



Your December 2020 Community Newsletter

WALLA BUSINESSES: LIESCHKE BUS LINES

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Past: Lieschke Bus Lines Pty Ltd started on 1st July 2010 when we purchased 4 school buses and school bus run contracts from John and Sally Withers. Three bus runs consisted of going to Pleasant Hills, Culcairn and Jindera via the Table Top area. All would wind up back to Walla Walla Public School and St Paul's College with Billabong students being transferred to neighboring bus operators such as Lodges, Kane's etc. The fourth run went to Gerogery Public School.

On the 1st of May in 2019, Lieschke Bus Lines Pty Ltd purchased the Henty – Walla Walla bus and route contract from Robert and Sandra Lieschke. This bus run starts in Henty and goes to Walla Walla via Ryan and again meets neighboring bus companies to transfer students between Billabong High School and St Paul's College.

Present: On the 1st July 2020 we purchased 2 buses and contracts from AP Ofak Pty Ltd. These buses service Howlong, Burrumbuttock area as well as the Brocklesby Balldale area and have been repainted with the Lieschke Bus Lines colours and logo. This is in conjunction with the pre-existing Culcairn, Henty, Pleasant Hills and Jindera bus routes.

Lieschke Bus Lines also purchased Koorong Pty Ltd that goes from Holbrook 35km up the Jingellic Rd.

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Above: Ross Hoffmann in the Jindera-bound bus

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

What a year 2020 has been! Early in the new year, the bushfires blazing across the country was on everyone's mind. Later, we saw COVID-19 spread across the globe and find its way to our shores. We are sure that 2020 will be remembered as a challenging year by many, but let us also remember all of the good things this year has brought. From the much needed rains for our farmers' crops, to the opening of the new function room/kiosk at the Walla sportsground, there have been quite a few highlights this year. We also saw the true spirit of Aussie mateship on display with many locals providing support to the areas impacted by fire with the provision of supplies and labour. Again, later we saw our community pull together through challenging times, ensuring that everyone had enough of the white gold (toilet paper) to get them by.

On behalf of the Newsletter Team, we would like to express our gratitude to the community and our wider readership for your support this year, and we look forward to sharing local stories in the year to come.

We would also like to thank the Newsletter Team: Jenny, Herb, Françoise and Julie. Your help throughout the year has meant that this Newsletter can continue running, and significantly contributes to its quality.

Please note that the next Issue of this Newsletter is in February, not January.

Finally, we wish you a safe and restful holiday season. We hope the borders allow you to see your loved ones living away and that you can spend your time with those that mean the most to you. See you in 2021!

*Ben and Raquel
Editors*

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Christmas Light Competition

Please join in the Christmas spirit and help make Walla glow again!
There are **THREE** categories to enter with prize money up for grabs:

Winning House: \$100

Runner up House: \$50

Winning Business: \$100

Runner up Business: \$50

Winning Street: Winning Street sign

Online entry forms can be issued via email.

Written entry forms can be collected from the front desk at Kotzur Silos.

For more information or to request an online entry form contact Jess Kotzur at jmktotzur@hotmail.com or Raquel Ortega at raquelortegazarco@gmail.com.

MAKE WALLA GLOW AGAIN

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Currently, Lieschke Bus Lines employs 14 casual drivers who are all Walla locals. They also include married couples such as Wilf and Elaine Krause as well as Jodie and Ross Hoffmann. John Mullavey is the most recent driver to be hired to drive the Burrumbuttock school bus.



In total, the business is accredited for running 8 buses traveling approximately 1,360km a day 5 days per week. The buses range from Mitsubishi and Volvo to Fuso and Hino of different sizes and seating capacities. These buses are only for school bus routes, not charter buses such as Martin's or Lodges buses that run charter trips to Melbourne, Canberra etc to the general public.

I have seen the change in going from no seat belts in any bus to eventually having all buses fitted by seat belts to comply with new road safety rules. So far, 6 buses have been fitted with seat belts, leaving two more to go to make the entire fleet safety compliant.

It's always interesting to hear the kids' conversations and what they talk about However, according to Elaine Krause, the driver on the Pleasant Hills bus route, the kids are picked up so early in the morning on that route that many seem to be still catching up on sleep on the way to school.

Future: As the student population grows at St Paul's College, Walla Public School and elsewhere, it may be necessary to purchase additional buses/contracts and hire more drivers to cope with demand.

RECYCLING NEWSLETTERS

If you don't need your Newsletter anymore, can you please leave it at the Walla Post Office for others to read.



Walla Community Christmas Carols

Sunday 13th December
Walla Sportsground, 7:30pm

Please bring your own chair & food

Free entry

Family fun!

Please arrive early to provide contact details

WE'RE COVID SAFE

Celebrate good news with us this Christmas

The angel said, "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."



SANTA IS WAITING

For the children of Walla Walla to **write to him**, so please include full name, address and your age, so Santa can respond quickly.

With Santa's full workload, have your letters in **before 19th December.**

Leave your letters at the Post Office, and we will pass them onto Santa.



WALLA CRAFT GROUP

We meet each Thursday at the Town Hall from 10 am to 12 noon.

Everyone Welcome. Gold coin donation to cover hall hire only.

All Arts and Crafts welcome. People wanting to learn are welcome or just drop in for a cuppa and a chat.

Ph Neroli 0420 298 378



PRAYING FOR WALLA

Join us as we pray for each other, our community, and the world. We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Lutheran church hall from 8pm. Our next meeting is on 26th November. (No meeting in December).

For prayer requests please contact Pastor Dan Mueller (0413 032 455).



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Walla Walla ladies bowls Club would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and we hope you have a wonderful start for the coming Year!! We will be commencing social bowls again in the new year-dates to be confirmed.

President Zara.
Secretary Deidre.

WALLA WARES

55 Commercial Street, Walla Walla

An eclectic collection of old and new. Upcycled furniture, vintage wares and interesting pieces.

Open Saturdays and Sundays: 10am - 3pm, or by appointment

Ph: Virginia 0412 378 451

Fresh baked bread and pies available both days.



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Opening Hours
Mon – Thurs 6am till 4pm
Friday 6am till 8pm
Saturday 8am till 3pm

Come in and take a break. Have a seat out in our courtyard or in the dining room!

- Cakes
- Burgers
- Hot Food
- Fresh Sandwiches
- Tea/Coffee
- Cold Drinks

Pizza Night Friday Nights!
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PHONE: 6029 2033



**GOT WORKERS THAT NEED FEEDING?
THE WALLA FOOD MILL HAS GOT YOU COVERED!**

OFFERING LUNCH AND/OR DINNER PACKS FOR YOU AND YOUR WORKERS THIS HARVEST SEASON.

RANGING FROM FRESH SALADS / SANDWICHES TO RE-HEAT OPTIONS FOR DINNER. WE WILL HAVE THEM ALL PACKAGED UP AND READY TO GO OUT. PREORDERING IS ESSENTIAL.

GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE.

BREAKFAST PACK:

BACON & EGG ROLL OR TOASTED SANDWICH, ONE SNACK OPTION, COFFEE, JUICE OR FLAVORED MILK.
\$15.00

LUNCH PACK:

ONE FRESH OPTION, THREE SNACK OPTIONS, AND A DRINK.
\$20.00

DINNER PACK:

ONE REHEAT OPTION, TWO SNACK OPTIONS & TWO DRINKS
\$20.00



<u>FRESH OPTIONS</u>	<u>REHEAT OPTIONS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MEAT & SALAD ROLLS - FRESH ASSORTED SANDWICHES - MEAT & SALAD WRAPS - MEAT & SALAD BOWLS - VEGETARIAN OPTIONS - ZUCCHINI SLICE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PIES - SAUSAGE ROLLS - LASAGNA - QUICHE - PASTA DISHES - CURRY DISHES - MEAT & VEG DISHES
<u>SNACK OPTIONS</u>	<u>DRINKS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CHOCOLATE BARS - ASSORTED MUFFINS / SLICES - MUESLI BARS - FRESH FRUIT - NUT MIX - CHIPS - YOGHURT - BISCUITS & CHEESE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BOTTLED WATER - JUICE - SOFT DRINK - ENERGY DRINKS - FLAVORED MILK - POWERADE - COFFEE / TEA - HOT CHOCOLATE

QUIRKY WALLA & DISTRICT HAPPENINGS, PART 1, THE FIRST 50 YEARS.

October 1875. At the Albury Police Court. **Norman Beaton, an elderly Highlander, was charged with being in possession of a stolen pair of bagpipes belonging to John Macdonald, who was almost totally blind, at Walbundrie.** Both these men had been on the road from Melbourne travelling from town to town amusing the "lovers of the music of the Gael," living off the proceeds received. Beaton had a propensity to get drunk; this caused some differences between the two on numerous occasions. At Walbundrie, after promising to refrain from the drink, Beaton again gave way to further indulgence and, after repeated warnings from Macdonald, Beaton marched off **towards Walla Walla with the bagpipes.** Beaton was apprehended, together with the bagpipes, and brought into Albury Police Court where he stated he had no intention of leaving Macdonald alone at Walbundrie. The magistrate gave Beaton the benefit of the doubt and discharged him.

September 1890. **Railway construction crews on the proposed new railway line through Walla, were making their way to COROWA with their plant and families, only to be "disappointed and dismayed when they learnt that the construction was to start at CULCAIRN."**

April 1893. Following the annual Easter Sports Day at Walla, there was this Letter about "racy men's costumes" to the Editor of the Albury Banner. "Sir, - Having been to sports occasionally I always admire the nice racing costumes which are often worn at different sports by runners. **But it seems that some class of young men would just as soon run without any clothing on them at all, at least it is put on in such a way that respectable ladies have to turn their faces away from those running.** It happens not only in our otherwise respectable Walla Walla, but other places as well, and I consider that the committee should see that everyone is dressed in a way that will not cause any respectable lady to blush and turn away when amateurs are walking past them. - Yours, A FATHER OF A GROWN-UP FAMILY."

December 24th, 1895. The former Walla School Teacher & Postmaster, **Mr. Zilius who was 83 years old,** was presented with a **house and 4 gallons of wine** by Walla Walla residents on Christmas Eve.

January 1st, 1900. **Sports Day at Walla;** in addition to the foot races and horse events, there was a "**Beer Drinking Contest**" and a "**Catch the Pig**" competition among the events throughout the day. The Market Street recreation ground was situated on 10 acres west of Market Street, between Edward and William Streets.

August 1905. Albury Court. Local woman, **Auguste Lehmann was convicted of sly grog-selling at Brae Springs.** Police alleged that when they visited her place and disclosed their identity after buying some wine, **the woman offered them £100 to hush up the case.** She was fined £30, in default of six months imprisonment. The fine was paid.

August 1905. **Mr. Harry Schmidt was going through paddocks with his dogs when his dogs startled a full-grown fox.** When the pursuit got too much for the fox, it made a dash for Mr. H. E. Scholtz's kitchen, in through the open door, ending up on top of a large meat safe, where it was dealt with.

January 1907. From the Jindera correspondent: **To-day our little town [Jindera] is quite deserted -- all off to the Walla sports. Jindera has given up sports, and, quite right, sticks closer to religion.**" Walla too, had the divide between religion and sports, but in most cases, there was a consensus between the two where they could at least both co-habit in the same town!

April 1907. Walla Walla Oddfellows (I.O.O.F.) **Lodge held their first "Sports and Ball"** (sports & games then a dance in the evening). The usual sports and games were played, the day was sponsored by the Walla Hotel and the Albury Brewing Co. to the tune of £6 1s, as well as others who contributed on the day. **One notable diversion on the day was the appearance of "Mr. E. Lewwellyn and a band of boys dressed in fancy costume and blackened to represent the "Darktown Fire Brigade.""** They had all appliances for extinguishing fires with a reel and hose, and a prehistoric fire engine, "accompanied by much water, yelling and confusion." After standing for photos, they proceeded to the centre of the Market Street Recreation Ground where a "**large heap of dry bushes was ignited and speedily quenched by this fire brigade.**" Very "not-PC" these days!

October 1910. There were **now 6 families using the name "Smith" living in Walla, the most common surname in and around the town of Walla Walla at this time!**

1912. Teacher **Walter Baker was in charge of the Alma Park School,** he did not seem to be renowned for his teaching abilities. When he went away for a weekend, he did not arrive at school on time on Mondays. When he did arrive, all the students had already gone back home!

February 1912. **A daring and partially successful attempt to derail a stock train east of Walla. Stephen O'Brien, was arrested near the Billabong Creek.** Police ascertained that the accused laid the fishplates (rail joining plates) on the line in order to stop the train so he could get a ride. **It seems the accused was expecting a passenger train, not a stock train!** The subsequent inquiry mentions that if the number of fishplates laid on the line were hit by the lighter passenger railmotor, it most likely would have been derailed, causing much more of a concern. In this case, with a heavier locomotive on the stock train, only one bogey left the rails.

April 1912. At Walla, "Quite a sensation was caused on Sunday when a **pair of ponies bolted down the main street** with part of a vehicle. ... Nobody got hurt in the smash, which happened through one of the ponies starting to kick and breaking the buggy to pieces." **Mr. Mickan** was later reunited with his ponies and the remnants of his buggy!

October 1912. The annual **Walla Walla Sports Carnival** was held on the Market St Recreation Ground. Apart from the usual athletic, bicycle and horse events, other events/games included throwing at the wicket, kicking the football, serious face competition, guessing the weight of a sheep, (95lb, dead heat between Mr. R. Schultz and Mr A. Pertzelt,) penny cleaning competition, wheel barrow race, **and of course, sewing on a button for men!**

1915. All **Back Yard Dummies,** were described in Council Papers as "**Closet Accommodation**". Those residents who did not have the required "Closet Accommodation" were threatened with prosecution. This was in preparation for setting up Walla's night cart waste collection service. All Shire town residents were required to install the required "accommodation", either building their own to a generic design or buying locally made prefabricated kits and assembling them; the Shire then supplied the galvanised collection cans. This system lasted until the 1960's.

Source: Walla Walla Timeline, November 2020; Trove & Partners, National Library of Australia; Elwyn Kotzur.

Tony Brinkmann, on behalf of the Walla Walla Historical Society Inc. 2020.



St Paul's College Walla Walla NSW

Part Time Farm Manager

- 8 hours per week
- commences January 2021
- flexible working times

The successful applicant must hold a current NSW Working with Children Check.

For more details phone 02 6029 2200 or

karen.lowe@stpaulscollege.nsw.edu.au

Applications close 11th December 2020

WALKING YOUR DOG?



A friendly reminder to please pick up after your dog and keep our town looking great!

**Walla Walla
Community Markets**

Sunday 13th December

12pm - 2pm

Town Hall

◆ Hot Food ◆ Cakes
◆ Jam & Relish
◆ Homewares ◆ Gifts
◆ Handmade Crafts

WEEDS AT WALLA WALLA

Bindiis have arrived.

Action 1: Look for bindiis.

Action 2: Destroy them.

Another nasty one just now is **hairy panic**. It is a pretty plant when small with long thin leaves going pretty well straight up.

It likes to grow in places where nothing else grows. There would be thousands of plants in our town. They are on every street, every lane, every gutter, every footpath. Keeping them from seeding is a good plan, but difficult. We can but try.

Also starting now is **paspalum**. It has long thin leaves that stay near the ground. It grows happily in lawns and with other plants. Digging it out with a long thin hoe works well,

Still growing in the town are **marsh-mellow, cape weed, sticky weed, thistles, khaki weed, patta**, and more.

This is the time of the year when most weeds desperately try to produce seeds. Our aim is to stop seeding. In a month from now, most die off from old age, but bindii and a few others keep going through the great heat of Summer, if we let them.

Herb Simpfendorfer

LAYING HENS

\$5 each.

These retiring hens range in age from 12-24 months old and are mixed Hyline and ISA Browns (hybrid layers). They have been on our free range farm since they were 16 weeks old. We will select at random which hens you get - they are \$5 each to reflect the mixed ages.

Please note: even if you have contacted us previously requesting hens, or if you have purchased hens from us before, you will now need to fill in a form due to a current NSW DPI Biosecurity Control Order affecting all poultry operations in NSW.

Contact Amy on 0439 029 140 or fill in the order form on West Walla Farm's website: bit.ly/laying-hens



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CHURCH UPDATE & WORSHIP AT HOME OPTIONS

Lutheran Church Walla Walla & Alma Park

The Lutheran church currently has three worship options:

(1) Join us in our building at Walla (17 Commercial St): 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 9 am, 2nd & 4th Sundays at 10:30 am.

(2) Watch our live-stream video each Sunday from 10.30am on YouTube (search "Walla Lutheran Parish").

(3) Receive a worship at home resource in your mailbox each week (contact our pastor or parish office).

Contact: Pastor Dan Mueller 0413032455

<https://walla.lutheran.org.au>

Baptist Church Market St. Walla Walla

Worship services at 10am on Sundays.

Visitors welcome, subject to Covid restrictions.

Contact: Marj Rayner 0459 292 233 .

Catholic Church Market St. Walla Walla

Contact: Father Terence Mahedy 0458 298 363

Anglican Church Balfour St. Culcairn

Contact: Father Bob Done 6026 3691

LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS TIMES

Alma Park Lutheran Christmas Eve: 7:30pm outdoors on church grounds.

Please bring your own chair or rug.

Please arrive early to provide contact details, households asked to practice physical distancing.

In the case of wet weather, in-person gathering will be cancelled and video stream provided.

Walla Walla Lutheran Christmas Eve: 7:30pm in church building & hall + video stream.

Please arrive early to provide contact details.

Service to be projected in hall when church building is full.

Walla Walla Lutheran Christmas Day: 9am outside on church grounds + video stream.

Please bring your own chair or rug.

Please arrive early to provide contact details, households asked to practice physical distancing.

In case of wet weather we will move to church building and project in hall.

RURAL CARE LINK

Ring 6026 3001 or 0475 594 073

Jindera Community Hub, 83 Urana St.

URGENT NEEDS:

- ⇒ Lifeline 13 11 14
- ⇒ Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
- ⇒ Mensline Australia 1300 789 978

WNW TENNIS CLUB

Tennis season is here and we are holding a Tennis hit up every Thursday, beginning at 4.30-5pm 'till whenever you want to finish!

So dust off your racquet and come along! Contact John 0429 039 322



TUESDAY SOCIAL TENNIS

We are having some great tennis. We are starting at 9.00 am now to make the most of the fresh mornings. All welcome. Come along and join us before the weather gets too hot.

HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

Walla Walla Post Office

Will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day as there will be no mail delivery.

Walla Store

Will be closed on Christmas Day.

Saturday 26th open 9am-11am

Monday 28th open 9am-11am.

New Year's Day open 9am – 11am.

Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES ALL WELCOME!!

Anglican: December 23rd St. Pauls, Culcairn 7pm

Baptist: December 20th 10am Walla Walla

December 27th 10am Walla Walla

Catholic: Christmas Day 11.30am Walla Walla

Lutheran: See notice to the left of this page

May the CHRIST in CHRISTMAS remind you of how much GOD LOVES YOU!!

SCRIPTURE TEACHING

Please ring me if you are interested in becoming a Scripture teacher for the Walla Public School. Classes are held on Wednesday for thirty minutes. For further information on what is required ring Maree Seidel on 60292381.

December Community Diary

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 - Social tennis 9am, Walla Courts	2	3 - Craft Group, 10am, Town Hall - Tennis hit up, 4.30pm Walla courts	4	5 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	6
7 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	8 - Social tennis 9am, Walla Courts	9	10 - Craft Group, 10am, Town Hall - Tennis hit up, 4.30pm Walla courts	11	12 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	13 - Walla Walla Community Markets, 12-2pm, Town Hall - Community Christmas Carols, 7.30pm, Walla Sportsground
14 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	15 - Social tennis 9am, Walla Courts	16 Greater Hume Council meeting 6pm	17 - Craft Group, 10am, Town Hall	18	19 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	20
21 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	22 - Social tennis 9am, Walla Courts	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
28 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

Walla Walla Bowling Club 6029 2146

Mon – Thurs and Sat 5.30-8.30pm
Fri 5.30 – 9.30pm

WAW Credit Union 6029 2392

Monday-Thursday: 12.30-4.30pm.
Friday: 11am-12.30pm (closed for
lunch 12.30-1.30pm) Friday pm: 1.30-
5.00pm

Walla Walla Post Office 6029 2231

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9-11am

Second Hand Rose 6029 2116

Thurs & Fri 1.30 - 4.30pm.
Sat 9.30 - 11.30am

On Demand Regional Bus

Bookings: Phone or text: 0448 353 281

Walla Hotel 6029 2309

Mon - Sat - Opens at 11am;
Sun - Opens 12 noon
Kitchen: Thursday–Saturday 6- 8pm;
Sunday 12-2pm

Meals other times for min. of 10 if
booked.

Take away lunches: Wed, Thurs & Fri:
12-2pm

Walla Walla Hair Salon 6029 2277

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
9am – 5.30pm

Walla Food Mill 6029 2033

Mon-Thurs: 6am - 4pm;
Fridays: 6am - 8pm;
Sat: 8am - 3pm

Morgan's Lookout

Non-daylight savings: 8am - 5pm
Daylight savings: 8am - 7pm
Gates are locked outside of
these hours.

Terry White Chemist Walla Walla 6029 2496

Mon-Fri: 9am - 5pm
Facebook: Terry White Chemmart
Walla

Hume Medical Centre Walla Walla

Mon: 8.30am-1pm; 2pm-5.30 pm;
Wed: 11 am-5.30 pm; Fri: 11 am-5.30
pm

Ph: **02 6073 2605** (during Walla open-
ing hours) or **02 6036 2952** (Holbrook
on other days)

Walla Police Phone Number:

02 6029 2104.
Emergency: 000

Mobile Library:

Every Monday at 9 am in front of the
Walla Walla Public School, except
public holidays

WANT TO SUBMIT A

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE?

Please send in any special
acknowledgements, articles or
request to be added to the email
recipient list to:

wallenewsletter@gmail.com

or drop them in the box at the
Walla Post Office.

- Articles should be received
before 12 pm on the 15th of
each month; preferably as
early as possible **before**
deadline day.
- All articles should be kept
concise to save space.

Walla Website:
www.wallawalla.nsw.au

Old Walla Walla Bake Haus Tea Rooms 0455 225 401

Wed and Thurs 10am – 5pm
Fri 10am – 4.30pm
Sat 10am – 4pm
Sun 8am – 3pm

WALLA WALLA POOL OPENING TIMES

Walla Walla (phone 6029 2408)

Start Date	End Date	Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Sat 07/11/2020	Sun 13/12/2020	3.00 - 6.30	3.00 - 7.00	2:00 - 6:30	Closed Tuesday
Mon 14/12/2020	Sun 24/1/2021	2.00 - 7.00	3.00 - 7.00	2:00 - 7:00	Open 7 days
Mon 25/1/2021	Sun 14/3/2021	3.00 - 6.30	2.00 - 8.00	2:00 - 7:00	Closed Tuesday

Morning swims at Walla Walla are held from 6:30 am to 7:30 am Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 9:00 am to 10:00am Saturday (Dec to Feb).

All pools are closed on 25 December 2020 (Christmas Day).

THE OLD WALLA WALLA BAKE HAUS – TEAROOMS

On the 5th of November this year “The Old Walla Walla Bake Haus-Tearooms” came to life. It had been a dream of Lorna and her late mother to open an English tearoom and high tea function centre. The business is evolving and will in the new year include a varie-



ty of dining experiences (Wine and Cheese nights, Themed dinner evening and be available for small functions). They are currently supplying a variety of wonderful pies, sausage rolls, pasties and a large variety of breads from the Henty Bakery. These can be ordered to your requirements, just let the staff know and we will endeavour to meet your requirements.

Our opening hours are Wednesday – Thursday 10am-5pm, Friday 10am-4.30pm Saturday, 10am-4pm and Sunday 8am -3pm. We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful support in our first couple of weeks it has been fantastic. Stay tuned for further updates on menus and functions.

Ph 0455 225 401



WALLA WALLA PUBLIC SCHOOL

High School Transition

Year 6 students who will be attending Billabong High School next year were part of a Zoom meeting to meet some of the staff and discuss their first Orientation Day, which was held on Tuesday 17th November.



Giant Chess Set

It was exciting for our new chess set to arrive. There are a number of students who are showing great

interest and knowledge of the game. It is certainly a great problem solving and strategy building game to develop a child's thinking skills. We have had some interest in helping to coach students as we hope to be able to participate in tournaments as a school team in the near future.



Remembrance Day

As part of our Remembrance Day commemorations, the students each made a poppy to place on the front fence.



Book Week

For Book Week, all the students dressed up as Story Book characters for a parade in the Cola, followed by trivia and fun activities for the remainder of the day.



ADVENT AFTERNOON

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, the Advent Celebrations at the Lutheran Church Hall for the over 70's, has been cancelled.

Grace Wenke

Walla Pool Aqua Classes

Thursdays




5.00 pm Gentle beginners

Class designed as an introduction to water exercise. Low impact. Shallow water.

Duration 20 minutes.

5.30 pm Aqua Class

Class involves warming up, high intensity and conditioning deep water workout and a cool down.

Duration 45 minutes.

Commencing

Thursday 12 November 2020

Cost \$2. Phone Leeny Mason 0419605566





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- Qualified, trained and passionate educators
- Educational nature play based learning
- Childcare government subsidies available

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HAPPY ROCKS FROM ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

The Year 9 Rite Journey Girl's class have been working on some Community Service and Random Acts of Kindness projects over the past week. For one project, we have painted a variety of rocks which will be placed around the Walla Community to brighten someone's day! If you find a rock, we hope that it brings a smile to you face...then please re-hide it somewhere for someone else to find it.





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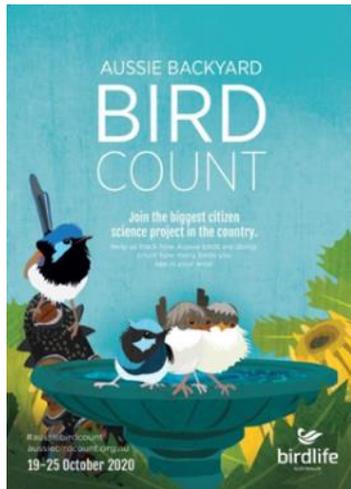


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THE AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT 2020

Written by Françoise McPherson



What is it? This year, National Bird Week was from October 19 to October 25. This coincided with the Aussie Backyard Bird Count which is an annual event co-ordinated by Birdlife Australia. Birdlife Australia is the country's largest bird conservation charity and aims to preserve Australia's unique native birds and their habitat. This year was the seventh year and it has become the largest citizen science project in Australia. The aim is to enlist the help of observers all over Australia to count birds and report sightings throughout this week. Despite the name, observers are not confined to backyards or indeed their own postcode area. There are many varied habitats across Australia with their own populations of birds that need to be counted. Birds have been counted on the mainland as well as outlying Australian territories such as the Australian Antarctic Territory and islands such as Christmas Island, Norfolk Island, Cocos (Keeling) islands, Heard and McDonald Islands (subantarctic), Ashmore and Cartier Islands south of Indonesia and the Coral Sea islands in the Great Barrier Reef area.

All week, bird watchers everywhere have been setting out at all hours of the day/night to find birds and do their bit for science. They ranged from excited novices with nothing more than their eyes and ears to dedicated bird nerds weighed down with binoculars, cameras, sunscreen, water bottles, insect repellent, folding chairs, multiple changes of clothes for all weather conditions, snacks and waders. All over the country this week, bird watchers have set out on a mission. They have sloshed through swamps, endured Antarctic blizzards, climbed up rocks, trekked up mountains, hacked their way through tropical mozzie-infested rainforests, hid in prickly bushes, float-

ed in tinnies on lakes, dodged swooping birds, tried not to step on millions of migrating red crabs (on Christmas Island), paddled down rivers, braved the wind on city skyscraper rooftop gardens, stumbled through sand dunes, stalked through knee high grass and craned necks towards tall tree tops to find and identify birds to be counted. October is the chosen month as many birds breed in spring and food is plentiful.

Why do the bird count? The annual bird count is a census for birds and gives an idea of biodiversity and distribution ranges of different bird species. Observers are asked to help out and report sightings over this 1 week period. These sightings are collated and compared to other data such as from the Bureau of Meteorology and statistically analysed. The results give the researchers an idea of bird biodiversity and how the population density and distribution ranges of bird species change as a function of natural events and human factors.

These events include drought, cyclones, heat waves, floods, bush fires, disease outbreaks, habitat clearing and revegetation programs. The count of 2020 was critical after the catastrophic bushfires last summer and the end of years of drought. Last year, more White Ibises were seen near the coast due to the drought inland which attracted more crimson chats. In 2017, there was a decline in Laughing Kookaburras across Southeast Australia.



Who can do it? Anyone can register for free with Birdlife Australia to be a bird spotter for this week. Registration is free and easy to do. More than 1000 schools have registered. The user-



friendly Birdlife app has the checklists you need plus a digital bird identification guide and aids to try and identify the birds you encounter. Some people count birds while sitting on their

verandah. But you can multi-task and count birds while walking the dog, gardening, exercising, mustering stock, checking fences, playing golf, fishing and so on. Bird watching can be done alone or in company and is strangely addictive! You can be a passive observer or actively seek out birds.

What to do? Each bird recording session lasts for 20 minutes after which time you submit your checklist. To start, enter your postcode or let the app track you by satellite and select which habitat you will find birds in. Then the timer starts and you add birds. You can do as many counting sessions as you want. It helps to not have cats lurking in the bushes nearby sharpening their claws and licking their chops in anticipation!

Which birds to count? All wild bird species can be reported. This includes all native species but also ferals such as Indian Mynah, House Sparrow, Eurasian Skylark and Blackbird among others. Ferals are included so if there is a population explosion of these birds to the detriment of native birds, eradication measures may be needed. Likewise, new laws may be drafted to protect native habitat for birds identified as being at risk of being vulnerable or worse based on this annual bird census.

Migratory species are also included as they breed and feed in Australia for a short time. Most migrating birds will have made it back to Australia by October. Data is shared with international bird conservation agencies. Shearwa-



ters (a.k.a. Muttonbirds) arrived in Australia later than usual in 2019 and in much reduced numbers. This year, there have been few or none reported at usual breeding sites along the Victorian/Tasmanian coast. However, a mass die-off has been reported along the Alaskan coast. These birds have died from starvation due to lack of krill in the Arctic waters and started their migration underweight.

Where to count? Birds can be counted in any location such as your own backyard, neighbouring properties which may attract different birds based on the trees and plants growing there, local parks, farm paddocks, road verges etc. But if you want to go away and

count more exotic species of birds on tidal mudflats, Mallee scrubland or rainforests elsewhere, just change the postcode on your app or select satellite location tracking, choose the right habitat and get counting.



How to identify? Birds can be identified by their plumage, calls, behaviour, social structure, wingbeat sound and silhouette. But, there can be differences between the sexes, between adults and juveniles and between related species.

When to count? It's recommended that counts are done at different times during the day and in the dusk/darkness to get different species of birds counted. You may even spot a Barn Owl, Tawny Frogmouth or Nightjar to add to your tally.



Results so far: See Table 1 for statistics of the last 4 years. The Rainbow Lorikeet has been the most sighted bird overall each year due to more people planting nectar producing trees for

them.

Aussie Backyard Bird Count 2021: In the Walla Walla/Alma park postcode region, 949 birds of 38 species were counted in 2020. To get ready for next year's Aussie Backyard Bird Count during 18-24 October, improve your bird watching and identification skills and sign up to be a registered bird counter in October 2021. It really is a worthwhile thing to do with prizes on offer! So, come on Walla Walla, do your bit for bird conservation next year. Just get out there and count birds. For more information, see www.birdlife.org.au and www.aussiebirdcount.org.au.

There are similar citizen science projects Australia-wide to count frogs (Nov) and pollinating insects (April and Nov) each year.

Table 1. National results of the Aussie Backyard Bird Count 2017-2020

National Results	2017	2018	2019	2020
No. of Checklists	60,592	84,039	105,888	152,680
No. of Observers (mainland)	72,421	76,918	88,270	108,207
No. of Observers (offshore)	n/a	n/a	1,440	457
No. of Schools	n/a	386	1,080	1,553
No. of Species	578	610	626	678
No. of Birds	1.9 million	2.7 million	3.4 million	4.9 million

GREATER HUME'S AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, 26 January 2021 at Walbundrie Recreation Ground, Walbundrie
8 am for Breakfast, 9 am Official Ceremony commences.
This is a FREE event.

The Australia Day celebrations include the Australia Day Breakfast, Australia Day Ambassador's address, presentation of Citizen, Young Citizen, Sports Person/Team, Sports Volunteer and Community Event of the Year and presentation of School Citizenship Awards.

Plenty of shade will be provided. Please bring chair, rug, sunscreen, hat and insect repellent.

Activities after Australia Day ceremony until 4pm.

- Steve Bowen MC/DJ Entertainer will be on hand providing non stop entertainment.
- Food, coffee and delectable delights.
- Family fun including face painting and games.
- Why take a look around the old schoolhouse (no entry permitted).
- Tennis courts will be open for a social hit of tennis.
- Pack the footy or netball to have a kick or bounce with your mates.

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Total for October 67.2 mm

For 2020 to end of October 691.4 mm

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- Community Event of the Year
- Sports Person/Team of the Year
- Sports Volunteer of the Year

Applications close Wednesday, 9 December 2020

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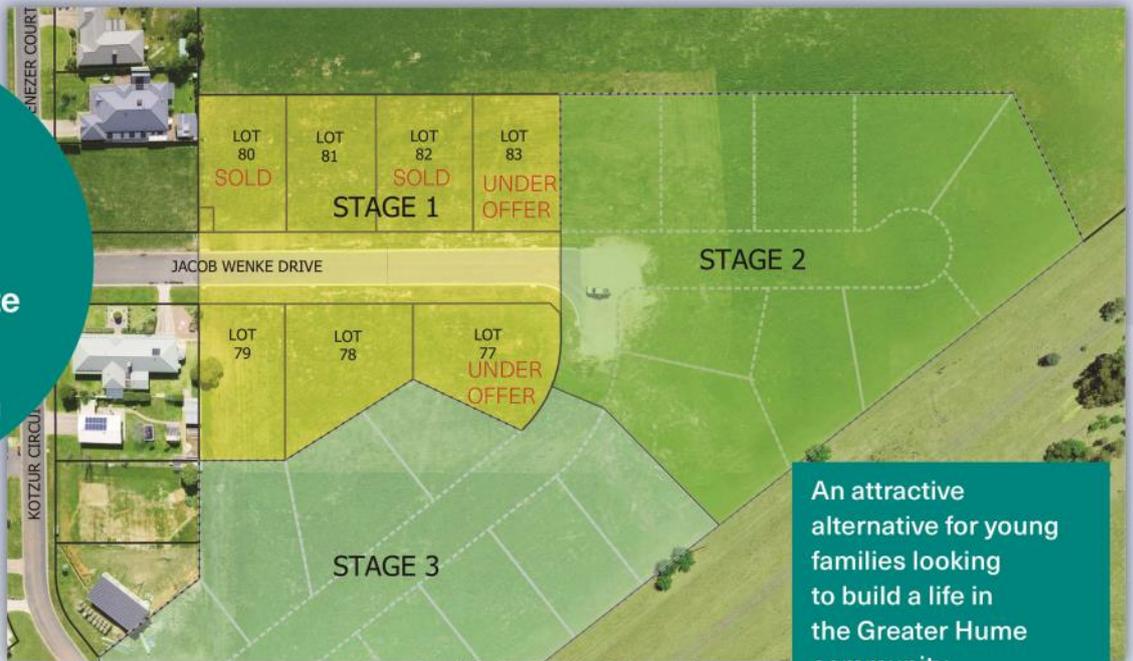
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On Sunday November 8, 18 Members of our Brigade were presented with the NSW Premiers Bushfire Emergency Citation. The Citation was issued to members who had attended fires and/or supported fire-fighting efforts during the period between 1 July 2019 and March 2020. During this period our brigade members attended 13 separate incidents and provided support at the following major fires: Drake, Newton Boyd, Liberation Trail, Braidwood, Currowan, Green Valley and Moruya. They also attended incidents in our local area and the local Southern Border Zone.

As a brigade we took this opportunity to thank our members and their families for their support during what was an incredibly busy season. We recognise that when our members respond they're able to be-

cause of the support of their family. Whether someone had to feed cattle, shed sheep, drive a tractor, mow the lawn, go to a party alone or make any adjustments to their plans with little or no notice it all matters. For that support we are incredibly grateful.

With thanks to Mr Andrew Gray (District Coordinator Southern Border Team) and Mr Ian Avage (Group 4 Deputy Group Captain) along with Captain Shai Feuerherdt, the citations were presented to:

Steve Campbell, Lee Churches, Dieter Fenz, Shai Feuerherdt, Jeff Grosse, David Heir, Mick Heir, Ryan Jacob, Lloyd Kotzur, Logan Lauritzen, Matt Lauritzen, Joshua Lieschke, Cameron Odewahn, Nic Odewahn, David Paech, Walter Paech and Craig Wenke.

Congratulations!



2020 HARVEST HAS BEGUN

Remember: Your Crop = Your Decision

It is your responsibility to limit the ignition and prevent the spread of fires from your property. This includes fires that may start due to harvesting operations.

The NSW RFS provides a number of tools to help farmers make the right decisions about harvesting operations that will reduce the risk of fires starting and spreading. These include Harvest Safety Alerts and the Grain Harvesting Guide.



The RFS Website has a wide variety of useful information to help you plan and prepare in order to help keep you, your family and your home safe. You can find it at: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Left: Members of the Walla Walla Rural Fire Brigade who received a citation

WALLA WALLA CROQUET CLUB NEWS

With the chance to be outside and the weather so nice, this is an opportunity to learn the game of Croquet.

We welcome you to join us at the Walla Bowling Club on Saturday and Monday mornings from 9.00 am. Please wear flat soled shoes.

As this will be the last Newsletter before Christmas, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas with family and friends that you may not have seen for many months and we look forward to the Happiest of New Years!

Helen Krause , Secretary 0427260737



INFORMATION WANTED

Information wanted on Walla Hospitals, Queen St and William St and Doctor's residence (Lions/Chenovet house). Walla district midwives. Also any information on circuses at Walla, especially those held at the "Circus Block" 60 Commercial Street.

Thank you to those who responded to my request for info on the Saleyards and Gotsalk family. However I still would like more information on the saleyards. Many people must remember the saleyards and circuses in Walla!

Contact Tony Brinkmann, brinkade@bigpond.net.au or 60 292296, or 0459 292296.



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Whoever you are, whatever your story, you're welcome here with us.

Year 12 Valedictory Service

Students and staff acknowledged our graduating class of 2020 on 14th October. A special time of memories and gratitude. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, parents and extended family members were only able to attend via Live Streaming. Hence, a very unique circumstance and ceremony. May our God bless our graduating class of 2020 and watch over them as they journey forward.



Year 11 Retreat

Year 11 gathered at the Walla Sportsground Pavilion to mark the end of their Preliminary Course and the start of their HSC. They spent the day going through information on the HSC; pathways and how we can support students in determining their post school destination; the 2021 School Captains set a great photo challenge and led discussion around what legacy Year 12 2021 will leave for St Paul's; School Nurse and Counsellor spoke about wellbeing and managing stress around exams and team building and leadership activities were organised. Thank you to the students who were engaged and motivated, we wish them well for their HSC year!

Year 7 2021 Orientation Day

Thursday 12th November was Year 7 2021 Orientation Day with over 65 Year 6 students arriving for a day full of activities and fun, including a Science balloon experiment (pictured right with Miss Kotzur and some Walla Walla Primary School students).

We are excited for next year when we will welcome three Year 7 classes and new staff to the College in response to increased enrolments. We are looking forward (hopefully) to the easing of COVID restrictions to enable more excursions and camps to occur.

We are also looking forward to continuing improvements and modifications to College facilities.

