



## Your August 2022 Community Newsletter

### WALLA BUSINESSES: REGIONAL BUSES ON DEMAND

*Written by Matthew Kane*

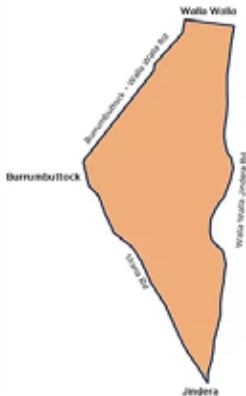
Regional Buses started as a partnership between Allan Ofak and Matthew Kane.

Both Allan and Matt attended a meeting in Wagga that Transport for NSW had for the new On Demand Service that they wanted to offer in 2018.

They asked that operators put in a proposal on their best ideas of transport in the country areas and Regional Buses was born.

Transport for NSW awarded 13 proposals around the state of NSW and Regional Buses was awarded 2 Trial runs, Burrumbuttock run been Allan's idea and Holbrook been Matt's idea.

We started the Burrumbuttock run (pictured right) in February 2019 which had 2 drivers and Allan & Matt working the phone to take the bookings



and doing the timetable plus all the reporting that went along with it.

The Holbrook run started July 2019 which grew our team from 4 to 5 people working the business.

As the runs become busier and busier it became apparent that we needed some kind of technology to help us out. We approached David Van Damme about our issues, and he was able to write a software package that has taken complete care of our fleet management system with timetables, routes and reporting for Transport for NSW.

David has been able to form his own company around this project called LM Software, which offers fleet management systems to Buses, Trucks and Parcel delivery services.

This had now grown our little team to 6 and at this point we also needed another person on the phones, so Tania l'anson came on board which grew the team to 7.

In the first year of the trial, we were picking up around 400 people per month and at present we are picking up



1000 to 1200 people a month which is unbelievable.

We have been operating for 3 ½ years now, as of the 1st of July 2022 we have been awarded a 5-year contract by Transport for NSW.

We are now upgrading the buses to 17-seater buses with wheelchair lifts, the new buses will be blue and have On Demand on them which is the standard for all On Demand services throughout NSW.

We will see the new buses early next year.

We now have 9 people employed with Regional Buses plus a spin off company from it.

I believe this kind of transport is the way of the future for country transport. Thanks Allan.

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### ALLAN'S LEGACY

Regional Buses began because of the passion and vision that Allan Ofak and Matt Kane had for a door to door on demand regional bus service.

Some people will remember Allan speak enthusiastically at the Walla Walla Community Open meeting in February 2019 about the plans and need for this service.

Through hard work and making sure the service ran expertly with great customer service, Regional Buses grew beyond expectations.

Sadly, Allan passed away on 1 June 2020. He would've been so excited to read the Border Mail headline from 1 July 2022 that "BUS RUNS ARE HERE TO STAY"!

Although Allan didn't see his dream realised, he was instrumental in helping to establish it.

Allan's legacy will live on through his wife Karen, daughter Petrea and Regional Buses.

**A heartfelt thank you to Allan from the Walla Community.**



Pictured right: Allan, Karen and Petrea Ofak, Allan with one of his Burrum Service buses, two Regional Buses ready for departure.

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# PLUS

So much more...

## ATTRACTING MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES TO RELOCATE TO THE MURRAY REGION FOR LIFESTYLE AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Two Info Sessions for community and prospective employers within Greater Hume*

*Tues 9 August at Henty Community Club @ 5.15pm to 7.00pm*

*Tues 23 August at Holbrook Library @ 5.15pm to 7.00pm*

*All welcome*

As part of a NSW Government pilot program to work with local communities to attract migrants and refugees to resettle in regional NSW, the Greater Hume community are invited to info sessions to learn more about this local project this month.

The focus for the three year pilot program is for people living in Western Sydney with the skills and aspirations to move to the region for employment and lifestyle opportunities. The overall aim is to provide migrants and refugees with the information and support they need to relocate to the region, and support Greater Hume communities to welcome newcomers and help them to thrive in the long-term.

Those that attend these consultation sessions will be updated on this pilot program by Murray GROW Taskforce members.

Hear how your community can make a difference by being involved, as well as have any questions answered, and hear your feedback, to ensure that there is locally-led design and decision making occurring.

Co-Chair of the Murray Taskforce, Andrew Kotzur of Walla Walla said "The NSW GROW program becomes a win-win for communities in terms of increasing diversity and clearly for businesses, it's an opportunity for prospective employers. It's no secret that there's a shortage in the workforce, but it's not without challenges, because housing is also very challenging at the moment. Individual communities can't do this on their own, but working with Red Cross, Council, other support organisations together with the community and employers we are hoping to find solutions. I encourage any business or community member to attend one of these sessions, and hear about the potential benefits for the project within Greater Hume Council area".

The NSW GROW Murray pilot program was formally launched in Walla Walla late June by the NSW Minister for Multiculturalism, the Hon Mark Course.

To learn more about the NSW GROW pilot program visit:

<https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/nsw-grow>

Or contact Esiteli Nyirarukundo, the NSW GROW Murray Backbone Coordinator at [enyirarukundo@redcross.org.au](mailto:enyirarukundo@redcross.org.au)



*Pic Above: At the launch, Mayor Cr Tony Quinn, Deputy Mayor Cr Annette Schilg and Cr Ashley Lindner, with Esiteli Nyirarukundo, NSW GROW Murray Backbone Coordinator and Andrew Kotzur, Co-Chair NSW GROW Murray Taskforce.*



*Pic Above: The Congolese Women's dance group performed at the launch of NSW GROW Murray Newcomer Attraction Strategy at Walla Walla in June.*

## WANT TO SUBMIT A NEWSLETTER ARTICLE?



Please send in any special acknowledgements, articles or requests to:

[wallanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wallanewsletter@gmail.com)

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

**Please submit all articles by 12pm on the 15th of each month**



## WATER TOWER UPDATE

The image (left) was taken recently and shows the temporary signage with members of Council, the Deputy Chairman of Riverina Water and the Silo Art Committee.

The interpretive and wayfaring signage was provided by an Australian Government Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism program grant. Permanent signage will be erected when works are completed by Council in the water tower area.

Look out for our range of merchandise available at Walla Wares. The sale of these items will fund the lighting for the water tower mural area.

Karen Wenke

*Image credit: Lydia Wenke*

*Left to right; Cr Ian Forrest, Cr Annette Schilg (Deputy Mayor), Cr Doug Meyer AOM (Deputy Chairman of Riverina Water), Virginia Scholz and Karen Wenke (President and Secretary of W.W.C.D.C. Silo Art Sub Committee)*

## SHADE-SAILS INSTALLED!

Thanks to a grant from Riverina Water and funding from the Walla Walla Community Development Committee, large shade-sails have now been installed over the outdoor exercise equipment at the skate park.

This is a fantastic addition to the facilities at the skate park and will encourage increased usage of the exercise equipment and reduce exposure to harmful UV rays during the warmer summer months.

Since its installation, the exercise equipment has proven to be popular with people of all ages who are using it to improve their health and fitness. Riverina Water has generously provided \$11,862.93 towards the \$15,000 cost of this project.



## WALLA WALLA LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club is putting an invitation out to persons interested in joining a worldwide organisation that is based in Walla Walla. The number of present members is dwindling and the age of those volunteering are getting greyer.



The Lions Club have proudly delivered a variety of different projects for the Walla community since 1977. These include the park opposite the Hall, bench seats around town and at the cemetery, been involved in school awards at both the primary and high schools, ran Youth of the Year competitions for St Paul's College and Billabong High School students, provided access ramps and other jobs for the elderly, cooked the annual ANZAC Day BBQs and sold Christmas cakes.

We need to consider our future and your assistance will help.

If you would like more information please contact:

Janet Paech - 0408 634 986

Wilf Krause - 0407 290 125

Jeff Grosse - 0407 909 181

## WALLA WALLA BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB

Thank you to those who have paid up their memberships for this year. Others can still pay online \$15 (BSB 803-070 Acc. 100048582) or call in to the Club. We are closed Sunday & Monday. Opening hours 5.30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday and closing hour depends on the number of patrons.

While there are no bowls competitions we are relying on memberships & patrons coming in to help us out financially. We need "bums on seats" to help pay the running costs (electricity, water, wages, insurance etc).

You are invited to the Friday night bonanza nights for a chance in the meat raffles & members draw (you must be paid up and present to win). New members & visitors welcome. Meals are served from 6.30pm – 8 pm Friday nights. Get a group together and come and join us. If it is a big group let the Club know in advance 60292146 or Janet Paech 0408634986. Much appreciated.

We can organise catering for a party. If you would like to do some catering to raise some funds, please contact us. The venue is available for meetings etc.

**The 1st Saturday night of the month is Euchre Night. \$10 for cards & supper. We are on the look out for the card sharks to challenge the players we have. Lots of laughter, food & fun. 6.30pm for 7pm cards dealt. 6th August then 3rd September**

**\*Get a group together for a pool competition.\***



The Club is seeking expressions of interest for Staff to work. You need current RSA & RCG certificates. It is a casual position with flexible hours. This is an urgent matter we need to deal with and if you or anyone you know would be suitable for this position, please let us know.

Janet Paech - on behalf of the Board of Directors

## CROQUET NEWS

During August we will not be playing Croquet at Walla due to the Bowling Club greens being rested.

We will recommence Croquet on Saturday 3 September at 9am.

From 3 September you are very welcome to come along to the Walla Bowling Club on Saturday and Monday mornings from 9am to learn and enjoy Croquet. Please wear flat soled shoes.

Helen Krause - 0427 260 737



## AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Written by Françoise McPherson

On July 9th in 2022, Scott Morrison announced that the Australian Defence Force (ADF) will be increased by 40% to be the largest expansion of the ADF since the Vietnam War. This announcement of an extra 20,000 ADF jobs worth \$38 billion was made in response to backlash regarding the slow deployment of the ADF to assist in flood-affected regions of Australia's East Coast. Another reason to bolster the ADF is to be ready to respond to rising instability in the Indo-Pacific region, notably the threat of China aggressively expanding their presence in the Pacific Ocean.



Usually, there are 80,000 or so applications to join the ADF with around 8,000 applicants being successful each year. Applicants need to be physically fit, aged between 17 – 55 years old, have lived in Australia for at least 10 years, completed at least Year 10 (English & Maths) and hold Australian citizenship. There are several interviews and checks (physical fitness, health, psychological, police) before an applicant is potentially accepted. It's also possible for school leavers to do a gap year in the Royal Australian Navy or Royal Australian Air Force before deciding whether or not to enlist. ADF members are sent to bases around Australia and overseas for training and work.



The ADF is not only involved in protecting Australia and Allied countries but also to provide humanitarian aid in natural disaster areas such as the RAAF evacuating people from Darwin when Cyclone Tracy flattened the city or the RAN evacuating bushfire affected residents from Mallacoota and the Army helping residents affected by the floods in Queensland and NSW.

Not all roles are combat-based but an ADF member with a non-combat position can still be posted to a war zone for example, medics and helicopter mechanics. It's a myth that all Army personnel are combat soldiers and all Air Force recruits are pilots. The ADF has a vast range of skilled jobs ranging from drivers of tanks and trucks, mechanics, fuel specialists, warehouse managers, air traffic controllers, medics, cooks, engineers, airbase ground support crew, IT and logistics managers and many more positions. Women are able to apply for all the same jobs as men except direct combat roles.



The South Bandiana Barracks in Wodonga run a program for junior Army cadets aged 12.5-19 years (male and female) who attend the Barracks on Thursday nights 6-9 pm during school term. The Australian Army Cadets is a leading youth development program which instils the values and discipline of the Australian Army and providing military-style activities and events such as camps. Skills learned include weapon use, map reading, orienteering, cooking etc. This teaches cadets leadership, confidence, respect and provides adventures and skills that cadets can use whether or not they choose to remain in the military. There's a recruitment drive right now for cadets also.



If interested in a rewarding and interesting career with the ADF, the nearest recruitment centre is located at 540 Swift Street in Albury (Ph:13 19 01).

### References:

- <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/joining/can-i-join/eligibility-check>; Scott Morrison to announce biggest ADF expansion since Vietnam War | news.com.au — Australia's leading news site;
- <https://www.awcommunityguide.com.au/Directory/Details/view/986>;
- <http://www.armycadets.gov.au/Pages/home.aspx>;
- <https://www.9news.com.au/national/australian-defence-force-biggest-expansion-for-forty-years/c0fc3310-d85a-4c30-b50a-3f2a8da915df>

## FIRST AID

### Sprains

A sprain occurs when the ligaments holding a joint together are stretched and torn. This happens when a joint is forced to move beyond its normal range. The more severe the injury, the more ligaments will be torn.

### Strains

A strain occurs when the fibres of a muscle or tendon are stretched and torn. This usually happens as a result of lifting something too heavy, working a muscle too hard, or making a sudden, unco-ordinated movement, eg, the groin or hamstring strains of footballers. The patient will feel sharp, sudden pain in the region of the injury and on any attempt to stretch the muscle. There is usually a loss of power in the affected limb and the muscle is tender.

### Management of Sprains and Strains

1. Follow **DRSABCD**.
2. Follow **RICE**:
  - Rest the patient and the injured part
  - Apply an Icepack (cold compress) wrapped in a wet cloth for 15 minutes every 2 hours for 24 hours, then for 15 minutes every 4 hours for 24 hours
  - Apply a Compression bandage firmly to extend well beyond the injury
  - Elevate the injured part
3. Seek medical aid if unsure (pain and swelling gets worse over time, or does not improve with home treatment).

**Note:** *If in doubt about the injury, treat as a fracture.*

Avoid HARM:

- Heat
- Alcohol
- Running or other exercise of the injured area
- Massage

### References:

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/sprains-and-strains>

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatment/sprains-and-strains>

[Fact sheets sprain and strain.pdf \(stjohn.org.au\)](#)

[How to Bandage A Sprain - First Aid Training - St John Ambulance - YouTube](#)

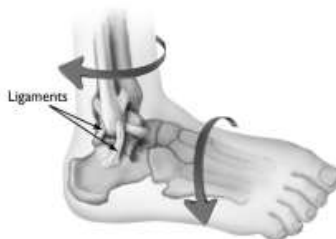
Next month: *Fractures and dislocations*

### About St John Ambulance (NSW)

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## HENTY / CULCAIRN PROBUS

Met at Henty July 13th.

Our President Yvonne Booth introduced us to Margaret Pumpa from Culcairn and Margaret has been welcomed as our newest member.

We welcomed more hand knitted hats to send off for seafarers. Thank you all for your effort.

Jeanie has talked more about a possible bus trip to Corowa on October 19 and home via a viewing of the newly painted water tower at Walla Walla.

Kate Finlayson was our five minute speaker and told of a ten week teaching assignment at Bogabilla- 10 hours and 32 minutes from Henty. The population of Bogabilla is 551 people, where the centre of the town is the Wobbly Boot Hotel, and there is no town supermarket. Kate learned about Indigenous people's culture and history and the difficulty of living in border towns during the Covid lockdowns. Thank you Kate for sharing a little of your experience.

After morning tea our speaker was Ben Hooper accompanied by Peter Campbell, to talk to us about Avondale Place Respite Centre being built at Henty. The hope is to give respite care in a familiar town for those in need of care and short term relief for carers.

Work has been started on a 4 bedroom home and on the adjacent block are to be at 4X2 bedroom units for independent living. This project is community driven and financed. Training for employment is to be for community members. Mercy Connect is to be responsible for operations.

Funding is 75% of where it needs to be, and both Lockhart and Greater Hume Councils are involved. There have been grants from State Funding as well as most generous local funding.

To follow the Avondale Place building and fund raising project, they have a Facebook presence and website

Facebook - avondaleplacehenty

Web site - avondaleplace.com.au.

Lunch was fish and chips and vegetables. Thank you to volunteer cooks and cleaners, you are much appreciated.

Our next Probus meeting is August 10th at Culcairn.

We are hoping to have Greater Hume Council Mayor Tony Quinn as our speaker.

## RED CROSS

Six members were welcomed to our meeting and the pledge was recited.

We are asking members to purchase an item such as toothpaste & brush, hair brush, comb or other items suitable to be given to Women of Domestic Violence. I think this will be a lovely gesture on our behalf. Karen and myself will deliver the items to the drop off point.

We are now able to supply fruit and muesli bars to the Walla Walla Public School. This is replenished every two weeks.

We have sent \$200 to the Ukraine Appeal and \$1,050 to Red Cross Calling. This money was received from the Business Houses in Walla. **Thank you all very Much!** Also \$568 went to the Flood Appeal.

**MOST IMPORTANT: Our AGM is on 27 July at 2pm at Baptist Church in Walla Walla.**

Ladies a plate please.

Memberships are now due.

Dorothy Cremer

# You're invited!

to an afternoon service in Walla Walla where we share about Jesus, pray and connect with each other and have an amazing afternoon tea!



Next gathering Sunday 24th July at 3.30pm Memorial Hall Walla Walla  
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# GIANTS FOOTBALL / NETBALL RESULTS



FOOTBALL	25 JUNE	2 JULY	16 JULY	LADDER POSITION
U14s	def. Billabong Crows 1.2.8 to <b>15.10.100</b>	def. Jindera <b>16.14.110</b> to 0.0.0	def. by Howlong 6.7.43 to <b>2.1.13</b>	7 / 11
U17s	BYE	def. Jindera <b>29.20.194</b> to 0.0.0	def. by Howlong 10.9.69 to <b>7.5.47</b>	2 / 10
Reserves	def. Billabong Crows 1.9.15 to <b>14.10.94</b>	def. Jindera <b>7.9.51</b> to 6.4.40	def. by Howlong 6.11.47. to <b>5.7.37</b>	8 / 12
Seniors	def Billabong Crows 6.6.42 to <b>11.14.80</b>	def. Jindera <b>15.7.97</b> to 11.10.76	def. by Howlong 14.6.90 to <b>12.10.82</b>	6 / 12
<b>NETBALL</b>				
11 & Under	def. by Billabong Crows 26 to <b>8</b>	def. Jindera <b>25</b> to 7	def. by Howlong 11 to <b>7</b>	6 / 12
13 & Under	def. Billabong Crows 18 to <b>22</b>	def. by Jindera <b>12</b> to 14	def. by Howlong 56 to <b>9</b>	5 / 12
15 & Under	def. by Billabong Crows 34 to <b>24</b>	def. by Jindera <b>29</b> to 52	def. by Howlong 44 to <b>36</b>	11 / 12
17 & Under	def. by Billabong Crows 81 to <b>37</b>	def. by Jindera <b>40</b> to 54	def. by Howlong 53 to <b>47</b>	7 / 12
C Reserve	def. Billabong Crows 40 to <b>47</b>	def. by Jindera <b>34</b> to 47	def. by Howlong 37 to <b>25</b>	6 / 12
C Grade	def. by Billabong Crows 68 to <b>27</b>	def. by Jindera <b>26</b> to 39	def. by Howlong 77 to <b>13</b>	10 / 12
B Grade	def. by Billabong Crows 45 to <b>23</b>	def. by Jindera <b>26</b> to 41	def. by Howlong 48 to <b>22</b>	8 / 12
A Grade	def. by Billabong Crows 55 to <b>41</b>	def. by Jindera <b>37</b> to 74	def. by Howlong 59 to <b>29</b>	9 / 12



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# COMMUNITY DIARY

## AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 • RR Library at WWPS 9am - 11am • Senior Citizens Trip to Jindera	2 • Social Tennis, 9am Walla Courts	3 • Walla Group Fitness Classes, 5:30pm & 6:15pm	4	5 • Friday night meals & Bonanza Draws - Bowling Club, from 6:30pm	6 • RWW Giants vs Osborne @ Osborne • Euchre Night @ Bowling Club, 6:30pm
7	8 • RR Library at WWPS 9am - 11am	9 • Social Tennis, 9am Walla Courts • NSW Grow Migrant & Refugee Info Sessions - Henty Community Club 5:15pm to 7:00pm	10 • Henty-Culcairn Probus Meeting, Culcairn, 10am • Walla Group Fitness Classes, 5:30pm & 6:15pm	11	12 • Friday night meals & Bonanza Draws - Bowling Club, from 6:30pm	13 • RWW Giants vs Henty @ Henty
14	15 • RR Library at WWPS 9am - 11am	16 • Social Tennis, 9am Walla Courts	17 • Walla Group Fitness Classes, 5:30pm & 6:15pm • Council Meeting, Holbrook, 6pm	18	19 • Friday night meals & Bonanza Draws - Bowling Club, from 6:30pm	20 • RWW Giants vs CDHBU @ Walla Walla
21	22 • RR Library at WWPS 9am - 11am	23 • Social Tennis, 9am Walla Courts • NSW Grow Migrant & Refugee Info Sessions - Holbrook Library 5:15pm to 7:00pm	24 • Walla Group Fitness Classes, 5:30pm & 6:15pm	25 • Praying for Walla Walla, 7:30pm, Lutheran Church Hall	26 • Friday night meals & Bonanza Draws - Bowling Club, from 6:30pm	27 • Hume League Elimination Finals
28	29 • RR Library at WWPS 9am - 11am	30 • Social Tennis, 9am Walla Courts	31 • Walla Group Fitness Classes, 5:30pm & 6:15pm			

## ADVERTISE WITH US!

Contact the Editor via [wallenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wallenewsletter@gmail.com) for pricing and availability.

### USING REGIONAL BUSES:

The bus picks you up from where you want to be picked up and drops you off where you need to go. People have been using the bus service for many different reasons.

- Attending appointments
- Visiting friends /relatives in other towns.
- High School students to go to casual jobs or sporting commitments.
- To go to work
- Go to Albury airport or Albury train station
- In Covid, pre-paid groceries could be picked up and delivered
- A lady comes out from Albury to play croquet in Walla Walla.
- To play table tennis in Albury or another activity

A Walla – based father who works at the abattoir in Wodonga has booked his son on the bus to go to school in Albury rather than have to sleep in the car to fit in with his shifts.

The Walla –based bus services Walla Walla, Jindera, Burrumbuttock and Albury.

Another bus services Wagga Wagga, Morven, Gerogery, West Gerogery, Mullengandra, The Rock, Uranquinty, Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Woomargama.

**Parcel Pick up:** Regional Buses now offers a parcel pick up service in all the towns listed above, in addition to the normal bus service.

### How to contact Regional Buses:

Bookings for Regional Buses which runs from 7am – 6pm Mon – Fri except NSW Public Holidays:

**Phone or text: 0448 353 281**

Email: [bookings@regionalbuses.com.au](mailto:bookings@regionalbuses.com.au)

Facebook: Find Regional Buses

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When booking, the info needed is:

Name, Phone Number/email, pick up location & drop off location, preferred arrival time for destination and preferred time for pick up for return trip.

Jenny Jacob





## CHURCH TIMES

### Lutheran Church Walla Walla

1st & 3rd Sundays 9am  
2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30am  
Contact: Tim Biar 02 6029 2144

### Lutheran Church Alma Park

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10:30am  
2nd & 4th Sundays 9am  
Contact: Leon Kohlhagen 02 6029 6162

### Baptist Church Market St Walla Walla

Every Sunday at 10am  
Contact: Dorothy Cremer 0448 095 852

### Catholic Church Market St Walla Walla

1st & 4th Sundays 6pm  
Contact: Father Terence Mahedy 0458 298 363

### Anglican Church Balfour St Culcairn

1st & 3rd Sundays 9:30am  
Contact: Father Bob Done 02 6026 3691

### Generation Life Riverina Inc, Walla Walla Memorial Hall

4th Sunday 3:30pm  
Contact: Pastor Graeme Sheppard 0422 671 149

### Community Service on the 5th Sunday of the Month

The next Community Service is 30 October. If anyone has any ideas and is interested in being involved with planning contact Jenny Jacob on 0409 830 225.

## 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!!



I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John chapter 5 verse 13



## PRAYING FOR WALLA WALLA

When: Thursday 25th August 7.30pm  
Where: Lutheran Church Hall  
Prayer Requests: Jenny Jacob 0409 830 225  
All Welcome!!



## WALLA WALLA BOOK SWAP

In the Hall behind WAW - Open when WAW is.

No fees or membership. Just choose a book, keep it and swap one you have read or bring it back and swap again. Books for all ages.

# BOOK SWAP

## RAINFALL AT WALLA WALLA

as recorded at the Walla Walla Post Office

June 2022

June 2 (0.6mm), 4 (2.2mm), 5 (2.8mm), 6 (13.4mm), 7 (2.0mm) 8 (5.8mm), 9 (0.4mm), 10 (0.2mm), 11 (0.6mm), 16 (5.0mm), 17 (1.4mm), 21 (6.4mm), 22 (3.0mm), 23 (5.8mm), 24 (0.4mm), 25 (0.4mm), 27 (1.8mm)

Total for June 52.2mm  
For 2022 to end of June 442.6mm

## BOOK CLUB

Meets on the 3rd Monday of a month at 7.30pm. New members welcome!

Contact: Marj Rayner on 0459 292 233

## LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

### Walla Walla Bowling Club

**6029 2146**

Closed Sunday & Monday Open Tuesday - Saturday from 5.30pm, The number of patrols in the Club determines closing time. Meals are available Friday evenings

### Bank WAW 6029 2392

Monday - Thursday: 12.30 - 4.30pm  
Friday: 11am - 12.30pm (closed for lunch 12.30 - 1.30pm), Friday pm: 1.30 - 5pm

### Walla Walla Post Office 6029 2231

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm; Saturday 9 - 11am

### Second Hand Rose 6029 2116

Thursday - Friday: 1.30 - 4.30pm  
Saturday: 9.30 - 11.30am

### On Demand Regional Bus

Bookings: Phone or text 0448 353 281

### Walla Walla Hair Salon 6029 2277

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am - 5:30pm

### Walla Hotel 6029 2309

Monday - Friday: Opens at 2:30pm  
Saturday: Opens 11am  
Sunday: Opens 12 noon  
Kitchen: Thursday - Saturday 6-8pm  
Sunday 12 - 2pm  
Meals other times for min. of 10 if booked.

### Walla Food Mill 6029 2033

Monday - Wednesday: 6am - 4pm  
Thursday - Friday: 6am - 8pm  
Saturday: 8am - 2pm

### Morgan's Lookout

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

### Terry White Chemist Walla Walla

**6029 2496**  
Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm  
Facebook: Terry White Chemmart Walla

### Justice of the Peace

Anthony Lieschke  
02 6029 2202

### Vecare Health Walla Walla

Monday: 9.30am - 5pm  
Wednesday: 9.30am - 3pm  
Friday: 9.30am - 5pm  
Ph: **6073 2605** (during Walla opening hours) or **6036 2952** (Holbrook on other days)

### Pathology Service:

Wednesday 8:30 - 11:30am  
www.vecarehealth.com.au

### Walla Police 6053 4570

Emergency: 000

### Mobile Library

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

### Thistle Cafe

02 6029 2003  
Trial hours Saturday - Wednesday: 8:30am - 4pm (Closed Thursday & Friday)

### Return and Earn

10c eligible containers  
Call 1300 849 781 or text 0447 927 722



**Rural Care Link Office**

**Location**

Inside the Hume Council building (the HUB), 83 Urana Rd, Jindera, next door to the Hume Bank.

**Hours**

1:00pm - 5:00pm, Monday to Thursday

**Assistance**

We provide support to people who are experiencing considerable hardship. We can provide basic food, clothing, equipment and other financial and emotional support should there be a genuine need.

Phone for appointment **02 6026 3001** or **0475 594 073**. Messages responded to promptly.

**Services Available:**

*Counselling Services*

For counselling enquiries, please contact the office on **02 6026 3001** or **0475 594 073** or email **office@ruralcarelink.org.au** and we will put you in touch with the wonderful girls, Michelle and Susan from One Door Mental Health.

*Carers Support Group*

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

Contact the office for more information.

**URGENT NEEDS:**

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

**MOBILITY AIDS- FOR LOAN AT WAW**

Items available are:

- Wheelchair
- Shower chairs
- Toilet seats
- Walker
- Crutches
- Blanket
- Frame



**SENIOR CITIZENS**

Fourteen members attended the monthly meeting held at the Bowling Club recently.

For our August meeting, we plan to visit the Jindera Museum, arriving at 10am, followed by lunch at the Jindera Hotel.

The raffle was won by Dianne Weeding and Rosslyn McLellan. A cuppa was enjoyed after the meeting.

Enquiries: Dorothy Cremer  
0448 095 852

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**DEFIBRILLATORS IN WALLA WALLA**

At present there are 2 defibrillators available 24 hours a day:

- Veranda of Walla Walla Police Station
- Veranda of Walla Walla Bowling Club

Other defibrillators available during Office hours or when venues are open include:

- Kotzur Pty Ltd - Ph: 6029 4700
- St Paul's College - Ph: 6029 2200
- Walla Walla Fire Brigade
- Walla Walla Swimming Pool
- Walla Walla Sportsground

**Please familiarise yourself with their locations in the event of an emergency**



**COUNCIL NEWS - JULY 2022**

The meeting was recorded and available for viewing on Council's website <https://bit.ly/35uKFxX>

Business dealt with at the 20 July 2022 meeting included:

Council welcomed the new General Manager, Evelyn Arnold to her first meeting.

Council resolved for the Mayor and General Manager to execute the Deed of Agreement 2022 – 2026 for the Riverina Regional Library.

Council approved the construction of footpath in Adams Street, Jindera.

Landowners will be notified of the estimated amount of their contribution to the project.

Council approved the construction of Kerb and Channel in Jindera Street, Jindera. Landowners will be notified of the estimated amount of their contribution to the project.

Refer to Council's website for more information.



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



**SNAP & SHARE** Herb has taken this beautiful picture of our autumn trees preparing for the cold winter ahead. Look down the street you can see the colours changing. Do you have a snap you would like to share of Walla? Send it in!

## ANIMALS PAINTED ON THE WALLA WALLA WATER TOWER

written by Francoise McPherson

The animals painted on the water tower are all residents of the Gum Swamp. Some are very common, others are rarely seen but they all have their own interesting quirks and characteristics.



### Galah (*Eolophus roseicapilla*)

1. Another name for Galah is rose-breasted cockatoo. Galah is from 'gilaa', the Aboriginal Yuwaalaraay name for this bird.
2. Galahs belong to the family of 'white' cockatoos (as opposed to 'black cockatoos') together with Sulphur-crested cockatoo, Major Mitchell Cockatoo, Little Corella and Long-billed Corella.
3. The sexes are distinguished by eye iris colour: dark brown/black in males; red/pink in females.
4. Hens have only 1 ovary instead of 2 for mammals. This is to have enough room in the abdomen for the developing eggs.
5. Galahs are zygodactyl with 2 toes pointing forward and 2 toes pointing backwards to enable them to pick up food items and bring them to their bill for eating. Zygodactyl feet also allow parrots to climb with their feet.
6. Galahs, like most parrots are 'left-footed' meaning they favour their left foot for picking up objects
7. In favourable conditions, galahs can lay and incubate 3 clutches of eggs in one breeding season. They are monogamous and pair for life with both sexes rearing the young.
8. Galahs used to be eaten by humans with galah meat recipes published in Australian newspapers in the 1930's although the meat is generally tough and not very palatable.
9. Galahs are found all over Australia except the most arid interior and Cape York. They were also introduced into Tasmania.
10. Highly social, galahs can congregate in flocks of hundreds of birds and mix with other cockatoo species with whom they can interbreed.
11. Their diet is mainly seeds and they help with seed dispersal of Australian native shrubs and trees such as acacia and casuarina.



### White-Bellied Sea Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucogaster*)

1. The species name of leucogaster is derived from Greek (leuko=white and gaster=belly)
2. White-bellied sea eagles are normally found along the coast but they venture far inland and into Gum Swamp during flood years.
3. Adults weigh up to 4.5 kg and their wingspan is 1.8-2.2 metres.
4. Apart from Australia, white-bellied sea eagles also occur in India, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Phillipines, Brunei, Cambodia, New Guinea and Southern China.
5. Diet is mainly fish, turtles and sea snakes. They also take little penguins, shearwaters, flying foxes and carrion. When fishing, they can be submerged to grab fleeing fish which they catch with one foot.
6. Some sea eagles have learned to follow fishing trawlers for an easy feed of discarded fish.
7. Young sea eagles can disperse 50 kms or further away from where they were hatched. Eaglets disperse at 6 months old
8. Sea eagles are monogamous but if one dies, the survivor will find another mate to breed with. Renovations to a nest usually takes 3-6 weeks before it's in good enough condition for incubating eggs.
9. They lay 2 eggs but it's rare for both eaglets to survive to fledgling stage.
10. Courtship displays involve aerial acrobatics where the birds hook their talons together and cartwheel in freefall towards the ground at speed before unhooking talons at the last minute.
11. These apex predators often fly at right angles or towards the sun to avoid casting a shadow over the water that alerts their prey to their presence.
12. The white-bellied sea eagle depicted on the water tower is a juvenile eagle aged less than 12 months old. The characteristic white belly feathers appear gradually and the bird has adult plumage at 5-6 years old (picture on the right).





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## Playbox Theatre Festival

For the first time in a long time, Drama students had the opportunity to perform in front of an audience, and what a wonderful experience it was! Schools in the Albury Wodonga region banded together to put on a collaborative showcase, enabling Year 11 Drama students to not only perform in front of others but to observe their peers in action. The program invited students to develop a group performance.

All schools were able to include the same stimulus materials in their performances.

There were many options such as:

- use a step ladder for something other than its intended purpose
- use film editing cuts in real life to create transitions on stage
- include a drama game in the performance
- devise a scene using only lines from well known movies.

The Year 11 Drama class performed exceptionally well and found a great deal of value in the experience.



## Year 12 Debutante Ball

Congratulations to our Year 12 Debutantes and their Partners, stepping out last month at the Albury Entertainment Centre.

It was a magnificent night.



## FIND YOUR PURPOSE

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*Michael and Moey, Year 12 full-time boarders.*



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Limited spaces in Years 7 - 12 for 2023