, Deb Richards 74, Julie Presnell 76 and Cheryl McDonald 76.

Putting was won by Julie Hoad with 25 putts. NTP on Hole 3 was Simone Sweeney and second shot on Hole 9 was Penny King with no-one reaching the sand on Hole 16.

Our Division 1 winner was Penny King, Division 2 winner was Sue Partridge and 3rd Division went to Sally Rutherford.

Good luck to those players heading to Guyra for their 4BBB Stableford on the 23rd and those playing at home for a Graham Betts Stableford playing for Betty Borthwicks trophy.

Cricket

Around a dozen players turned up at Peter Fenwicke Oval last Saturday for a social round and now it all comes down to the final round this Saturday to determine who plays in the grand final.

Currently the Point Score ladder has Colts and Round Swamp both on 32 points, Uralla and Kentucky on 28 points.

This Saturday Swamp and Colts do battle at Peter Fenwicke Oval while Uralla take on Kentucky at the Uralla Sporting Complex.

Bowls

Results from the weekends games:

A Grade Singles:

T Parker defeated N Goodwin 31-25.

B Kliendienst defeated T Parker 31-11.

A McGuffog defeated F Cameron 31-24.

B Grade singles:

G Michie defeated M Wall 31-14.

S Bath defeated M Hoy 31-14.

Draws for this weekend:

Saturday 1:00pm Start

A Grade Singles:

S Goodwin v G Michie, marker N Goodwin.

J Asmus v A Goodwin, marker F Cameron.

Sunday 1:00pm Start

Pairs

S Goodwin & G Bird v T & J Asmus.

Just a bit of notice, the Fours Championships will be played over one weekend on 19 and 20 March to help the Pennant Players get some good game practice before we go away! Any players that aren't in the fours but would like to have a roll or practise please come down.

Dads Army: Ten bowlers nominated on Thursday afternoon and were graded into a game of pairs and a game of triples.

In the pairs, Noel Goodwin and John McCormack held a good lead before losing the next six ends but then won the last three to sneak home by a couple of shots over Mick Bullen and Crichton Barr.

The triples saw Brian Goodwin, John Watts and Peter Hayes have a good win over Barry Kliendienst, Matt Andrews and Eric O'Keefe. The win was a big turnaround for Barry who had a big win last week.

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Both were fully booked with working dog enthusiasts travelling from across the state to attend, while many locals also took the opportunity to participate in the school.

The successful event saw all attendees learning new techniques and working on skills that included:

- starting pups
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- off balance work
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Tony was impressed with the depth of knowledge from our local handlers.

Having worked and trained extensively with Neil McDonald, Tony is finding the latest ABC show *Muster Dogs* a real treat.

One of the participants commented – "It was a fantastic day learning about techniques for early training of your pup, starting your pup on stock and Tony demonstrated how progression into a fully trained dog can look like. Tony spoke about the importance of

reading stock and moving them in a calm and effective manner with us as a leader and the benefits that come with this for stock, dogs and humans. When things don't go to plan in training, Tony always came back to some favourite sayings like; *We are the situation creators and remember we live on an island. Dogs or stock can't run far.*"

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 Chicken and bacon fettuccine
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 Normal menu, takeaway & desserts
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