



Your March 2022 Community Newsletter

HONOURING WALLA'S CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

Edited by Steph Odewahn

Australia Day 2022 in Greater Hume was held at the Ten Mile Gardens in Holbrook, it was a fabulous ceremony, with over 300 people in attendance.

Congratulations to all the award nominees and winners who were recognised for their hard work on behalf of the Greater Hume community. Walla Walla was well represented with:

- Citizen of the Year – joint winners Ross and Helen Krause (pictured right)
- Young Citizen of the Year – joint winners Jole Hoffmann (pictured far right) and Jessica Toogood from Henty
- School Citizenship Awards: St Paul's Lutheran College - Tilly Phegan (pictured below, 4th from left) and Walla Walla Public School - Olivia Odewahn (pictured below, second from right)

Ross and Helen Krause are a fantastic example of community minded people that keep rural communities like Walla Walla alive and a better place to live. Ross and Helen regularly work as a team, helping and supporting each

other in any club they are involved with. They make sure organisations are run properly and show great attention to detail. Both are generous with their time and nothing is too much trouble. They generate enthusiasm with their cheerful natures and are good public relations people. Ross and Helen often work behind the scenes (quiet achievers) to make sure events run smoothly. They have been actively involved in many organisations and sporting clubs in Walla Walla and have put in years of service.

Jole Hoffmann - having been a resident of Walla Walla his entire life, Jole has truly embraced what it means to be a member of the community, fully immersing himself into the town and its people. Jole has and continues to play an integral role across a wide array of community groups and organisations, volunteering his time not for his own recognition but rather in recognition of the difference it can make to others. Considered



backgrounds also reflects his community spirit, kind nature and respect for the past, present and future of the town of Walla Walla. Jole is a member of several community groups and committees. Rural and regional communities thrive as a result of the hard work, engagement and dedication of people like Ross, Helen and Jole. Their tireless work ethic, leadership and commitment to the local community is something to be admired and celebrated. Congratulations to all award winners.



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A snap from Walla resident Mary Maloney of a little echidna attempting to strike up an acquaintance with the boot scraper at the front door of The Elms. Thanks for sharing Mary!

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

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

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ANIMALS IN WAR MEMORIAL DAY - 24 FEBRUARY

Written by Françoise McPherson

While we remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom at 11am on 11 November each year, the 'forgotten' heroes deserve to be remembered also. Red poppies are used to remember the fallen soldiers and purple poppies are dedicated to the animal war heroes.

Minister Scott Buchholts declared in 2019 that February 24th will be War Animals Remembrance Day. These heroes are the millions of animals who 'served' in World War 1 and 2 for the Australian Armed Forces as well as other countries.

Dogs, horses, mules, camels, pigeons and a number of other animals have all done their bit to keep their soldiers safe. They did not sign up for war or volunteer but showed bravery, loyalty and courage under difficult conditions.

Tens of thousands of animals were pressed into service, sent overseas to assist Australian soldiers and many of the four legged or winged diggers did not return. Even if no horses, mules or dogs from our local area participated on the battlefields of the Western front, South Africa, Korea, Vietnam or the Middle East, it is likely that the soldiers of Walla Walla, Alma Park etc did have animals nearby as either active war participants or mascots to boost morale.



In 1943, animals were first recognised for their bravery in war with the awarding of the Dickin Medal (equivalent to the Victoria Cross)

which continues today. Recipients of the Dickin Medal so far include 34 dogs, 32 pigeons, 4 horses and 1 cat. In 2017, the Canine Operational Service Medal was introduced specifically to honour Australian military working dogs.

An estimated 16 million animals served in World War 1 between 1914-1918. There were millions of casualties, not only a loss of human life but animals also. At least 8 million British horses died in WW1 and at least 30,000 Australian horses died in battle. Many died from horrendous injuries and others died from heat exhaustion, disease and malnourishment. Many horses and mules also drowned when the ships taking them to foreign lands sank during the 6 week journey.

Horses, donkeys and mules: More than 130,000 Australian Waler horses were sent to war overseas as part of Lighthorse regiments with 81,000 going to India and more than 39,000 going to Egypt and Palestine. An estimated 6,000 horses were sent to Gallipoli. Only 1 horse named Sandy came home. The others were sold to the locals after war ended or shot dead if they were deemed to be too sick or injured.

Being desensitised to gunfire and the sight of horses dropping dead beside them, there was no fear among the doomed horses. Horses were used to carry soldiers into battle, deliver mail, carry supplies and pull wagons. Walers were a tough horse developed in New South Wales which could go without water for 3 days even though horses normally drink 30 litres a day. The Lighthorse had to carry a whopping 120 kg load every day in the heat which was the soldier, riding gear (saddle, bridle, leadrope), rations for horse and rider, soldier's bedroll, ammunition, clothing and rifle.

The most famous Australian warhorses are a black mare Midnight (pictured right) who was part of the Beersheba charge and died instantly when a Turk shot her in the abdomen as she jumped over the trenches. The bullet went through the horse and struck her rider and owner Guy Haydon but he survived.



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ANZAC DAY 2022

Written by Herb Simpfendorfer



For many people at Walla Walla and surrounding area, Anzac Day is an important day of the year. Even with many restrictions of Covid, this special day of honour to locals who went to war has continued to be held. Our Anzac Day organising committee is preparing for the Bicentenary Park to be the focus of much activity on Monday 25 April, as is our custom. Details of the day's program will be in the April Newsletter. Lest we forget.

WEEDS AT WALLA WALLA

Written by Herb Simpfendorfer

As noted in the last Newsletter, weeds have been terrible this year. For many weeds, their time of terror will end when the frosts start, which will not happen for some time, so we have to continue the battle.

Bindiis are slowing down, and it is most pleasing to walk around our town and see very few bindii plants, and if one is seen, it is easily got rid of.

My well publicised bindii plant which is near our shed, is now five metres across, with thousands of seeds, but it will have no progeny, because the plant and everything belonging to it will be in the Culcairn Tip on Sunday 27 February. Special precautions will be in place on the trip to the tip. See photo below for its present status. Good bye, bindii.

Not much has changed with other weeds. We still have them all. Paspalum is the biggest bother, as it is found in many places, is now seeding, and looking for socks to cling to. Frequent mowing to stop stalks developing is a good method of control if there are too many to chip out. And, for nearly all our weeds, a healthy ground cover is a major deterrent.



We will have up to six new iPads available for our clients to access. Clients can receive an iPad to use free of charge for 6 months. We will set you up and pay for the connection plan for the 6-month loan duration.

Ruth is returning to work with for the project duration and will be able to assist you to use the iPad and learn how to access the internet, make video calls to your friends and family,

Great news!! Our Combatting Social Isolation with iPads project has been re-funded for another round.

telehealth conferences, take part in online exercise sessions, take pictures or video, borrow a book from the library, watch a movie or play games!

You will need to be registered with My Aged Care to be eligible – don't worry, if you aren't we can help you with that as well. If you would like to participate or would like more information, please give the office a call on 02 6036 3677.

INTRODUCING THE NSW GROWING REGIONS OF WELCOME PILOT PROGRAM - RESEARCH PROJECT

As part of a NSW Government program to work with local communities to attract migrants and refugees to resettle



in regional NSW, Greater Hume residents are being invited to provide feedback about welcoming newcomers to their local neighbourhoods. Research and community consultation will be led by Holbrook's Deborah Atkins. Deborah Atkins (pictured above) has been appointed by Greater Hume Council to undertake research across our region.

Across February and March, Deborah will meet with residents, community group representatives, local businesses and other key stakeholders to get their input and views.

As a business owner you may be contacted and invited to participate in a one on one interview. Deborah's work will seek to understand current community attitudes and preparedness to welcome newcomers, available services and employment opportunities, as well to understand the journey so far for the many newcomers who already live here.



PROBUS - BOYS TO THE BUSH

by Herb Simpfendorfer

At the recent Probus meeting in Culcairn, we heard about an organisation that works with at-risk boys.



The speaker, Tim Sanson, told us of teenagers who face a number of obstacles in their lives. Some choose to stay in their rooms, and rarely leave their houses.

When teenagers are brought into the Boys to the Bush program, they are mentored 1 on 1. The activities are mostly outdoors, usually on farms, and even on a farm near Walla recently. They have been successful in engaging with these boys and linking them with their communities.

The organisation has its headquarters in Albury, with bases in Forbes and Bathurst. It helps boys, mainly of teenage years, to develop skills to become good men, who have what we regard as good living skills.

The program has as its mottos:

- Assist boys to become good men.
- It's easier to build a strong boy than repair a broken man.

Of interest to readers of this newsletter, Walla Walla was mentioned along with all other towns in our area, where there are teenagers who need help.

Just about everything Tim told us at the meeting can be found on the Internet using the web site Boys to the Bush.

The website gives contact details which may be useful for parents:

info@boystothebush.org.au

WALLA BUSINESSES: ELDERS LIMITED

Written by Matt Hicks and Françoise McPherson

Past: Elders was founded in 1839 by Alexander Lang Elder in Adelaide. Initially, the business was known as Elder, Stirling & Co to incorporate the other names of the initial partners of Edward Stirling, Robert Barr Smith and John Taylor. In 1863, the company changed name to Elder Smith & Co following the retirement of Stirling and Taylor. A merger occurred in 1888 between Elder Smith & Co and its subsidiary Elders Wool & Produce Ltd.

The Walla Walla branch opened in late 2017 after the closure of competitor, Landmark. They left a large opening in the local area which was seen as a great opportunity to open an Elders branch and support the locals with their farm supplies requirements.



Present: Elders has in excess of 2000 employees across its main divisions in Australia, New Zealand and China. Services include:

- Rural products (seed, fertilisers, animal health, farm input commodities);
- Financial services (banking and insurance);
- Real estate services (marketing and sale of farms, stations and rural lifestyle blocks as well as residential property management and mortgage brokering);
- Agency services (1. livestock auctions, 2. wool brokerage: largest brokerage firm for greasy wool, 3. grain marketing, 4. Livestock exports & feedlot sales);
- Feed & processing services (Killarra feedlot near Tamworth; Australian meat exported to China and its processing and distribution in China);
- Thomas Elder markets set up in

July 2020 to provide independent objective analyses of agricultural commodities and;

- Australian Rural Independent retailers acquired in July 2019 for \$187 million to provide an independent buying and marketing group for rural merchandise, produce and pet stores such as Tuckers.

Some subsidiaries of Elders include Elders Vet Supplies, Elders Forestry Ltd, PT Elders Indonesia, Elders Financial Services Group, Elders Telecommunications Infrastructure Pty, Futuris Automotive Pty Ltd, Elders Fine Foods Company (Shanghai), Keratin Holdings Pty, YP Ag, among others.

The Walla store carries a full range of rural merchandise (such as gates, electrical fencing components, ear tags etc) and chemicals (such as fertiliser, livestock drenches etc) which is supplied from the main Albury store as well as a large warehouse in Wagga Wagga along with products direct from individual suppliers. Elders also stocks bulk bags of items such as chicken layer pellets and dog food as well as cattle and sheep vaccines in the fridge. If it's not in stock, it can be ordered from the Elders warehouse or Albury shop.

There is also access to agronomists and animal health specialists out of Albury who can assist with any crop and animal production questions that growers and producers may have. The Walla store is stocked daily with deliveries brought by several different freight companies. One of these courier companies had a driver who was so absent-minded one day he forgot to stop at any other Walla locations after the usual stop at DE Lieschke & Son and didn't realise he still had pallets bound for Elders on the truck until he returned to the Albury freight depots.

In the last 2 years the store has had Tony Maher from Elders insurance on site Tuesdays and Thursdays to look after any insurance requirements which has been very helpful with



a number of clients utilising Tony's expert advice and customer service for their insurance needs.

The store operates 5 days per week with one employee, Matt Hicks. Previously Matt was employed by Elders' predecessor Landmark in the same location.

Elders is a very profitable nationwide chain of stores and is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. They also give back to the rural communities. Examples include the Elders Give It community program which raises funds for not-for-profit organisations such as Beyond Blue, Royal Flying Doctor Service and Landcare. There's a RFDS plane which has the Elders logo on its fuselage to reflect Elders' 3-year sponsorship. Small town Elders stores also sponsor local events and community or sporting groups as well as raise funds to help out farmers affected by bushfires, floods and other disasters.

Future: At this stage, there are no plans to expand the Walla based Elders business.

Reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elders_Limited



ANIMALS IN WAR MEMORIAL DAY - 24 FEBRUARY [CONT'D]

The other one is Bill, a cantankerous chestnut stallion (below left), who was used as a packhorse as he bucked off all soldiers who tried to ride him except one. But during the Battle of Romani, he not only carried his rider but also 4 Tasmanian soldiers to safety at the same time at a gallop through the battlefield after their horses were shot dead from underneath them.



The Battle of Beersheba is forever famous because Beersheba was a strategic town with water wells that had to be captured as the horses had gone without water for several days. The order was given to advance mounted at a gallop instead of soldiers going in on foot and this charge of 800 horses of the 4th and 12th Light Horse Regiments took the Turks completely by surprise. They didn't have time to adjust their rifle scopes. The capture of Beersheba led to the fall of the Ottoman Empire and changed the course of WW1.

Private John (Jack) Simpson of the 3rd Field Ambulance and his donkey (above, right) are famous for transporting wounded soldiers. Private Simpson worked with many donkeys and they brought many wounded soldiers to the beach for treatment, sadly John Simpson was killed in action on 19 May 1915. Donkeys and mules were used because they were smaller than horses and better able to cope carrying heavy loads over arid terrain. Apart from being living 'ambulances', donkeys also carried ammunition, supplies and water up steep hillsides from Anzac Cove to the men in the trenches.

Dogs: Dogs were used to sniff out explosives and land mines, warn of advancing enemy soldiers and relay messages. They also brought supplies to wounded soldiers so they could treat their wounds themselves, pulled machine guns and 'mercy dogs' offered comfort to dying soldiers.

Some served in the Air Force and were parachuted into battle grounds. Many were sourced from animal

shelters and when more were needed, they were offered by their owners. Germany alone used 30,000 dogs in their military. An exceptional Belgian Malinois shepherd dog, Kuga, served with the Australian SAS in Afghanistan with the Special Air Regiment in 2011. He received the Dickin Medal posthumously for outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty by discovering an ambush which saved the Aussie soldiers. Kuga was shot five times and while surviving the initial attack, Kuga died from his injuries less than a year after returning to Australia.

Pigeons: Approximately 100,000 pigeons served as messengers between units and between soldiers in camp and in the trenches. Pigeons had to not only fly through the gauntlet of gunfire but also dodge their natural enemies such as falcons and deal with adverse weather. Not all messages reached their destination. In Europe, messenger pigeons flew across the North Sea between the UK and Belgium, France, Germany and Netherlands.

Camels: Camels were introduced into Australia in the 1860's by Afghans to build the rail tracks between Adelaide and Darwin (route of The Ghan train) through the arid outback. Camels were used by the Allies to transport equipment and people during Middle East conflicts. Some camels were used as a makeshift 'ambulance' to transport wounded soldiers with stretcher-like cacolets attached to the saddle. In 1916, the Imperial Camel Corps Brigade was formed in Egypt between Australia, NZ and the UK. However, in 1918, the camels were replaced by horses and the soldiers were transferred to Lighthorse Regiments. Lest we forget.



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SOCIAL MEDIA SUPERSTARS

Some of our locals are shining a light on Walla through Social Media & the news.

West Walla Farm was featured in the Australian Gourmet Traveller Magazine HQ - The Mayonnaise Master with Tobias' French Mayonnaise picked as the GT Team Favourite in their January Five of a Kind. Retrieved from Country Change Facebook page (28 January 2022).



The Mickan Brothers placed first in the prestigious annual Suncorp Bank Wheat competition for the Southern Region with their 8.3t/ha Rockstar crop.

Retrieved from The Land Facebook page (18 January 2022)



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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.

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| Beyond Blue | 1300 224 636 |
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- Veranda of Walla Walla Bowling Club

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- Kotzur Pty Ltd - Ph: 6029 4700
- St Paul's College - Ph: 6029 2200
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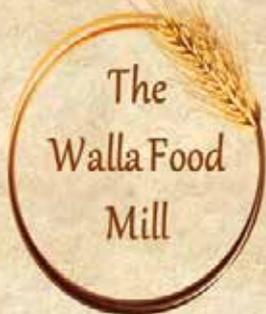
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MARCH

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 • Social Tennis, 9am Walla Courts • RWW Giants Preseason Netball Training, Walbundrie, 6:30pm | 2 • Social Bowls, 6:30pm, BC • RWW Giants AGM, 6:30pm, Sportsground | 3 • Water Aerobics, 5:30pm • RWW Giants Preseason Netball Training, Walbundrie, 6:30pm | 4 • World Day of Prayer, Lutheran Church, 10am | 5 • Croquet, 8:30am Bowling Club • Open Air Movie, 8:30pm, Pool • Cricket Preliminary Final | 6 • Wally Wipeout, Pool |
| 7 • Croquet, 8:30am, BC • RR Library at WWPS 9am - 11am • Senior Citizens, 1:30pm, Bowling Club • Water Aerobics, 5:30pm | 8 • Social Tennis, 9am Walla Courts • Service NSW, 12:30pm - 3:30pm, next to WAW | 9 • Social Bowls, 6:30pm, BC • Probus, 10am, Walla Walla, Lutheran Church Hall | 10 • Water Aerobics, 5:30pm • RWW Giants Netball Junior Training - Walla Sportsground, 5pm | 11 | 12 • Croquet, 8:30am Bowling Club • Markets at the G-Rodge Gerogery Hotel, 4pm - 8pm • Cricket Grand Final | 13 • End of Swimming Season |
| 14 • Croquet, 8:30am Bowling Club • RR Library at WWPS 9am - 11am | 15 • Social Tennis, 9am Walla Courts | 16 • Council Meeting, 6pm Culcairn • Social Bowls, 6:30pm, BC | 17 • RWW Giants Junior Netball Training, Walla, 5pm | 18 | 19 • Croquet, 8:30am Bowling Club | 20 |
| 21 • Croquet, 8:30am Bowling Club • RR Library at WWPS 9am - 11am | 22 • Social Tennis, 9am Walla Courts | 23 • Red Cross, 2pm, Baptist Church Hall • Social Bowls, 6:30pm, BC | 24 • RWW Giants Junior Netball Training, Rand, 5pm • Praying for WW, 7:30pm, Lutheran Church Hall | 25 | 26 • Croquet, 8:30am Bowling Club | 27 • RWW Giants Season Launch, Barefoot Bowls, 10am start, Rand Bowling Club |
| 28 • Croquet, 8:30am Bowling Club • RR Library at WWPS 9am - 11am | 29 • Social Tennis, 9am Walla Courts | 30 • Social Bowls, 6:30pm, BC | 31 • RWW Giants Junior Netball Training, Rand, 5pm | | | |

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL COMMUNITY EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
Please contact the event organizer for further information

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

Walla Walla Bowling Club 6029 2146

Monday - Wednesday: 5.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday - Friday: 5.30 - 9.30pm
Saturday: 5 - 9pm
Meals are available Friday evenings

WAW Credit Union 6029 2392

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

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Sunday 12 - 2pm
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Walla Walla Hair Salon 6029 2277

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

Walla Food Mill 6029 2033

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

Morgan's Lookout

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Daylight savings time: 8am - 7pm
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Terry White Chemist Walla Walla 6029 2496

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Facebook: Terry White Chemmart Walla

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Wednesday: 9.30am - 3pm
Friday: 9.30am - 5pm
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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

Sundays 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

Community Service on the 5th Sunday of the Month

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If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised Him from death, you will be saved.
Romans chapter 10 verse 9



PRAYING FOR WALLA WALLA

When: Thursday 24th March 7.30pm
Where: Lutheran Church Hall
Prayer Requests: Jenny Jacob 0409830225
All Welcome!!



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BOOK CLUB

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Contact: Marj Rayner
0459 292 233

RED CROSS

The next meeting will be Wednesday 23 March at 2pm at the Baptist Church Hall.

All Welcome!

Enquiries: Dorothy Cremer
0448 095 852

SENIOR CITIZENS

Ten members were welcomed to our first meeting for 2022. As we haven't met since June 2021, it was good to see those who attended.

This meeting was an AGM. We have a change to the Executive. Unfortunately, I have resigned from my position as President. There was no one to take my place. I will remain as Stand in President. Bruce Barkley remains Vice President. Margaret Gardiner has accepted the position as Secretary. Elizabeth Heir remains Treasurer. Dianne Weeding is Assistant Treasurer. Grace Wenke is Publicity Officer. Rosalind Lieschke was thanked for the work she did as Secretary.

Memberships are now due and remain at \$10.

Seniors meet the first Monday of each month at 1.30pm at the Walla Bowling Club.

Next Meeting: March 7th. Guest Speaker: Valmai Ryan: Zone Representative of Red Cross.

Come and Join us! We have a lot of fun!

Guest Speakers and Bingo always a favourite!

Dorothy Cremer 0448 095 852

THE FESTIVAL OF SENIORS WEEK

Some activities have been suggested for the Council organised and funded Seniors Week program at Walla Walla on Friday April 8th 10am – 2pm.



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The activities planned would be presented by people in our community at the new Sports Ground facility in Walla Walla.

Activities could be: Presentations using the large TV screen, decorating display, Senior exercises, pictures of past events, demonstrations, tricks, town historical highlights, how to play cards, even some very early movie clippings. We could have several events following each other.

A light luncheon would be supplied at about midday. General socialising after 2pm.

Appreciate advising persons below by the end of this month details of any special costs etc. for us to prepare the days programme. There will be a lucky door prize from the Greater Hume Council.

Any persons willing to contribute or need more information, please contact Council member Susan Kane, 02 6036 0179 M: 0417212069, www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au or Ross Krause, 0427651711, email: ross@rosskad.com.au

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The 2022 World Day of Prayer service with the theme England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be held in the Lutheran Church 17 Commercial St, Walla Walla on Friday 4th March, beginning at 10 am. All welcome.

Enquiries: Monica Simpfendorfer
0427907532



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RAINFALL AT WALLA WALLA

as recorded at the Walla Post Office

JANUARY 2022

Jan 6 (42.0 mm), 7 (51.0 mm), 8 (17.2mm), 15 (29.8 mm), 18 (2.2 mm), 29 (73.6 mm), 30 (2.0 mm), 31 (1.8 mm)

Total for January 219.6 mm. For 2022 to end of Jan. 219.6mm

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!!



Pool News

Another swimming pool season is nearly over. The weather has been a bit all over the place this season especially early on and with Covid restrictions it was an up and down start to the season.

The pool committee will hold its annual open air movie night on March 5th, 8:30pm. The Kiosk will be open and there will be time for a short swim under lights at the completion of the movie. Cost is pool entry, (see right).

Thank you to Greater Hume Shire Council, pool maintenance staff and all the lifeguards for their efforts this year, without you the pools would be unable to operate.

Also a big thank you to the volunteers who run the kiosk, the ladies who give up a lot of their spare time so that people can enjoy an ice cream or hot chips if they are hungry, especially on weekends when not much is open. Next time you purchase something, why not thank them for their efforts, it would be much appreciated.

Lastly thank you to Leeny and Lynette who ran the Aqua classes again this season.

The Walla Walla War Memorial Swimming Pool committee.



WALLA WALLA POOL OPENING HOURS

Walla Walla (phone 6029 2408)

| Start Date | End Date | Monday to Friday | Saturday | Sunday | |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Sat 06/11/2021 | Sun 12/12/2021 | 3.00 - 6.30 | 3.00 - 7.00 | 2:00 - 6:30 | Closed Tuesday |
| Mon 13/12/2021 | Sun 23/1/2022 | 2.00 - 7.00 | 3.00 - 7.00 | 2:00 - 7:00 | Open 7 days |
| Mon 24/1/2022 | Sun 13/3/2022 | 3.00 - 6.30 | 2.00 - 8.00 | 2:00 - 7:00 | Closed Tuesday |

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

WALLY WIPEOUT

**SUNDAY 6 MARCH
FROM 2PM**





WALLA WALLA PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Today's Learners,
Tomorrow's Leaders*

Welcome back or welcome to Walla Walla PS 2022. We're off to an exceptional start for the year with both new and established students settling in easily and coping well with work and play and doing all the right things as expected. The tone of the school is positive and comfortable. We continue to follow our school PBL values We are: Caring, Cooperative and Resilient. We have some exciting PBL Awards to share with you all in our next newsletter. Our new Kindergarten students were warmly welcomed and were so happy starting 'real school'.

I am very excited to be your relieving principal for 2022. Mrs Duncan has taken up a leadership position at Thurgoona PS. I would like to thank Helen for her warm welcome and smooth handover. I can see that she has dedicated many years to this lovely school. I have previously been an Instructional Leader and Deputy Principal at schools in Albury. I am enjoying a nice morning drive out to Walla Walla. This was my hometown, and I did all my primary school learning at Walla Walla Public School. It brought back pleasant memories as I walked through the gates.

I welcome back to our team Mrs Tara Scott, Mrs Kate Miller, Mrs Anne Noll and Ms Rachel Koschitzke. Your children are very lucky to have these dedicated and friendly staff members. We wish Mrs Gloria Dittko a lovely time on her Long Service Leave.

We welcome Maverick, Avah, Karlie and Tabatha (pictured top right) to

Kindergarten as well as welcome Spencer, Jude and Cooper to Walla Walla Public School!

We had our first assembly for the year. We presented our School Leaders, Emily, Hamish and Cooper (pictured middle right) with their badges as well as celebrated students' achievements in the first week of school! Congratulations to all award winners.

Positive Behaviour for Learning, PBL, is a fantastic way to recognise the wonderful, positive behaviour of our students!

Pictured below left is Avah receiving the first PBL ticket for great listening in assembly. These tickets will fill the PBL bucket and will reward both individually as well as whole school.

Well done to all our Walla Walla students who represented our school at the Walbundrie Small Schools Swimming Carnival. We had great success in the pool with multiple students receiving certificates for their efforts, with Adelaide (pictured below) also being awarded 11yrs Girls Age Champion and Emily (pictured below right) Seniors Girls Runner Up Age Champion!

We wish all the students attending the Southern Riverina Swimming Carnival all the best.

2022 will be an exciting educational journey for us all.

**Nicole Smith
Relieving Principal**





The College of **St. Paul's**

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

Welcome Anita

Our new Principal, Anita Morton was Installed by Lutheran Church NSW Bishop Robert Bartholomaeus on Sunday 30th January at Zion Lutheran Church. Anita comes to us from Luther College in Melbourne, and we are thrilled to welcome Ms Morton as leader of our College and look forward to an exciting new chapter at St Paul's!



New Staff Installation

On the first day of Term 1, our new staff were installed into the College. This year we welcome: Jayanthi Viswanathan, Mathematics; Anita Morton; Laura Chettleburgh, KLA Coordinator English; and Laura Thompson, Mathematics and Science.



2021 Graduating Class

Congratulations to our Class of 2021 who graduated in December last year (see photo above). The event was held at the Commercial Club in Albury where Graduates, families and staff celebrated in style.

Australia Day 2022

On Australia Day, members of our College community were celebrated at the Greater Hume Shire event in Holbrook. Congratulations to Tilly Phegan (Year 11), Macey Bullock (Year 7), Kaycee Thomas (Year 7), and Olivia Odewahn (Year 7) for receiving School Citizenship Awards. Ben Parker (Year 12) was joint winner for Sports Person/Team of the Year.



Congratulations Sara

Congratulations to Sara Burns, Year 10, a member of the Riverina Bullets Cricket Team who won the Plan B Women's Regional Bash. Sara was awarded the player of the match with a match winning 27 not out.



At St Paul's, we believe in the unique skills and gifts of each child. Our unique setting allows us to offer a holistic educational experience including equine, agriculture, day and boarding. Our balanced approach prioritises academic pursuits while also preparing our students for a life beyond the classroom.

Round 1 enrolments for 2023 now open until 30 May



Come and meet with our Principal, Ms Anita Morton and staff to see for yourself what makes St Paul's such a special place.

Please visit our website www.stpaulscollege.nsw.edu.au and register your interest or call (02) 6029 2200



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