



Your February 2023 Community Newsletter

METAL DETECTORIST RECOVERED TED KLEMKE'S MILITARY SERVICE BADGE

I'm a Science teacher at St Pauls College.

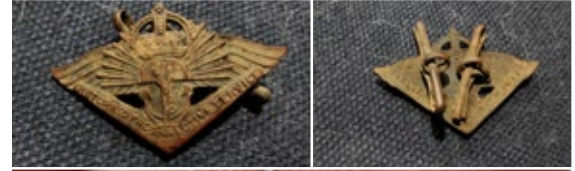
The badge I found was buried at the old Walla North Recreation Reserve, now privately owned. I was there with permission from the owner, detecting with my friend Neil Coulston. Neil and I are metal detectorists, and we are motivated by our love of history, and sharing amazing stories with people through videos of the coins and relics we unearth on Neils YouTube channel: Diggers Down Under Adventures. If any of your readers are interested, videos of the things we find can be found there (including when I found this badge).

The badge is a Returned From Active Service badge from WW2 and had a number on the back I was able to read. I tried looking up online any records of the people these badges were awarded to, however it proved to be quite difficult, so I sought help on a Facebook page called "Australian Badge and Pin Collectors". A man there was able to send me a copy of the man's service record who the badge belonged to, and it was a great shock to find out that it was a one Theodor Gotthilf Klemke.

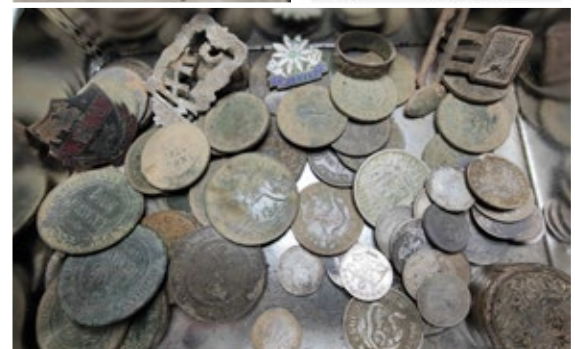
I had come across Mr Klemke recently in old photos on the "Walla In Retrospect" Facebook page run by Tony Brinkmann and knew that he had been a prominent member of the community. I endeavoured to return the badge to any surviving direct descendants of Mr Klemke and began researching his name. My colleagues at St Pauls told me about a Klemke reunion book written in the 70's, which we happened to have at the school library. I then delved into the library and that book to discover that Theodor and his wife Ada Wiese had a daughter named Jeanette, and she had married a man named Lawrence Romey, with whom she had two children.

I tried to search for them on Facebook, but did not have much luck, and eventually searched Lawrence's name on the White Pages. Thankfully I was able to find him and travelled to meet him during the school holidays. Lawrence told me he would get that badge to Jeanette or one of Theodor's direct descendants as he and Jeanette had separated many years prior.

In mid-November I received a phone call from Jeanette, who wanted to thank me for returning her father's badge. Her daughter had taken the badge to her and provided her with my number. She was interested in where I found it and was happy for me to include her in the story.



Name	KLEMKE, THEODOR GOTTHILF
Service	Australian Army
Service Number	V325424
Date of Birth	26 Apr 1912
Place of Birth	CULCARRN, NSW
Date of Enlistment	28 Jul 1941
Locality on Enlistment	CULCARRN, NSW
Place of Enlistment	CULCARRN, NSW
Next of Kin	KLEMKE, A
Date of Discharge	01 Apr 1946
Rank	Private
Posting at Discharge	129 WORKSHOPS PLT (AIF)
Prisoner of War	No
Honours	None for display



Connor Fedorowytch
Science Teacher

*Pictured top: recovered badge (front and back) before cleaning;
Second from top: badge after cleaning
Centre: Ted Klemke and Military Record
Bottom: Range of items found by Mr Fedorowytch in Walla Walla*

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PLUS
So much more...

Written by Françoise McPherson with information supplied by Dieter Fenz, Marj Rayner, Andrew Kotzur and Karen Kotzur.

Background information:

Gardens

Bicentennial Park were created in 1988. The site was originally the Hepners' dairy yard. Cows were herded there for the evening milking, fed and held overnight until the morning milking was done. The cows were walked back to the main farm with larger paddocks on the site where St Paul's College is now. Later this block of land was owned by Mrs Wiesner who used it as an orchard/vegetable growing plot.

Before the Walla Walla Community Development Committee was formed, the Federal Government announced in 1986 (two years before the Bicentenary) that grants would be made available for community projects. The Walla Walla community set up a committee overseen by Culcairn Shire Council with Elwyn Kotzur as President, Andrew Kotzur as Secretary and Maree Barber as Treasurer. Other residents were on the committee as well. A number of projects were considered before general consensus went in favour of establishing a Bicentennial Park. The current block of land was purchased from Mrs Wiesner. Other costs included pavers, bricks and plants. Many other things were donated and soil was carted in a tip truck driven by Elwyn Kotzur.

The gardens were designed by Gary Simpson, an architect who was employed as the Boys Boarding House supervisor at St. Paul's College at the time. There were quite a few Saturday morning working bees with volunteers to build the garden. It took approximately a year to get the gardens completely set up and planted. The main criterion for the selection of plants was that they be low maintenance. This means using native Australian plants such as kangaroo paw and grevillea bushes that can cope with drought, heat and light frost. Over time, a few non-natives such as roses have been introduced.

The first gardener at the Park was Stan Wenke (Joy Jacob's Dad). There is a plaque honouring him on the back arch; then Yvonne Simms did a major re-plant with the roses (hence the same style as the house owned by her in Commercial St., now the PJN Office) and there's a plaque dedicated to her contributions to the park on the front arch (pictured above right).

With no one to take the job on, Marj Rayner offered to form a group including Diana Wegener and



Brigitte Richardson. They 'gardened' on the last Tuesday of the month to fit in with the tennis schedule and initially, quite a few volunteers joined the group with often lunch in the park to follow. Everyone had to sign an attendance book each time they did garden chores. Photo below shows Brigitte Richardson (now Ronald) using the hedge clippers, Maree Seidel and an unidentified other person bending over working in the gardens.

There are three trees planted at the gardens by the Culcairn Shire Council



Young Citizen of the Year Kylie Simpfordorfer in 1993, Alison Seidel in 2008 and Mr A Beer who was the 1988 Citizen of the Year (see photos below). These tree plantings took place when the Australia Day awards were held in Walla Walla.



Walla Walla War Memorial

The Bicentennial Gardens is also the site of the Walla Walla War Memorial. The Anzac day services (dawn and main services) are held each year as well as Remembrance Day. When the Australia Day awards are held in Walla Walla such as during the Walla 150th Anniversary year, this is held at the back of the Bicentennial Gardens. Leading up to these days, a lot of effort is put into making the gardens look beautiful, especially the roses and the circular hedge in which poppies are placed by primary school children on Anzac day.

The decision was made to move the cenotaph from Memorial Hall to Bicentennial Park specifically to allow Anzac Day services to be held there. The RSL decided to move the 25 pounder gun (restored a few years ago) to its current location just outside the park's Eastern boundary near the Lone Pine tree (photos below).

This Turkish Pine was grown from a seed of the original tree which was destroyed during the Battle of Lone Pine at Gallipoli. The tree at Bicentennial Park was planted on Anzac Day 2011 as a living memorial to the soldiers who sacrificed so much for our freedom by John Jacob (Greater Hume Shire Citizen of the year 2011) assisted by Yvonne Simms who contributed much to the gardens.



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WALLA WALLA CROQUET CLUB

Walla Walla Croquet members and partners enjoyed a lovely Christmas Luncheon at the Walla Food Mill.



After a short break over Christmas, we are back playing on Mondays and Saturdays and to beat the heat we are starting at 8.30am.

You are very welcome to come along to the Walla Bowling Club anytime we are there and try our fun game of Croquet.

We play on Saturday and Monday mornings starting at 8.30am. Please wear flat soled shoes.

Dieter Fenz
President
0437 365 296

Helen Krause
Secretary
0427 260 737

RED CROSS

Red Cross commences on **Wednesday 22 February at 2pm at the Baptist Church Hall in Market St.**

THANK YOU to all who supported Red Cross with the Christmas Raffle.

Congratulations to the winners and for all who were not so lucky, maybe next time. Red Cross look forward to our next challenges in 2023.

Dorothy Cremer, President



drumMUSTER
rinse them out, round them up and run them in.

DrumMUSTER collection dates for 2023

There will be a DrumMuster collection on the following Saturdays from 9am - 11am:

- 11 February 2023
- 15 April 2023
- 10 June 2023
- 12 August 2023
- 14 October 2023

Collection point will be the old Walla Walla garbage tip site.

For enquiries please ring John Seidel on 0429 039 322 or Alan Odewahn on 0428 292 248

If you cannot make it on this day contact John and a suitable time can be arranged.

OPEN COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2023

Hear what groups and clubs are doing in 2023 and bring along ideas the Community Development Committee can work on this year.

We are always trying to make Walla Walla an even better place to live and visit

Let us know if your group or organisation would like to share information and we will add you to the agenda.

Email: barry.leonie@bigpond.com

WALLA WALLA SPORTSGROUND PAVILION AT 7PM


EVERYONE WELCOME



Glow Walla Glow

Annual Christmas Light Competition 2022

Thank you to everyone who entered the annual Christmas light competition. It was fantastic to see so many community members involved.

 **BEST HOUSE:** 113 Commercial Street

 **RUNNER UP HOUSE:** 7 Ebenezer Court

Honorable mentions: 12 Wenke Street and 13 Sunnyside Crescent

 **BEST BUSINESS:** The Walla Food Mill

 **RUNNER UP:** WAW

Honorable mention: Kotzur Silos

 **BEST STREET:** Townview Avenue



Congratulations to our winners!!



Walla Pool Aqua Classes

Mondays & Thursdays

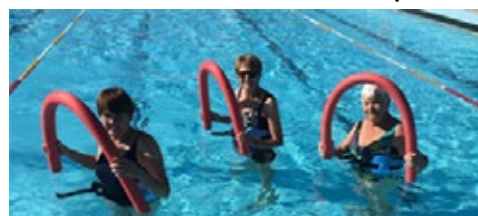
5:30pm

Duration 45 minutes. Cost \$2.

Mondays - Leeny Mason 0419605566

Thursdays - Lynnette O'Reilly 0429006723

Murrumbidgee Local Health District Aqua Trained Leaders



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When was the group started and how many members were there originally? Initially there were approximately 6 volunteers helping on each garden day. Stan Wenke was the first dedicated gardener for about 2 years before Norm Cremer took over. Norm was head gardener (he received a certificate of recognition for his contributions) followed by Karen Kotzur for 8.5 years. After that, Marj Rayner started her group of dedicated gardeners until she gave it up about 2 years ago. Approximately 7 years ago, Dieter and Julie Fenz started to help out within the group with weeding, trimming bushes and trees and are still involved with the maintenance of the gardens. Herb Simpfendorfer is also a long time member of the group. The day of the garden chores was moved to the last Wednesday of the month but lately, there has been no organised group. Dieter, Julie and Herb turn up to perform garden chores whenever needed and the Greater Hume Council Walla gardener Mick also does general maintenance jobs around the gardens such as mowing.

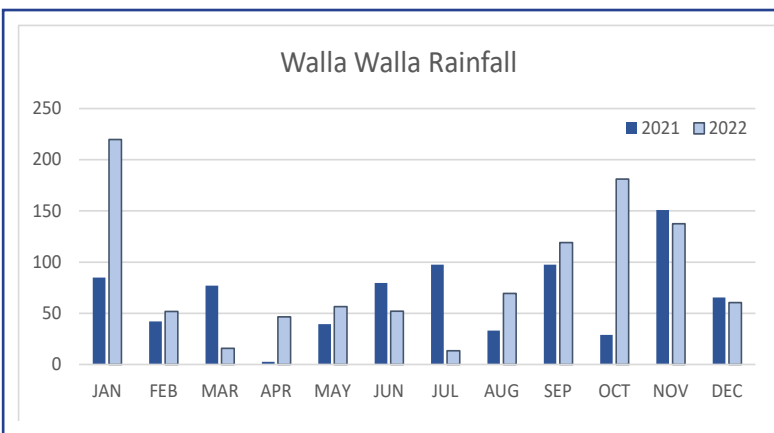
What is the function/goal of this group? To keep the gardens looking tidy, healthy and colourful for everyone to enjoy. This includes weeding, pruning, clipping hedges, removing spent flowers, watering and other garden tasks. Members have occasionally contributed plants to the gardens when needed. Unfortunately, many years ago, people left so much rubbish in the park that a clean-up was necessary for half an hour before any weeding could take place.

Who are the executive position holders? There is no executive committee; Dieter and Herb are the remaining members still doing garden maintenance chores as required.

What are the biggest achievements, community contributions etc by this group? The biggest achievement has been the creation of Bicentennial Park itself for the community to gather for Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and Australia Day; as well as enjoying the gardens at any other time of the year. Railway sleeper edgings,

stolen tap timers etc. have been replaced.

Are new members needed and how do interested people join? Anyone who is interested in gardening, knows a bit about plants and has some spare time is welcome to contact Dieter or Herb and join them in looking after the Bicentennial Gardens. If anyone has any railway sleepers they no longer need, please consider donating them to the Bicentennial Park gardeners. Dieter can pick them up if required. If anyone has any other information about the Bicentennial Park, please contact Tony Brinkmann for archiving by the Historical Society. Thanks in advance!



RAINFALL AT WALLA WALLA

November & December 2022 (as measured at the Post Office).

Nov 1 (15.6mm), 2 (11.8mm), 3 (0.2mm), 13 (25.8mm), 14 (54.8mm), 15 (3.4mm), 20 (21.0mm), 21 (2.8mm)

Total 137.4mm

Dec 12 (7.4mm), 14 (6.0mm), 24 (4.4mm), 27 (22.6mm), 31 (20.0mm) **Total 60.4mm**

For 2022 to end of December - 1067.4mm

Days when it rained in 2022 - 112 days

Walla's average annual rainfall is 671mm (26.4 inches)

PROBUS MEETING REPORT

By Helen Squires

Our President Yvonne Booth welcomed us all. Twenty year service badges were presented to Morris Schuller, Eunice Schuller, Clarice and Harold Janetzki. We congratulate all four recipients and wish them many more years of Probus meetings.

Members were asked what could be said to a friend to come and try Probus. Answers were:

"We make friendships, have speakers and pay for lovely meals."

"Remembering names is easy as everyone wears name badges."

"There is no need for a plate of baking for morning tea, as we pay our \$2.00 for tea or coffee."

Our speaker was Joel Lowrie, who went to school at Henty Public School and is now head drama teacher at Karingal High School, Wagga Wagga. He has been teaching for fifteen years. Joel likes to encourage young people to do good things.

We enjoyed a lovely lunch of fish and salad.

Our 8th February meeting is at Culcairn Bowling Club, 9.30 am for a 10.00am start

If you are able to come, Probus could be the place for you.

Thank you to the lovely people who have donated knitted beanies for the seamen and to those who have donated yarn for rugs and baby jackets, your deeds are much appreciated.



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 Church Service

This year, these will be held on January 29th, April 30th and July 30th.
If anyone has any ideas, contact Jenny 0409 830 225

Before You created the hills
or brought the world into being,
You were eternally God,
and will be God forever.'

Psalms chapter 90 verse 2



PRAYING FOR WALLA WALLA

When: Thursday 23 February 7.30pm
Where: Lutheran Church Hall
Prayer Requests:
Jenny Jacob 0409 830 225
All Welcome!!



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!!



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.



FIRST AID: FROSTBITE

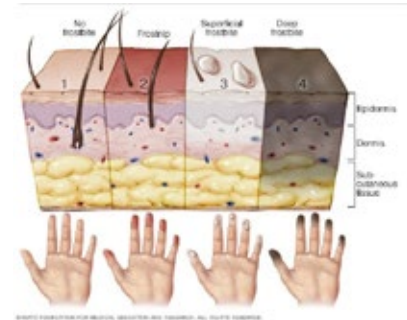
Frostbite occurs when the skin and underlying tissues become frozen as a result of exposure to below zero temperatures. It is a progressive injury. In superficial frostbite the skin can still be moved in relation to the underlying tissue. The full thickness of the skin is frozen. Deep frostbite is recognisable by the skin no longer being mobile in relation to the underlying tissue. The skin and tissues underneath the skin are frozen, sometimes to the bone. Frostnip is when only the top layer of skin is frozen.

Signs & Symptoms – Superficial Frostbite

- White, waxy-looking skin
- Skin is firm to touch, but tissue underneath is soft
- May feel pain at first, followed by numbness

Management of Superficial Frostbite

1. Follow DRSABCD.
2. Remove the patient to a warm, dry place.
3. Rewarm the frostbitten part with body heat – place frostbitten fingers in armpit, place warm hands over frostbitten ears.
4. Prevent affected areas from freezing by ensuring that patient stops the activity or dresses more appropriately.



Signs & Symptoms – Deep Frostbite

- White, waxy-looking skin that turns greyish-blue as frostbite progresses
- Skin feels cold and hard
- There is no feeling in the area

Management of Deep Frostbite

1. Follow DRSABCD.
2. Prevent further heat loss from the frozen part and the rest of the body.
3. Handle the frozen tissue very gently to prevent further tissue damage.
4. DO NOT rub the arms and legs. Keep the patient as still as possible.
5. Remove the patient to a warm dry place. If the feet or legs are frozen don't let the patient walk.
6. **Call triple zero (000)** for an ambulance.

CAUTIONS

- ✓ DO NOT rub or massage the frozen area - tiny ice crystals in the tissues may cause more tissue damage.
- ✓ DO NOT rewarm with radiant heat (fire, exhaust pipe) – this may rewarm too quickly.
- ✓ DO NOT apply snow or cold water to the area – this may cause further freezing and tissue damage.
- ✓ DO NOT give alcohol.

References:

https://stjohn.org.au/assets/uploads/fact%20sheets/english/Fact%20sheets_frost%20bite.pdf
<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionssandreatment/frostbite>

Next month: Substance Misuse

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SEED SWAP

Did you know the Walla Walla Book Swap now has a **SEED SWAP DRAWER!!!**

Same rules as the book swap (below). Take what you need and leave your excess to share with others.

Please use a seed envelope and write on what it is and if possible the year collected.



SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch at the Walla Hotel to finish off the year.

Our first meeting for this year will be on **Monday 6 February at 1:30pm at the Walla Bowling Club.**

New faces most welcome!

Contact Dorothy for any enquiries
0448 095 852



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2022 Year 12 Graduation

A wonderful night of celebrations for our Class of 2022. Well done to our graduating class. We wish you every success in your future endeavours.

Photo provided by Rob Lacey Photography

7-11 Awards Evening

Congratulations to all Award winners and students who attended our Annual Awards Evening at the Performing Arts Centre in Albury. All enjoyed supper afterwards in QE2 Square under a perfect summer night sky. Special mention to our Year level DUX Award winners:

DUX Year 7 - **Zoe Wilson**

DUX Year 8 - **Ella Donoghue & Thomas Sinca**

DUX Year 9 - **Zac Klemke**

DUX Year 10 - **Audrey Lieschke**

DUX Year 11 - **Emma Biar**



SAVE THE
date



WEEDS AT WALLA WALLA

By Herb Simpfendorfer

All our weeds are seasonal, They germinate from seed, grow quickly, flower, have seeds, then die. About nine months later, the seeds start a new lot of weeds. We can attack them in five ways. Digging out, chipping at ground level, frequent mowing, spraying, smothering. What is best in a particular situation is helped with experience. The first step always is identification. Help is readily available.

There are five weeds which are a great challenge in our town just now. They are bindii, hairy panic, fleabane, paspalum and sedge.

Bindii is the absolute most nasty of all Walla weeds. The first bindii plant popped out of Walla Walla soil on January 2nd. Some are already going to seed when you read this. We must stand resolute and united to get rid of the last of these in our town. There could be only hundreds left, compared to a million five years ago. Look for a plant with fern like leaves, spreading out very quickly along the ground.

Hairy panic is a beautiful plant with long thin leaves. Some mature plants are already going to seed. It is so easy to pull them out, chip them, or spray them, and we can overcome them here and there, but the problem is that they win because of their huge numbers. This year, they are absolutely everywhere.

Fleabane goes straight up, and has long floppy leaves. It also has high numbers, and it is very hard to us to overcome it. We must keep trying. There are lots along the main street. It is a nasty one. For a few plants, pulling out and chipping is easy, spraying is not reliable.

Paspalum is still growing nicely It has no stem, and has long, stiff, thin leaves. It has seeds on long stalks now. It grows very happily with other plants, even in thick lawn. Spraying works well, but leaves a brown circle where nothing grows for a while. Digging out single plants with a mattock or strong hoe is better, as is frequent mowing.

A weed called **Sedge** is prolific this year because of all the rain we have had. It has a beautiful light green colour, and loves to stand in water., but will grow nicely in places that have been wet for a while. See photo. The whole plant is just strong, long stems with seeds at the top. Its main problem is that it grows quickly and thickly to about 50 cm high, and has hundreds of seeds. Digging it out roots and all is good. What also works in a large patch is mowing about twice a week so that it never sets seeds on stalks. When using this method, it dies off in March, and has produced no seeds for next year. This method of frequent mowing for weed control works well for any plant which has seeds on stalks.



Above: Each sedge plant has many stalks like this. The clumps of seeds can clearly be seen.

COME ALONG TO...

**A time of encouragement, hope and peace in our lives at the Community Service on Sunday 29 January at 10am at St Paul's College Chapel.
ALL WELCOME!!**

NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL - CELEBRATE TOGETHER FOR FREE AT WALLA WALLA!



This year's festival theme is "Celebrate Together" and Greater Hume Council encourage older adults to feel relaxed and comfortable while out and about enjoying the variety of events and activities on offer during the festival.

Greater Hume Council will celebrate Seniors Week Festival 2023 at Walla Walla on Wednesday 15 February from 10am -2pm at the Walla Walla Recreational Ground.

Highlights of the Walla Walla Seniors Week Festival program include gentle exercises and morning tea followed by a presentation by newly appointed General Manager, Evelyn Arnold.

There will also be a presentation by local artist Robert Kleinboonschate who paints beautiful paintings reflecting his love of Australia. Born in The Netherlands, Robert now lives in Walla Walla surrounded by the rugged natural landscapes of Australia.

During a FREE lunch participants will be invited to enjoy a range of activities which include origami, more painting, and jigsaws while listening to some relaxing background music.

The program for the day will finish with some Bush Poetry by Herb Simpfendorfer and the drawing of

the lucky door prize.

For Bookings Contact – P: 0260360100 or E: Skane@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au

COMMUNITY DIARY

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				• Tennis Practice / hit-up, 5pm, Walla Courts • Aqua Exercise, 5:30pm, Pool	• Friday night meals & Bonanza Draws - Bowling Club, from 6:30pm	• Croquet, 8:30am, BC
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• Forgotten Trades Festival, 12pm - 7pm, Jindera Pioneer Museum	• Croquet, 8:30am, Bows Club (BC) • RRLibrary, WWPS, 9am - 11am • Aqua Exercise, 5:30pm, Pool	• Social Tennis, 9am Walla Courts				

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Note from the Editor

Welcome to 2023 Walla Walla. Time is scurrying away as we enter the third week (at the time of writing this) of the year. I hope you all had a safe and restful festive season.

As we get back into the swing of producing the fantastic community resource that is the newsletter, I urge you all to think about the exciting things you can share over the coming twelve months. Let's continue to work together to celebrate our community, honour our past and build our future. There is so much on offer in our great town - please share it with us!

Steph Odewahn - Editor

DOVE COTTAGE



OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATION
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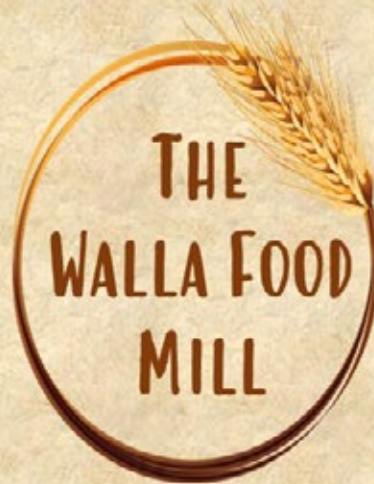
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LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

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

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Thursday - Friday: 1.30 - 4.30pm
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Background information:

(Historical Information): According to the Walla Walla Centenary 1869-1969, team sports were originally played in 'Maloney's Paddock', West of Market Street. On May 25th 1920, 11 acres were purchased at the present sportsground site from Mr. E.G. Wenke by 9 Trustees. A separate committee of 14 members was subsequently and quickly formed to manage the sportsground with Mr C.A. Lindner as President (for 15 years until his passing) and Mr. C. Walker as Secretary/ Treasurer. Mr E.G. Scholz did the first levelling and surfacing works. Culcairn Shire Council assumed Trusteeship of the sportsground in 1953. In September, 1957, all assets and monies were transferred to the new Walla Walla Sportsground management Committee. Volunteers did all the works and improvements such as erecting the boundary fence and installing septic toilets assisted by Culcairn Shire Council through the Town Amenities Fund until a Government grant was obtained in 1958. Currently, the Walla Walla Sportsground Management Committee is a NSW local government section 355 volunteer committee; one of many volunteer 355 committees in the Greater Hume Shire that assist council with maintenance and future planning to improve local public facilities.

(Current Background): The sportsground is a sporting precinct with an irrigated oval for football and cricket matches with coaches' boxes, scoreboard and timekeepers box; new pavilion with function room, change rooms, bar and kitchen areas; netball courts with benched shelters, netball club rooms, 4 synthetic grass tennis courts, 4 clay tennis courts (currently not used), tennis shed; public toilets; 7000 gallon water tank; cricket pitch and cricket training nets, pump shed, storage shed, and a children's shaded



playground. Footballers have their own change rooms. There is also a designated off leash area for dogs to get exercise (bins and free plastic dog waste bags are provided by the council). The relatively new pavilion was opened in 2020 and is an addition to the previous brick pavilion. It has been used as a function/meeting room by various clubs and groups. Other uses are: The swimming pool end-of-season pool movie night; the Walla Car Club's Show 'N Shine event and Carols by Candlelight held in early December every second year. During the Walla Walla 150th Anniversary celebrations in 2019, the grassed area at the South Eastern end (off leash dog area) was sown to a wheat crop which was then harvested during the 150th weekend using vintage farm equipment in front of spectators. The German Oktoberfest and Final Shindig events on the Friday and Monday were also held at the Walla Sportsground. *See pictures on opposite page.*

What is the function/goal of this group?

The functions of this committee are:

1. To manage the sportsground (on behalf of the Greater Hume Council)

for the benefit of all sporting bodies in the Walla Walla district.

2. To facilitate an orderly and coordinated approach to future development of the sportsground and
3. To plan and implement future development to enhance the sporting and recreational facilities available to Walla Walla.

The committee is able to provide council with feedback from sporting groups and the local community with regards to improvements at the local sportsground. It is also allocated a grant each year by council to enable the volunteers to maintain the oval and surrounding infrastructure, (i.e. buildings etc.) Payment of all utilities, (power and water) comes out of this grant.

Who are the executive position holders?

President: Alan Odewahn
Vice President: Don Scott
Secretary: Trevor Merkel
Treasurer: John Mullavey.



Above Left: Cricket nets; Centre: Netball Courts; Right: Crowd at the Sportsground for the Hume League Preliminary Football Final 2010.



Above Left - Right: Social Tennis group, Walla Cricket Club Match, Giants Football match in progress, RWW Giants Netball players, RWW Giants Auskickers

How many current members are there? Approximately a dozen or so, made up by sporting club representatives and volunteers.

How often do members meet? The committee has an AGM and holds a couple of general meetings annually.

What are the biggest achievements and community contributions by this group?

The most recent would have to be the construction of the new pavilion and kiosk. This building has proven to be a great asset for the local sporting clubs and the wider community. This was made possible by a lot of work by the committee obtaining grants, terrific assistance from Greater Hume Shire council, local donations and hundreds of voluntary hours of work by members and interested persons.

Previous improvements are the installation of irrigation for the oval, again with the help of a lot of volunteers, to assist with maintenance of the playing surface. Thanks to help from our local greenkeeper Ross Hoffmann, we are able to sow, fertilize, aerate, water and mow the oval to keep it in good condition for football and cricket matches.

The committee also maintain the small primitive caravan park located near the entrance. All cleaning and maintenance of the amenities block is carried out by volunteers. The primitive caravan park fees help to raise funds for improvements and also provide a benefit for small businesses in town such as the cafés and pub.

We have a couple of volunteers, Geoff and Don who jump on the ride on mower, and assist our local council

maintenance man, Mick, to keep the surrounds tidy. Ross Hoffmann and Trevor Merkel drive the tractor to mow the oval. The council also empties the bins around the grounds and repairs structures such as playground equipment, shade sails and exercise equipment.

The town development committee have obtained grants and installed exercise equipment near the entrance to the sportsground which has improved this area. Users of the exercise equipment have since benefitted from the installation of a shade structure to make outdoor exercising more comfortable. Public toilets now have disabled access and have been completely refurbished by Council.

The committee has purchased a new tractor with mower attached to make it easier for volunteers to keep the oval in good condition. Other achievements in the last 10 years included a new fence around the tennis courts, new cricket pitch, new entrance/ticket box and a new scoreboard on top of a storage shed for maintenance equipment.

What is planned for the future? A draft plan has been proposed for development of the sports ground for the next 10 years to 2031 by the committee with 10 main aims:

1. Install solar panels to reduce power costs for primitive caravan park;
2. Improve drainage at southern end of tennis courts/pavilion;
3. Resurface netball courts (excessive rain has caused cracking) for player safety;
4. Upgrade netball change rooms (not large enough) and install toilets near netball courts;
5. Renew synthetic grass surface tennis courts as these have been laid more than 15 years ago;

6. Replace unused clay tennis courts with synthetic grass to accommodate larger tennis teams and repurpose one of these clay courts into an extra netball court with tennis lines;
7. Upgrade or replace caravan park amenities block;
8. Increase CCTV camera coverage to include the eastern side of the football oval and the tennis courts for security purposes (and catch dog owners who don't pick up after their dogs!);
9. Install shade structure on the western side of the pavilion for pavilion users and tennis players/spectators; and
10. Create a larger storage shed for safe storage of tractor and other valuable maintenance equipment.

Are new members wanted and how do interested people join? New members are always needed. Contact any of the executive members or ask any of the volunteers you see working at the ground.



Above Left to Right: Primitive Caravan Park at Walla Walla, Construction of the Pavilion, Final Construction of the Pavilion

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As you can imagine the lead up to the end of year is a busy but super fun time here in our Centre.

The children finally had the opportunity, after COVID delays, to invite their grandparents or special friends to come visit them at their Centre. They were able to share their play spaces and enjoy a yummy morning tea with their guests.

It was lovely to meet and enjoy this time with all of our special guests.



Although the clouds were grey some days at the end of 2022, that didn't stop us from heading out to investigate, explore and learn about some of the native animals that appear on our beautifully painted water tower here in Walla. We couldn't miss the giant kangaroo.



Christmas was filled with lots of fun, creative opportunities here at the Centre. Did you see our amazing Santa and recycled Christmas Tree?

Thank you to all the houses and businesses that put up lights for us all to enjoy!

Our Walla Centre has continued to grow and we are excited to welcome many new families to our service. We also wish our friends that are leaving us, moving on to school many fun days of learning ahead.

We have been lucky to have three new staff commence here at our Walla Centre, we welcome Carissa, Claire and Debbie to our team.



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