



Your August 2021 Community Newsletter

WALLA WALLA BUSINESSES: HUME COUNTRY MILL

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Past

Hume Country Mill is situated at what was formerly the Railway yard sheds and once used by HA Jacob & Sons when Harry Jacob set up a grain trading business with his sons. During the early 1940's, he established a market for clipped and graded seed oats. In 1950 a new seed cleaning machine was purchased, Lionel and Ivan went on to build an oat crushing plant (1st photo taken in the 1950's). In 1959 the Jacob boys set up an unkilned Rolled Oat Mill for local consumption and export. In early 1960's Lionel left the oat mill business to run the family car and machinery business. In the 1970's the oat mill eventually closed. Products milled and packed during this time included oats, crushed wheat, soyabean flour, and pea meal. Long-time former local Walla resident John Jacob worked at the mill for 39 years until it closed.



In the early 1980's, Barry Moore and his brother Allan (a.k.a. Benny) came across the redundant mill. Barry saw the potential. Barry had come from a management background in the meat and abattoir industry and commissioned new abattoir sites. Barry was recently asked what made him go into the oat business. His reply was: "to buy myself a job". When it was re-established in 1982, it was renamed HUME COUNTRY MILL.

Interestingly people think Hume Country Mill is associated with Uncle Toby's, but it is actually a separate business/competitor in the oat milling industry.



Barry, his family and employees worked hard to clean and re-develop the site. It was left in a run-down state and the local vermin had moved in making the task at hand not the most pleasant to sort out. They set about gutting the sheds and designing and installing the necessary plant to make the business operational even though there wasn't huge capital to play with. In 1983 the business



started making rolled oats again. A lot of trial and error went into the product with Barry sourcing and designing much of the operation machinery installed and used today. As the business grew, the Mill at one time was in production 5 days a week 24 hours a day (3 shifts) and employed many local residents. At this time the benefits of oats as a health food were being realised. Local tradesmen have and are still used to service the mill. The infrastructure on the site grew as did the need for more storage with the Kotzur Silos prefabricated and erected onsite (Andrew Kotzur's initial design). Benny eventually left the business to pursue other business opportunities.



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The Hume Country Mill went on to produce export rolled oats but the hike in the AUD\$ and then a tsunami that hit the Philippines halted that market. The Hume Country Mill oats are distributed to bakers, wholesalers and health food suppliers, mainly in NSW and Victoria. In 2011 Barry made the decision to sell the business and retire after a serious fall at home which had seen him spend a year away from business in rehabilitation. Barry is now enjoying retirement and he is still a wealth of knowledge when need be. Photos below show Barry and staff on his last working day at the Hume Country Mill in 2011.



In mid 2012, Bruce and Helen Severin took over the business. Bruce already had ideas to set up his own Steam Flaking Mill at Howlong, but the Walla Walla site was already existent, and Bruce could see it working side by side with the Oat mill, so he went on to incorporate the Stockfeed Mill which value-added to the business. Most of the structure was built by local tradesmen. Items that were incorporated were also sourced from the redundant Bunge Flour Mill site in Albury. Other equipment in the process was brought in from the USA. The stock feed steam flaking mill is fully automated unlike the Oat mill plant which is far more hands on. The mill structure is 30 metres high at its highest point with sweeping views of Walla Walla and surrounds (see photos below taken when Elders was pre-dated by Landmark).



The stockfeed mill was built to service the cattle feedlot which the Severins operated. They began the process of producing steam flaked grain for feed rations to the lot fed cattle. Most grains have been flaked such as wheat, barley, lupins, corn, sor-



ghum and even chickpeas. The benefit of feeding steam flaked grain (as opposed to raw grain) in feed rations is due to the readily digestible pre-activated starches (in simple terms) and there is little waste when fed to livestock in this form. We supply a number of customers and toll processing for larger quantities is available.

The HACCP "Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point" accreditation in 2014 was another achievement for the Oat Mill. This traces from the supply of grain all the way through the processing of product to the retail/wholesale distribution points.

In 2017 the Severin Family decided to reduce the scale of their operation and put the Mill up for sale.

Present

In 2018 current owner Simon Tooth purchased the operation. Simon is working on developing new avenues/diversity of products the mill produces. During the past 14 months the mill has not been open to the general public due to the COVID19 restrictions. The Mill is looking to start re-selling rolled oats to the general public – date to be advised.

The Mill currently has long time employee of 25 years Narelle Hogg as Site Supervisor/Production manager, starting as a casual packer and working up through up the levels. Maintenance and general duties are covered by Andrew Hurst. Casual positions come up from time to time but at present the operation is run daily by two staff and owner.

Most of the grain used by the Mill is sourced from local farmers and within the Riverina and Northern Victoria regions. There is storage for approximately 500 tons of grain on site along with the storage for residual waste grain that can be incorporated into stock feed operations. The mill is independent to Blairs Produce (a.k.a. Graincorp concrete silos) and the trucks lined up, coming and going, at the concrete silos along the railway line are not always associated with Hume Country Mill operations

Future

The Mill is a unique bespoke operation being able to cater for small orders required for customers' own product line unlike the bigger operations. Traditional milling equipment with key purposes to each piece of equipment and no additives are used in producing the product; just using its own natural flavours and goodness. Products made at Hume Country Mill include fresh rolled oats, oat bran, oat flour and toasted oats.

As a business, it needs to always look towards more

diversification of its products and new market opportunities. Recent tours of some other mill operations have given insight to some new ideas.

The aim is to continue to provide a product that consumers continue to want and will stand the test of time.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING THE EDITOR OF THE WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER?

After just over two years in the role of Editors of the Walla Newsletter, we are now looking to step down.

The Walla Walla Community has been immensely supportive of the Editors and the Newsletter Team during our involvement, and has been a rewarding experience for us both.

If you would like to nominate yourself to take up the role, please send a message to the Newsletter email address:

wallanewsletter@gmail.com

The new Editor will be appointed by the Newsletter Team and endorsed by the Community Development Committee.

Nominations will close on the 15th of August 2021.

Thank you, take care, and stay safe during these uncertain times.

*Ben and Raquel
Editors*

WHO REMEMBERS EMPIRE DAY?

24th of May, otherwise known as Bonfire Day.

It was a celebration of British Empire, and Queen Victoria's Birthday. The last official Empire Day was held in August, 1958. An enormous bonfire was built on the Public School grounds, with skyrockets, 3 and 1 penny bangers, and all sorts of crackers going off. People would bring their own fireworks and set them off.

Primary schools in the district had their own bonfires. It is possible that bonfires were held up until the mid 1960s.



Empire Day Medal

TUESDAY SOCIAL TENNIS

We have had some disruptions in the last few weeks because the fence around the town courts has been down. Congratulations to John, Geoff and others who have helped with the big job. Now the new fence won't be too long. We have managed to organise play at the College/North Walla courts for a few weeks but are now (with Covid restrictions) again unable to play. We have enjoyed some weeks of Table Tennis at the Lutheran Hall. In fact some would like to continue with some TT (on a Thursday morning) when we

get back to regular Tennis Tuesday mornings when the fences are up. Let Helen (60292073) or Marj (60292240) know if you are interested. There will be big celebrations when we are "back home" at our courts!



WATER TOWER PROJECT UPDATE

To Date we have applied and received a Grant of approximately \$7,000.

We have a quote from Melbourne Artist Heesco, who has kindly donated some of his time at a reduced rate. We require approximately \$15,000 - \$18,000 (depending on weather conditions for the Artist, paints etc.).

Andrew Kotzur has kindly offered to donate the use of the equipment required (approximate value \$10,000);

The committee has approximately \$7,000, thanks to donations from various local committees and our limited fundraising events.

A BIG thank you to the Walla Car Club for their donation and kindly allowing us to conduct a raffle at the recent Walla Show n Shine, where we raised approximately \$840. Thank you to Karen and Craig Wenke for your kind donation of a trailer load of wood to raffle. Thank you also to Oz for arranging the trailer, also for delivering the wood to a worthy winner, Cameron Odewahn. Thank you also to Erin at Terry White Pharmacy, Walla Wares and Lorna from the Old Bakery Tea Haus for donating Vouchers and products to make up the lovely hamper, which was won by Marilyn Peters.

Also thank you to Walla Bake Haus, Terry White Pharmacy and Walla Food Mill for kindly hosting the donation tins, and Nola Scholz for her

weekly donation of 1-2 dozen eggs, available at Walla Wares, all funds are donated to the Town Art Committee.

I should mention that Phil Yaexly is running regular meat raffles at the Walla Hotel, and is determined to raise us \$2,000 by September.

Lastly, thank you to the Walla Town Development Committee for their donation of funds.

The Artist is working on a concept, based around Gump Swamp, endangered species and the iconic old photograph of ladies and gents boating on Gum Swamp. Once we have a concept it will be on display, at various Venues throughout Walla.

It is hoped that painting will be carried out early September.

If I have forgotten anyone, my apologies.

Virginia Scholz

WANTED

For the duration of the National Firearms Amnesty:

Old shot shells, old rifle ammunition, empty or half packets, wooden shot shell boxes, old powder tins, pre decimal shooting magazines.

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WEEDS AT WALLA WALLA

by Herb Simpfendorfer

Quiz questions:

1. How high can marshmallow plants grow in a good season at Walla Walla? Choose from: 12 spans, 4.7 cubits, 3.95 links, 73.2 inches, 6.1 feet, 0.1 chain, 0.36 rods, 0.36 poles, 0.36 perches, 0.01 furlongs, 0.9 fathoms, 0.0003 leagues.

Answer: All are correct. See my photo of a fine stand of marshmallow plants last year. As this goes to print, the best specimens at Walla are over half their full height.

2. A single bindii seed is similar to? Choose from: Watermelon seed, balloon, 20c coin, a brick, the skull of a cow.

Answer: See my photo above to see it is like the skull of a cow with two long, straight, sharp spreading horns, with two more smaller sharp horns at the nose. To know how big the seed is, the long spikes are 5 mm long.

Other weeds that are a bother just now:

- soursob (also called soursop), which has lovely green leaves, long spindly soft edible stems each one ending with a single bright yellow flower
- stinging nettles which give nasty stings if you touch them
- sticky weeds which stick to the back of your hand
- capeweed with saw shaped leaves, which are having a glorious growing season, everywhere, Get cameras ready for photos of a glorious yellow landscape for miles around when they flower.
- The massive bridal creeper patch found just outside the town will soon be all gone.

All of these do not like sprays, and are also sent to the beyond with careful hoeing. Soursob and bridal creeper grow from bulbs, so the hoeing needs to be deep.

It is amazing that bindii did not come up in our town this year in some places where there was a patch last year. They certainly came up in profusion in most expected places. Maybe we have yet to learn all details about our enemy!

Photos by Herb Simpfendorfer



VE CARE HEALTH

We offer access to the following services:

- * Dietitian
- * Psychologist
- * Riverina Podiatry
- * Australian Hearing
- * Psychiatrist

Please see reception for access to these services

TAKE OLD CAR BATTERIES TO LIESCHKE MOTORS

The proceeds go to the Walla Walla Community Development Committee, to use as needed for our community.

Thank You Lieschke Motors!!



CHURCH TIMES

Lutheran Church Walla Walla

1st and 3rd Sundays 9am

2nd and 4th Sundays 10.30am

Contact: Pastor Dan Mueller 0413 032 455

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

Lutheran Church Alma Park

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10.30am

2nd and 4th Sundays 9am

Contact: Pastor Dan Mueller 0413 032 455

Baptist Church Market St. Walla Walla

Sundays at 10am

Contact: Marj Rayner 0459 292 233

Catholic Church Market St. Walla Walla

1st and 4th Sundays 6pm

Contact: Father Terence Mahedy 0458 298 363

Anglican Church Balfour St. Culcairn

1st and 3rd Sundays 9.30am

Contact: Father Bob Done 6026 3691

Community Service on the 5th Sunday of the Month



Wellbeing Support Service

Life can create hurdles that we find hard to overcome. While dealing with adversity might be an inevitable part of life, difficulties or misfortunes don't have to be managed on your own. Sometimes, a little help can go a long way.

Jindera Rural CareLink is working in partnership with Social Worker, **Bryony Cooke**, who is able to offer a guiding hand, a listening ear, a warm heart, and confidential counselling service to those in need. Bryony has expertise in many areas to do with a person's wellbeing and is able to provide support and guidance so that they can successfully move on with their life. Bryony has been involved with many areas of a community including currently being a volunteer for Coast Guard at Bonegilla.



Bookings can only be made by phoning Bryony on a Thursday between 12 noon and 5 pm on 0400 654 916

As Bryony is an accredited Mental Health Social Worker this service is free with a Mental Health Plan from your doctor

RURAL CARE LINK

Ring 6026 3001 or 0475 594 073

Jindera Community Hub, 83 Urana St.

Carers Support Group

Contact: Jenny O'Neill, 0438 263 417

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





RURAL CARE LINK

CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

For parents, guardians, family members and other support people who provide on-going care and assistance to another person regardless of age from anywhere in the Greater Hume area.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 10th August at 10.00 am
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Hall Adams St Jindera

A great chance to meet new people and find new support.
For further information or help with transport

Contact: Jenny O'Neill-Coordinator 0438 263 417
Vickie Priscina-Facilitator 0428 406 060

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 meetings are 26 August and 23 September. For prayer requests please contact Pastor Dan Mueller (0413 032 455).



GREATER HUME COUNCIL FIRST AID COURSES

All starting 5.30pm.

Bookings essential: Ph: 0260 360 100

Jindera Community Hub:

Wednesday 11 August

Holbrook Library:

Tuesday 17 August

RED CROSS

Five members attended our meeting. The Pledge was recited. The AGM was discussed. This will be held at the Baptist Church at 1.30pm on 28th July. Members are asked to bring a plate for afternoon tea.

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Please note: The meeting on August 25th has been cancelled.

Enquiries: Dorothy Cremer
60292120



BOOK GROUP

An interesting group of ladies from Culcairn/Henty/Walla area meets on the 3rd Monday of each month (7.30 pm) to discuss a book that we read. We meet in the homes of members. If you enjoy reading we would love you to become a member. Contact Marj Rayner 0459292233



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WALLA HISTORY

GEROGERY MAN, CARL EBEL: THE FIRST PERSON SENTENCED TO DEATH AT ALBURY JAIL

Attempted murder at Gerogery (West).

Although this article is not directly related to Walla Walla, in 1872 Walla did not exist as a village or even anything more than a rural locality called "Stitt's Paddocks" or "Ebenezer." This story from Gerogery/Glenellen/Jindera district was an extensive news broadcast across Australia at the time. It also gives us some insight into the type of environment these early settlers of the district had moved into. After all, it was still frontier country; small time bush rangers were still roaming the countryside, the isolation was a big factor of daily life, and generally life was tough, very tough, starvation was a real possibility, even for the frugal, community minded and resourceful Germans.

Carl Ebel, a farmer from Gerogery (now Gerogery West), was on trial at Albury Circuit Court on April 10th, 1872, for attempted murder by lacing with strychnine, 2 gallons of wine destined for a neighbour's party in February 1872, in order to extract revenge against either or both his neighbours, August Rothe and Gottfried Hensel. Due to a series of events, neither August nor Gottfried ever went near the wine involved, but Gottfried's wife, Wilhelmina, and her mother, Marie Herring, tasted the wine after it was dropped off at their house by Carl Ebel in readiness for the upcoming party. Wilhelmina and Marie were violently ill with symptoms of poisoning, but neither died. August Rothe administered salt and water and then tobacco to the two struggling women (having been poisoned by strychnine, they were having uncontrolled fits). This quick action of making them vomit, helped save their lives. Dr. Corbett had no way of testing the strychnine laced wine in the jar, so he gave some to a frog, a kitten and a chook; after a short time, they all died, he concluded (quite inconclusively) that had the tobacco not been administered, the two women would have died. The rate of poison used was twice a lethal dose for a human, and being added to red wine, the acids in the wine also increased the poison's toxicity.

At the trial, the compelling evidence against Carl Ebel was that he went to Albury the day before the poisonings, bought the wine and took with him in his coat pocket, a small bottle of strychnine, which Ebel deposed was for killing possums and birds (fowls). His 10-year-old daughter, Bertha, testified that she never saw any dead fowls or possums

at their farm. The judge then suggested that he, Ebel, had deliberately taken the bottle of poison to town to spike the wine he bought on the way home. This Ebel denied. When he got home, Ebel took off his coat and hung it on a peg as usual. His younger daughter, Louisa, searched through his pockets looking for lollies she had hoped he may have bought while in Albury, she only found the small bottle of strychnine which she immediately handed to her mother. It seemed that the evidence of a deliberate motive, and Ebels' constant denials swayed the jury and then ultimately, the Judge Fawcett's final decision.

At the sentencing hearing on April 19th, after hearing further evidence from Wilhelmine Hensel and an analytical chemist, the jury deliberated for half an hour, they gave the verdict of "Guilty" against the prisoner, with a recommendation for mercy. When his Honour asked, "on what grounds?" the jury foreman replied, "that the evidence was circumstantial". For this, Carl Ebel was given the death penalty at the Albury Circuit Court, the first of two times the death penalty was handed down in Albury. Even in 1872, this was considered a harsh penalty. Justice Faucett claimed that potentially this could have easily been a mass murder of around 20 people or even more. As it was, 2 people were treated for the poisoning, both eventually recovered completely and were able to testify at the initial trial on April 10th.

Even before the initial trial in early April, Pastor Goessling, one of the Lutheran ministers* serving Jindera and Gerogery, visited the Albury Jail on numerous occasions to try to get Mr. Ebel to confess. Early on, around the time he was sentenced to hang, Carl Ebel did not show any sign of admitting guilt, offering only excuses. On a visit on May 9th, Pastor Goessling took along Mr. Ebel's wife, Beattie, "on this occasion Ebel was very much moved, and complained that he felt miserable," after some soul searching and words of guidance from Pastor Goessling, Mr. Ebel called out "Yes I will confess – they have brought me to it." On Pastor Goessling's next visit, Ebel went on to explain his previous atheist position, and even worse, he "got entangled in the Devil's chain." He went on to admit that he bought the poison some days earlier to kill his neighbours' fowls, (August Rothe & Gottfried Hensel's fowls) as they were destroying his crop, as well as other seemingly trivial grievances with August and Gottfried. He continued to carry the poison around in his pocket. On the trip home from Albury, he admitted that he was "strongly impressed with the devilish thought to put the poison in the wine."

In late May 1872, Carl's sentence of

death by hanging was commuted to life in jail. He spent about 20 years in jail, initially in Albury, then Maitland and Darlinghurst jails, learning the bootmaker trade along the way. Upon release in 1891, he continued as a bootmaker at Bulgandra. In May 1896, Carl Ebel was found hanged in his Bulgandra hut, he was 76.

Wilhelmina Hensel and Marie Herring both fully recovered from the poisoning after about one week. They both then ably testified at the ensuing trial of Carl Ebel. Following his death sentence, a petition was circulated requesting the sentence be commuted, this was signed by a large number of people including the two victims.

The Only Execution at Albury - Another Gerogery connection.

The only execution to take place in Albury jail was that of double murderer, Henry Wilkinson, who was hanged on 1st June 1881. He shot dead Johann Martin Menz (Mentz) at his wine saloon** on Lester's Gap (now the Jindera Gap), and mortally wounded his daughter, Maria Dorothea (Mary) Pumpa, (nee Menz) who died one week later from two gunshot wounds and severe burns, as Wilkinson had also set fire to the saloon. Mary was married briefly to Fritz Johann Pumpa, a shearer from Gerogery, she had one son by Fritz, Richard Menz Pumpa. Mary's last words to a distressed neighbour where she sort refuge, were, "Take care of the boy." Richard was 19 months old at the time. Fritz Pumpa married a second time, some of his descendants of this union continue to live in the district today.

The gallows/scaffold for this execution was specifically erected for the occasion, they were set up in the yard at the Albury Jail on Western Hill or Hospital Hill, Thurgoona Street, West Albury. The supervisor of the hanging allowed 30 people to watch the execution.

*- Father Gottlieb Klemke from Walla was another registered minister serving other Lutherans (UELCA) at Jindera & Gerogery at this time.

** - The wine saloon was located on the Jindera side of the Jindera Gap.

Information supplied by Anthony Brinkmann, Walla Walla Historical Society Inc. Sources: various online papers via Trove, National Library of Australia; Albury Gaol, Howard C. Jones, 2013.

August Community Diary

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club - Seniors, 1:30pm, Bowling club - Community Development Committee Meeting, 7pm, Walla Hall	3 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	4	5	6	7 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club - Giants v Billabong Crows at Walla Walla	8 - Family art afternoon, Lutheran Church Hall, 3:30pm
9 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	10 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts - Carers support group, 10 am, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Hall Jindera	11	12	13	14 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club - Giants v CDHBU at Coreen	15
16 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club - Book Club 7:30pm	17 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts - Book Group, 7pm	18 - Council meeting, 6pm, Holbrook	19	20	21 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club - Giants v Lockhart at Walla Walla - 'Living Water' art exhibition, 4-6pm, Walla Hall	22
23 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	24 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	25 - Red Cross 2pm, Baptist Church CANCELLED	26 - Praying for Walla, 8pm, Lutheran Church	27	28 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	29 - Community Church Service
30 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	31 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts					

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

Walla Walla Bowling Club 6029 2146

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Thurs - Fri: 5.30 - 9.30pm

Saturday: 5 - 9pm

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Walla Website:

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LIVING WATER ART EXHIBITION *Exhibit*

WHAT: Art exhibition + afternoon tea

WHERE: Walla town hall, 72-74 Commercial St

WHEN: Saturday 21 August, 4-6pm

Artists of all ages & media are invited to exhibit art exploring the Christian theme "Living Water."

For more info and to register email: wallawallaparish.nsw@lca.org.au

Family Art Afternoon

Not sure where to start? Join us for an afternoon of art!

WHAT: Family art afternoon full of fun & mess!

WHERE: Lutheran church hall, 17 Commercial St

WHEN: Sunday 8 August, from 3:30pm



ART EXHIBITION AND FAMILY ART AFTERNOON

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RWW GIANTS

Hi Giant Fans,

The season is ticking along and there are only a few rounds left before finals, with most grades of football and netball in contention this year. The senior football and netball sides have a tough run home playing sides in the top 6 with wins crucial to stay in the finals race. A big congratulations to Blake Lieschke who played his 100th senior match recently.

From 22 July Training will be at Walla on Thursday nights until the end of the season. Giants will host Brock/Burrumbidgee on 24 July, Billabong Crows on 7 August and Lockhart on 21 August at the Walla sportsground.

We have games Against Brock/Burrumbidgee on the 24/07/21, Billabong Crows 7/08/21, and Lockhart 21/08/21

Hope to see everyone down the ground (masked up) at Training or Game day.

Go Giants!



WATER PRESSURE IN WALLA WALLA



14 July 2021

Michelle Schultz
Walla Walla Post Office
85 Commercial Street
WALLA WALLA NSW 2659

Dear Michelle,

Thank you for your petition, received on 28 April 2021, regarding water pressure in Walla Walla.

I am pleased to advise at the Board meeting held on 30 June 2021, Councillors voted unanimously to undertake works that should alleviate pressure issues south of the railway line in Walla Walla.

As the organiser of the petition, it would be appreciated if you could please share this information with the Walla Walla community.

Following the submission of your petition, we installed pressure loggers along water mains in the area and conducted manual pressure tests at various locations.

Individual tests were undertaken at residents' water meters, which showed a decrease in pressure from the main.

This indicated an issue with the service lines connecting the main to the meter.

This is common in smaller, older galvanised pipes, where deposits can build up and reduce the flow of water over time.

Following support from the Board, work has already begun on replacing existing 20mm galvanised service lines with 25mm copper services to residents to the south.

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These works will mean water supply is interrupted for a short time while the old service is replaced with new services. Staff will doorknock residents to give them notice that water will be disconnected.

These upgrades should restore pressure to the same level as the water main. If residents are still experiencing low pressure, then please contact us so we can conduct individual testing at their property.

Please note those to the north, downhill of the reservoir, will typically have higher water pressure than those to the south where the land rises.

If you have any questions, please contact myself at amorris@rwcc.nsw.gov.au or call 6922 0608. For general enquiries or to report service issues, visit rwcc.nsw.gov.au or call the number above.

Kind regards,

Austin Morris

Manager Works

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FIRST AID - CHOKING

Continuing on from last month, choking, or airway obstruction, occurs when the airway is partially or completely blocked. This is more traumatic when the person choking is an infant (under 1 year old), especially also for the parent/s. Again, the aim of the first aider is to dislodge the object stuck in the throat, to clear the infant's airway.

The most common cause of choking in an infant is a small object that they have picked up and attempted to eat or swallow.

Signs and Symptoms

- Clutching the throat/coughing/wheezing/gagging
- Making a whistling or 'crowing' noise, or no noise at all
- Difficulty breathing/speaking/swallowing
- Face/neck/lips/ears/nails turning blue
- Collapsing or unconscious

What To Do

1. Call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.
2. Place the infant with head downwards on your forearm – supporting their head and shoulders on your hand. Hold the infant's mouth open with your fingers.
3. Give up to 5 sharp blows with the heel of one hand to the back between the shoulders.
4. Check after each back blow to see if the airway obstruction has been relieved.

5. Turn the infant onto their back, open the infant's mouth and remove any foreign material that may have come loose with your little finger.
6. If the blockage has not cleared after 5 back blows give 5 chest thrusts.

Chest Thrusts (Infant under 1 year)

1. Place the infant on their back on a firm surface. Place two fingers in the CPR compression position and give 5 chest thrusts – slower but sharper than CPR compressions.
2. Check after each chest thrust to see if the airway obstruction has been relieved.
3. If the blockage is still not cleared, continue alternating 5 back blows with 5 chest thrusts until medical aid arrives.

Note: If the infant becomes unconscious commence CPR.

References:

https://stjohn.org.au/assets/uploads/fact%20sheets/english/Fact%20sheets_choking%20infant.pdf

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oswDpwzbAV8> (A UK video)

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/choking>

Next month: **Severe Bleeding**

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Local Government elections

Greater Hume Council will conduct **councillor elections** to elect nine councillors to serve for a four year term on Saturday, 4 Sept 2021.

In September 2020 Council resolved that a **constitutional referendum** be held regarding wards in conjunction with the Local Government Election.



Save the date

2021 NSW Local Government elections

**Saturday
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RAINFALL AT WALLA WALLA FOR JUNE 2021

as recorded at the Walla Walla Post Office

June 3 (1.8 mm), 7 (0.2mm), 9 (1.2mm), 10 (15.4mm), 12 (2.4mm), 16 (2.6mm), 17 (7.6mm), 18 (4.2mm), 24 (37.4mm), 25 (2.0mm), 26 (3.2mm), 28 (1.8mm)

Total for June 79.8mm. For 2021 to end of June 327.5 mm.

Aqua Training for New Volunteer Leaders 16-17 October, Temora

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IT'S SWOOPING SEASON AGAIN!

Written by Françoise McPherson

Swooping season: Masked lapwings a.k.a. plovers are breeding and nesting right now which means they (both parents) are swooping 'intruders' entering their territory. The 'nest' is, at best, a small depression in the ground and they lay eggs anywhere including inappropriate places such as on a driveway, nature strip, flat-roof building, vacant block of land etc. The best thing to do when they swoop is to ignore them and keep going because as soon as you cross their invisible territorial boundary line, they will give up. After incubating the eggs for about 30 days, the chicks are hatched and these long-legged fluffballs can fend for themselves as soon as they hatch although the parents still provide protection.

Meanwhile, magpies are pairing up and getting ready for nesting as well. The males will be attacking from August to November to defend their mates and eggs/chicks in the nest in a tree. A pair of magpies tend to nest in the same tree each year. These aerial stealth bombers are extreme vigilantes who take protection of their young to extremes. Only the males attack and do so from behind so they have the element of surprise. While perched up high in the tree, their beady eyes survey their targets below and with utmost precision, they line up the unsuspecting person for their aerial assault, often attacking relentlessly for some distance. Most of the time, they only bluff but occasionally, an overzealous magpie goes too far and draws blood by pecking at someone's anatomy whilst on the wing.



Anyone who feeds magpies is considered off-limits for swooping as gratitude for free edible handouts. Magpies are intelligent enough to engage in facial recognition but wearing face masks outdoors will confuse them so friends will now be foes. Anyone who doesn't feed their backyard magpies is considered fair game while they take most offense at cyclists and motorbike riders (especially hapless Australia Post motorcyclists who stop frequently) entering their territory. The most effective strategy to avoid getting your eyeballs pecked out seems to be to change your route, wear (sun)glasses, go as fast as

you can run/pedal to get away from their nesting tree or paint 'eyes' on the back of your helmet to fool the magpie. Some male magpies recruit their older son/s from a previous brood to help with synchronised divebombing attacks in high traffic areas. Swinging a stick at them may cause a magpie to have to take evasive action mid-swoop to avoid concussion so consider carrying a stick with you while walking, jogging or cycling. Some magpies take their over-protective attitude too far and attack moving cars with the result they end up as roadkill. Deliberately destroying a swooping magpie is illegal as they are a native protected species. With dad out of the picture, the chicks are generally doomed. That's because the male parent takes the fledgling chicks on neighbourhood backyard excursions to teach them to forage for worms, insects and other prey items. When you see magpie chicks on the ground, there's no need to 'rescue' them unless they are small and were blown out of the nest on a windy day. Older chicks are meant to be on the ground, learning to forage and their parents will be watching from a nearby tree ready to attack you if you come too close to their precious offspring. Galah, corella and sulphur crested cockatoo chicks are also meant to be on the ground to learn to self-feed therefore do not pick them up for a 'rescue' unless injured or sickly.



Once the magpie swooping season is over, there will be other avian aerial terrorists ready to take their place such as magpie larks and kookaburras.

Rubbish: Unfortunately, there have been too many instances where WIRES volunteers are called out to deal with birds, usually magpies, magpie larks and water birds which have balloon string, fishing line, baling twine and other kinds of string or wire wrapped around their legs or beaks. This is because magpies use whatever they find to line their nests and this includes rubbish discarded by humans such as string and the chicks become entangled in it.

Water birds such as swans can do the same. So long as the entangled bird can still fly or swim, it will evade capture and despite being reported by concerned members of the public, there's nothing WIRES rescuers can do until



the bird is so weak and not flying that it can be captured to remove the string. But by then, the bird is so far deteriorated that it is most likely beyond saving. The string can become so tightly wrapped that it cuts off circulation to the affected body part which eventually becomes necrotic and falls off. Fruit tree netting and hay bale netting can also trap and entangle animals. Other types of rubbish detrimental to wildlife are the plastic 6-pack rings that get caught around animals' necks, soft drink cans that animals get their heads stuck into and plastic bags and plastic wrapping that end up in waterways which flow into the sea. Soft plastic is eaten by marine turtles which mistake it for jellyfish. Dispose of your rubbish in the appropriate bins and keep it away from our wildlife which can die slow deaths being tangled or trapped in rubbish.

