



## Your July 2019 community newsletter

### WALLA WALLA SWAPMEET, SHOW & SHINE 2019

With a June event, it was bound to happen eventually and we ended up with a wet day for our 5th annual Swapmeet, Show & Shine on Monday 10th June (Queen's Birthday Public Holiday).

Due to the weather, this was the first year our attendance didn't grow. BUT we were still very excited by the amount of people, show vehicles and swappers that did show up despite the weather! We had 19 trophies this year; winners and more photos can be found on our Facebook page. A huge thankyou to all our sponsors: DE Lieschke & Son, PJN Steel Fabrication, Wiesners, Hoffmann Transport, Oz's Body & Paint, Shannon's Insurance, Kotzur Pty Ltd, DJ's Fine Fast



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Dave Graham's wood raffle was again very successful with the proceeds going to the junior footballers and netballers, and the Public School P&C did even better than last year with their cake stall.

The Rand Walbundrie Walla Giants Football & Netball Club provided catering, bar and kids activities and the Walla Motoring Club provided volunteers for parking and gate duties. The Sportsground Committee took care of the toilets. There was also a lot of people from Walla just offering to lend a hand, which was much appreciated. It's fantastic to see so many people getting involved.

The Pub once again had a big night on the Sunday. Once again we had lots of people commenting they had never been to Walla before. It's great to have a successful fundraiser for the Giants FNC but to see other local committees and businesses do well out of the event is what the organisers really like to see.

As we do every year, we will make a couple of small improvements and be back bigger & better next year!

A HUGE THANKYOU to all that volunteered, and thanks to everyone that just comes and enjoys the day as well. It's great to get so many people out to Walla for our event.

*Daniel & Dave*



## SQUIRREL GLIDERS SEARCH AT WALLA WALLA GUM SWAMP

On 26th April over 70 local Walla residents and friends huddled together to search for Squirrel Glider's (a threatened species) at Walla Walla Gum Swamp. The Walla Walla Gum Swamp committee hosted a BBQ dinner then local ecologist, Damian Michael talked us through the techniques of stag watching.

A stag is a word used to describe big old trees – alive or dead that are standing and host many hollows. Squirrel gliders emerge from tree hollows right on sunset when all you can really see are the silhouettes of the trees. The gliders move very quickly to the



top of the host tree and then launch themselves off and glide to other trees to head out and forage (mostly for insects, spiders and possible lerp on the leaves of the eucalypts).

Damian settled family and friends close to pre-selected suitable trees 20 minutes before sunset. This allows for eyes to adjust to the fading light and ears to adjust to the twilight sounds. We didn't spot any squirrel gliders this time, but all reported large numbers of the small insectivorous bats which is positive. After regrouping Damian led a spotlighting walk. At least 6 ringtail possums and several brushtail possums were seen. Unfortunately, the spotlighting team also spotted a cat. This highlighted an important point about keeping our domestic cats in at night and managing feral cat populations.

Despite not seeing any squirrel gliders this time, locals have reported them in the area. Areas like Walla Walla Gum Swamp are very important due the large number of trees with hollows, which are critical for squirrel gliders.

*By Lou Bull, Squirrel Glider Project Officer, Petaurus Education Group*



Above: Group photo at the top of the climb

## TABLE TOP MOUNTAIN CLIMB

Walla Walla Lutheran Youth recently organised a memorable climb of Table Top Mountain. On 26th May, more than sixty people assembled at the foot of the mountain for a picnic lunch. People of all ages, ranging from six to sixty, then made the trek up the mountain. The walk was just over an hour one way, but the spectacular view from the top was well worth it! The prevailing comment was "I've always wanted to do this climb, and now I have!" It was a wonderful experience to explore and enjoy God's creation in community.

*Pastor Dan Mueller*



Above: Leonie Carey (Secretary) and Daniel Nadebaum (President), of the Walla Walla Development Committee, gave Françoise (left) a thank you gift at a recent meeting.

## THANK YOU TO THE OUT-GOING EDITOR

Over the past four years, Françoise McPherson has done a great job of editing the Walla Walla Newsletter each month. She has now stepped down from the role, but will remain as part of the advisory team. The Community Development committee, the Newsletter Committee and the new Editors would like to thank Françoise for her time and effort put into this monthly publication.

*The Community Development Committee, The Newsletter Committee and the Walla Newsletter Editors*

## HISTORY OF WALLA WALLA - HORSE RACING AT WALLA WALLA (PART 1 OF 3)

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1919 the first event was held under the name of Walla Walla Amateur Picnic Racing Club. So, we could say that we are recognising a centenary of sorts.

Racing at Walla has gone through three distinct incarnations, **1896 to 1906, The Walla Walla Racing Club; 1919 to 1928, The Walla Walla Amateur Picnic Racing Club; 1933 & 1935, The Walla Walla St Patricks Racing Club,** (events were held on St. Patricks Day.)

### Early Years.

Racing horses was part of the Walla district from back in the days of the squatters, with informal challenge or scratch races between individuals, station staff and settlers alike, to see who had the better horse, or just a short sprint of "drag" usually emanating as a bit of fun, there is even mention of a competitive gallop home from church. **In February 1889, we find the first mention of an organised event.** "...excitement during two Saturdays, several of our local young men going in for horse racing; but on both occasions the favourite was beaten, and it is said considerable sums of money were lost on the favourite." *Albury Banner, 8<sup>th</sup> February 1889, p17. Walla Correspondent.*

### The First Events. 1896 to 1906.

The first Walla Racing Club races under the direction of a committee organised in 1896 were held annually during this time on Easter Monday, with the exception of 1905 when the horse races were substituted with sports/athletics day for people. (Running, jumping, team/individual games and bike riding events, more on these days in a later issue).

**These early racing days were held in at least two different locations; at the Gum Swamp reserve, and in a "paddock behind the Hotel."** The Gum Swamp was some distance away and effort was needed to organise these annual days. The hotel had to organise food, and a booth licence, the track had to be marked out and, being a reserve, there were plenty of trees and logs as obstacles. The paddock behind the Hotel, as described by a Correspondent in 1899 was "in a stubble paddock, which the rain had made fetlock deep." **The course was rated as very, very heavy,** but there is no indication of exactly where the course was. **On this occasion and other race days at the Hotel, the athletic and games events were held on the Main Street, in front of the Hotel.** In 1899 it was estimated that around 500 people were present, other years were given as good attendances both from locals and non-locals. Horses came from local farms, Albury, Walbundrie, Corowa, Jindera and other localities in the district. Often the last event finished in the dark and the meeting included false starts, shortened races and even a full race rerun! I'm not sure what the serious punters and bookies made of that.

**WALLA WALLA RACES.**

To be held at WALLA WALLA on  
**EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 11.**

**PROGRAMME.**

To start at 1 p.m.

**TRIAL STAKES.** Six furlongs. First prize £1, second 5s.

**WALLA WALLA HANDICAP.** One mile. Priz. £5; second horse to receive £1 from stakes. Nomination 2s. 6d., acceptance 2s. 6d.

**PONY RACE.** Four furlongs. First £1, second 5s.

**HANDICAP TROT.** Twice round course. First £1, second 5s.

**FLYING HANDICAP.** Six furlongs. First £1, second 10s.

**CONSOLATION STAKES.** Six furlongs. First £1, second 10s.

**RACES for BRIDLES during the day.**

Nomination for Walla Walla Handicap to be in the hands of the secretary before noon 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Decisions of the stewards to be final in all cases.

E. D. HEPPNER, Secretary,  
Walla Walla

All these race days included some athletics/games for the public, interspersed between the main horse events. Regular races on each occasion were: Trial Stakes, Walla Walla Handicap, Pony Race, Hack Race, Flying Handicap and Consolation Stakes. On one occasion there was even a jumps race on the program, on another there was a Handicap Trot. After 1899, a dance was held in the evening in the new brick hall built by the hotel owner, Mr. Winkleman, across the road, where Wiesner's office and workshop are now. Seemingly on a high, the 1906 event was the last race meeting for another 13 years.

In 1901, in the Walla Handicap, after running about a half a mile, Charcoal ran off into a wire fence and broke his neck, the jockey suffered a severely broken arm and was conveyed to Albury, Bo Peep won the Pony Race, and the Hack Race was as usual, a full field.

Hack races were for horses with little or no potential, your average farm horse, and at least for the 1919 to 1924 racing period, it was stipulated that contestants for the hack race had to be from within 20 miles of Walla Walla. These Hack events always ran a full field due to plenty of contestants, also the jockey weight was not a real concern, as farmers themselves or someone else who suited, often sometimes saddled up! So this was a fun event.

Tony Brinkmann

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## WALLA SILO ART – UPDATE

Exciting Developments!

With submissions from artists closing June 30, and some very interesting EOI already received, things are looking positive! Check out our Walla Silo Art Facebook page, where we have requested feedback on the subject matter for the artwork, and feel free to have your say!

We've had discussions with representatives from towns where similar art has already been completed. It seems the visitors and benefits to the areas have exceeded expectations!

There's been consultation with artists to gauge an estimate of costs involved in painting silos of this size and number: approximately \$35,000 plus equipment hire

Naturally, we welcome donations and have to-date received some very generous cheques and pledges. You might notice donation tins in local businesses, please support the initiative. If you would like a tin in your area, please let us know. We have also gathered a wonderful hamper of donations – with everything from a red wheelbarrow to a pressure washer, drill, day spa vouchers, motoring products, beauty and hair, meals and coffee vouchers, dog biscuits, oats, candles and more! Valued at \$1000 – keep an eye out for tickets, currently a book at DJ's Fine Fast Food. To be drawn at the Walla Town Market, July 14th.

The committee is also interested in street art, and looking for suggestions and offers of walls, sides of buildings, etc., which would be suitable for artwork – we are hoping to tie the theme together with the silos, and give travellers lots of reasons to visit our region.

Thank you to those who have contributed so far, and to those who are ambivalent – we have nothing to lose!

*Walla Silo Art Committee*



Donation tins above have been distributed across businesses in town.

## SCAM AWARENESS

Investment scams, Penalty scams, Prize scams, Romance scams. Have you ever received a phone call telling you your computer is not working, or a threat to pay money, or an email letting you know you have inherited millions? Well you are not alone! It seems everyday someone is calling with an offer too good to refuse. And the scams are getting more sophisticated all the time! Everyone is vulnerable and the statistics are frightening.

Holbrook-Walla Walla Meals on Wheels will be hosting a SCAM AWARENESS presentation at the Lutheran Church Hall in Commercial Street Walla Walla on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July in conjunction with Fair Trading NSW.

The presentation will inform you and hopefully make you aware of the tricks that scammers get up to while trying to separate you from your hard earned cash.

EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME TO ATTEND. IT'S FREE, NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

We are also hosting lunch and a chance to taste actual Meals on Wheels meals. Commencing at 12 noon we will be sampling the new menu prior to the presentation. The light tasting lunch will commence at 12 noon while the Scam Awareness presentation will commence at 12.40pm.

We would appreciate an RSVP for catering purposes. Please call Sue or Jenna on 02 60363677 to let us know if you plan on attending or have any questions.

*Sue Winnett - Service Manager*

*Meals on Wheels*

*Holbrook - Walla Walla*



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# MAINLY MUSIC

For parents and children under school age.

At the Baptist Church, 5 Market St.

1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at 10am.

Enjoy singing, music time, morning tea and playtime.

Cost: \$5 per family.

Enquiries: Jill Shipard 0427 694 554 or  
Dianne Leahy 0409 648 063



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

## TAKE OLD BATTERIES TO LIESCHKE MOTORS

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



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Proverbs 16 v 24

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It seems a long time ago that we had the Anzac Day Service as I omitted putting in a report last month. We had a very successful day selling all the sandwiches, cakes etc. **Thank you** to all who participated and supported our Branch, and taking part in the march.

May 12<sup>th</sup> we had a cake Stall, although it was Mothers Day. We were able to raise \$141 with a \$20 donation = \$161. **Our next Cake Stall is July 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Walla Markets. Ladies, please keep that date in your diary.

Again on Voting Day, we ran a Raffle for a box of mixed fruit & veg. Congratulations to our winner, Mark Kirk.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> The Culcairn Branch hosted the yearly Conference which was well attended. Four of our Members went. There were 2 Guest Speakers. The first speaker spoke of the Introduction process that the refugees have to go through to get entry into Australia and of the difficulties they have in the language and trust. They are also fearful for loss of friends and country. The second speaker spoke on the drought and how the towns are coping etc. Red Cross have set up a 'Let's Talk Program' & endeavouring to bring entertainment into the towns, inviting people to come and I guess the bottom line is SPEND!

May 29<sup>th</sup> was our monthly meeting and 6 members BRAVED the cold to attend.

Our Branch is extending an open invitation to you to attend our AGM & combining it with our 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on **July 24<sup>th</sup> 2pm Baptist Church. Come and share with us this wonderful milestone in our Branch.**

*Dorothy Cremer*

## SENIOR CITIZENS

Guest speaker at our June meeting was Karen from Half Waste Recycling Albury, where plastics are melted down and cardboard and other items are recycled. We were informed which bins they should be put in. Glass items are crushed and used for various things including a base for road works.

We were happy to have 3 new members join us at the meeting.

Members were reminded of the Christmas in July Casserole Luncheon on 1st July 12 noon at the Walla Bowling Club.

New members most welcome!

*Grace Wenke*

## BIGGEST MORNING TEA



20 guests attended the Biggest Morning Tea at the Baptist Church. Unfortunately, our guest speaker was unable to attend, but apart from that we all had a nice time together, raising \$542 on the day, plus I included the April Cake Stall of \$312 **totalling \$854.**

**A very BIG Thank You to the volunteers of Second Hand Rose for the generous donation of \$300, presented to me by Nola Scholz, a wonderful gift and well appreciated.** It's 20 years since the Biggest Morning Tea started in Walla and I'm pleased to tell you that \$10,116.70 has been raised. **Thank you all for your support.**

*Dorothy Cremer*

## HISTORIC HUMOUR

Question: In what place would a pig feel most at home?

Hint: Wallow, Wallow (...in the mud)

Answer: Walla Walla!

Explanation: In 1903, this joke was more closely aligned with how words were used at the time.

Source: Alexandra & Yea Standard 23rd October 1903.

*Tony Brinkmann*

# July Community Diary

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 - Croquet 8.30 am - Mainly Music 10am - Christmas in July, Walla Bowling Club 12 noon	2 - Social tennis 9.30 am	3	4	5 - Community gardens SPC 8.30 am	6 - Lions Club Newspaper pick up - Croquet 8.30 am - RWW vs Howlong (Howlong)	7
8 - Croquet 8.30 am - Scam Awareness, Lutheran Church Hall 12 noon	9 - Social tennis 9.30 am - WW Solar Farm, Bowling club 6pm	10	11	12 - Community gardens SPC 8.30 am	13 - Croquet 8.30 am	14 - Walla Walla Community Markets, Town Hall 2-4pm
15 - Croquet 8.30 am - Mainly Music 10am - Newsletter deadline	16 - Social tennis 9.30 am	17	18	19 - Community gardens SPC 8.30 am	20 - Croquet 8.30 am - RWW vs Murray Magpies ( <b>WALLA</b> )	21
22 - Croquet 8.30 am	23 - Social tennis 9.30 am	24 - Red Cross 80th Birthday, Baptist Church 2pm	25 - Praying for Walla, Lutheran Church Hall 8pm	26 - Community gardens SPC 8.30 am	27 - Croquet 8.30 am - RWW vs CDHBU (Coreen)	28
29 - Croquet 8.30 am	30 - Social tennis 9.30 am - Friends of Bi-Centennial Park 11:30am	31				

## LOCAL BUSINESSES

### Walla Walla Bowling Club 6029 2146

Mon - Sun: 5pm till closing

Catering every Friday Night with Bonanza drawn at 8pm.

### Walla Hotel 6029 2309

Mon - Sat - Opening at 11am; Sun - Opens 12 noon

Kitchen: Thursday-Saturday 6.30 - 8.30pm; Sunday 12-2pm

Meals other times if booked, take-away available.

### WAW Credit Union 6029 2392

Monday-Thursday: 12.30-4.30pm.

Friday: 11am-12.30pm (closed for lunch 12.30-1.30pm) Friday pm: 1.30-5.00pm

### Walla Store 6029 2231

Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm; Sat 8am - 12pm; Sun 8.30am - 11am.

### Second Hand Rose 6029 2116

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

### Walla Walla Post Office 6029 2300

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

### Walla Walla Hair Salon 6029 2277

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 5.30pm

### DJ's Fine Fast Food 6029 2033

Mon-Thurs: 7.30am - 3pm;

Fridays: 7.30am - 7pm;

Saturdays: 8.30am - 11.30am & 5-8pm

### Terry White Chemist Walla Walla 6029 2496

Mon-Fri: 9am - 5pm

Facebook: TerryWhite Chemmart Walla

### Hume Medical Centre Walla Walla

Mon: 8.30am-1pm; 2pm-5.30 pm;

Wed: 11 am-5.30 pm; Fri: 11 am-5.30 pm

Ph: **02 60732605** (during Walla opening hours) or **02 6036 2952** (Holbrook on other days)

## CHURCH TIMES

### Lutheran Church Walla Walla

1st & 3rd Sundays 9am

2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30am

Sunday School during 10:30am services in school term

Contact: Pastor Dan Mueller 0413 032 455

### Lutheran Church Alma Park

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10:30am

2nd & 4th Sundays 9am

Contact: Pastor Dan Mueller 0413 032 455

### Baptist Church Market St. Walla Walla

Every Sunday 10am

Children's program provided.

Contact: Kevin Newbold 0428 499 847

### Catholic Church Market St. Walla Walla

1st & 4th Sundays 6pm

Contact: Father Terence Mahedy 6029 8363

### Anglican Church Balfour St. Culcairn

9.30am each 1st & 3rd Sunday. Contact: Father Bob Done 6026 3691



PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT  
**WALLA WALLA SOLAR FARM**  
 Benambra Road, Walla Walla - NSW



# INVITATION

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION OPEN DAY NO. 2

**Please join the Bison Energy team for a project update on the proposed Walla Walla Solar Farm.**

**Date:** Tuesday, 9 July 2019  
**Place:** Walla Walla Bowling Club  
 111 Commercial Street,  
 Walla Walla NSW 2659  
**Time:** 18:00 to 20:00

This session will provide a project update based on the queries raised during the first Open Day (7 May 2019), as part of ongoing community engagement. It will also provide the outcomes of the completed independent specialist studies.

**There will be a formal presentation from 18:00 to 19:00** Thereafter, the project team will be available to answer any further queries you may have.

Should you need further information, please contact:  
 Raina Hatttingh - Project Community Liaison Officer  
 02 6971 9696 / [community@wallawallasolarfarm.com.au](mailto:community@wallawallasolarfarm.com.au)  
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-Articles should be received before 12pm on the 15th of each month; preferably as early as possible **before** deadline day.

-All articles should be kept concise to save space.

### TUESDAY SOCIAL TENNIS

Great to get out in the fresh air. We did miss one week with rain. Don't forget that we go to the Lutheran Hall for Table tennis if it is too wet outdoors. We have been down a bit in numbers, so please come and join in. It is the best way to get warm! 9.30am at the town courts. All welcome.

### BI-CENTENNIAL PARK

June 25th (Tuesday) at 11.30am we need to put in a big morning on the roses. Please come and join us if you have any expertise with pruning. Our July jobs day will be the 30th at 11.30 am. Come along, there is always a job to be done to keep the garden looking cared for. Any queries to Marj Rayner 60292240.

### WALLA WALLA AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting of the Walla Walla and District Historical Society

Tuesday 6th August, 2019

7.30pm at the Walla Walla Bowling Club

### CHURCH NOTICES

#### Praying for Walla:

Join us as we pray for each other, our community, and the world. We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Lutheran church hall from 8pm. Our next meetings are 27th June and 25th July. For prayer requests please contact Pastor Dan Mueller (0413 032 455).

#### Community church service:

Sunday 30th June, 10am, St Paul's College, all welcome, followed by morning tea.

### SINCERE THANKS - JOHN WENKE

Grace, Craig, Lyneen, Cheryl and families, sincerely Thank all those who attended John's funeral. To Pastor Mueller for his comforting service, Prof. Graham Lieschke who made a fitting finale for him, the Choir who sang so beautifully, the Ladies that catered for the crowd. Also for many flowers, cards, food and to the Cricket Club and R. F. S. for their Guard of Honour. We certainly appreciate every kindness to us on the passing of John.

Our Thanks!



The cool weather is finally here come into DJ's to warm the winter chills with a nice hot coffee or a soup and toastie.

Something warm for lunch, yummy pies and sausage rolls or just to catch up with friends.

Don't forget Pizza, fish and chips and more on Friday and Saturday nights.

Come and see Dena and the girls in July as I will be having some time off for an hip replacement, but hope to be back real soon.

Follow our Facebook Page for daily updates.

Janet & Dena

## WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY MARKETS

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2 - 4PM, TOWN HALL**

The markets are on again in July on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. We will be back in the main hall again as the painting and new floor will be completed. We will have our regular stall holders including Eaglerise Farm with their delicious range of organic lamb, beef and pork, plus many more goodies grown on their farm at Mul-lengandra, Val with her extensive range of jams, sauces and relishes, The Red Cross with their cakes, slices and biscuits and West Walla Farm with their pastured free-range eggs.

We are also very excited to have Ros joining us at the markets in July with a wide range of reusable products to help you eliminate single use plastic and also a range of natural skin care products. It will definitely be worth checking out. You will find beeswax food wraps, stainless steel straws, stainless steel pegs, bamboo toothbrushes, insect repellent, face wipes, shopping bags and so much more.

For more info please contact Elisa on 0431877499

Hope to see you there!

### WALLA WALLA TOWN HALL UPGRADE

The Walla Walla town hall main room is undergoing a massive upgrade, with painting, repairs, and now replacing the entire floor. The photo shows the situation a few weeks ago, with some of the floor replaced, and the rest waiting for more boards to arrive. This photo was taken from the upstairs projection room. At the time of the July Newsletter, the floor is finished. It looks very nice.

*Herb Simpfendorfer*



### WEEDS AT WALLA WALLA

We can forget about Bindii and Khaki Weed weed for about six months, because the frosts have started. The Walla folk have done well with the eradication project of these two.

However, there is still work to be done, tackling the Winter weeds, which are not nearly as bad, but are a nuisance. We need to get out our hoes and chip cape weed (also called dandelion) marshmellow, stinging nettles, (to see if you have found them, put the back of your hand on the leaves, and see if they sting), thistles, patto (get to them right now, before they flower), and onion weed (long very thin leaves, all coming out of the ground). Paspalum has met its match, because of our hoes. It is interesting that bridal creeper and lippia are noxious weeds in our area, even though they are good looking and seem to be harmless.

*Herb Simpfendorfer*

### MBI ENGINEERING NEW WORKSHOP IN TOWN

MBI Engineering is a company of electricians and electrical engineers that started in Walla Walla NSW in July 2014.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE NSW POLICE FORCE:

### LOCK IT, OR LOSE IT

As the Commander of the Murray River Police, it is my fundamental role to lead local Police in responding to crime and importantly, doing our best to prevent crime from occurring in the first place.

Did you know that an estimated 75% of property stolen from vehicles is as a result of the vehicles being left unlocked? Did you know that if you leave your tools or other equipment in the rear of your ute overnight, then you are simply setting yourself up as a 'victim of opportunity'?

Importantly, did you know that it is actually an offence to leave your vehicle unlocked and unsecured?

These are all important messages for me to get out there and to share with you. I say share because the security of our community is a mutual responsibility which we take very seriously and an area where we need your help.

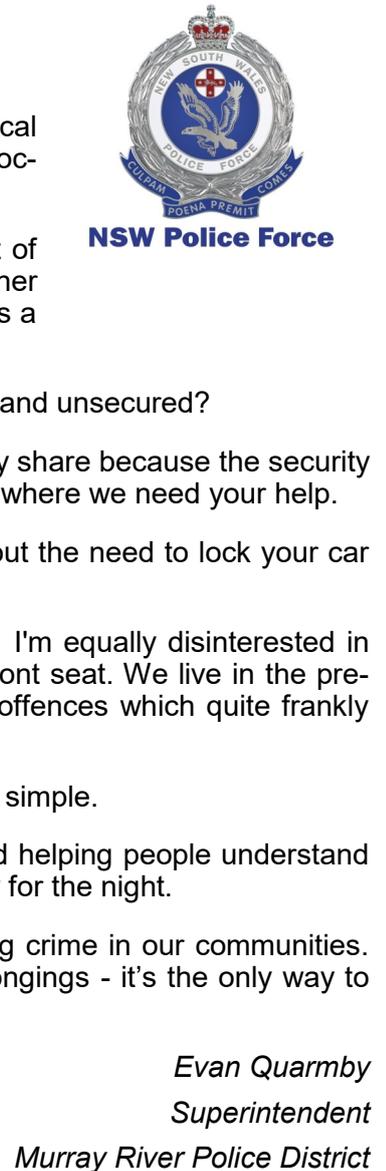
As much as we talk about locking your house, it is sad that we have to bang on about the need to lock your car regardless of how long you are going to be away from it. Especially overnight.

I really don't want to hear about the fact that people 'have always left it unlocked'. I'm equally disinterested in what happened in the 'good old days' when you used to leave the keys under the front seat. We live in the present, and in that present we are experiencing a spike in Steal from Motor Vehicle offences which quite frankly could have been avoided.

What I do care about is a safe and crime resistant community so my message is very simple.

This month, the Murray River Police District will be focussing on vehicle security and helping people understand the importance of locking cars and putting all that stuff in the back of the old ute away for the night.

Please help us focus on our fundamental role in responding to crime and preventing crime in our communities. Engage in some personal responsibility by locking your cars and securing your belongings - it's the only way to avoid becoming a victim of opportunity.



### WALLA WALLA CROQUET CLUB NEWS

Our Annual Tournament in May was very successful. The results:

Section A Doubles:

- \* Maria Harvey (Beechworth) & John Drummond (Wodonga)
- \* R/U Bev Zuber (Wodonga) & Helen Krause (Walla Walla)

Section B Doubles:

- \* Lola Westman (Wagga Wagga) & Gordon Falk (Wodonga)
- \* R/U Gail McPherson (Wodonga) & Kerrie Oswald (Walla Walla)

Section A Singles: Michael Matthews (Albury), R/U Terry Wilson (Wangaratta)

Section B Singles: Terry Walsh (Beechworth), R/U Christene Blay (Benalla)

Section C Singles: Harry Beazley (Albury), R/U Elise Downes (Wangaratta)

Congratulations to all winners.

On a sad note, one of our valued and active players Merwyn Newton passed away on 25<sup>th</sup> May. She will be sadly missed and our thoughts and condolences are with Merwyn's family.

*Helen Krause - Secretary*



Above: all the Doubles winners



# Walla Walla Public School News



## PAUL KELLY CUP

Congratulations to James, Bill and Harry who were integral members of the successful Walbundrie Small Schools football team, playing in the Albury Paul Kelly Cup.



Paul Kelly Cup: Harry, Bill & James

Today's LEARNERS, tomorrow's LEADERS

The team played in Albury last Friday and were placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the competition. Their final game against Trinity was a nail-biter, losing by a mere 2 points.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Our students' Cross Country success continued at the PSSA carnival on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

The following have all qualified to represent our school in Gundagai on 13<sup>th</sup> June:

- Evie Torrens- 1<sup>st</sup> place, 11yr girls
- Elka Torrens- 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 10yr girls
- Bill Phegan- 4<sup>th</sup> place, 12/13yr boys
- Emily Phegan- 4<sup>th</sup> place, 11yr girls
- Adelaide Phegan- 4<sup>th</sup> place, 8/9yr girls



Cross Country: Evie and Elka



Kinder Transition: Toby, Seth, Josephine, Dominic, Ben, Hannah (Eliza absent)

## KINDERGARTEN 2020 "FIRST STEPS TO SUCCESS"

Our Kindergarten 2020 Transition Program is progressing very well, with 7 eager new students coming to school, enjoying time with their year 5 buddies in the K-2 classroom and borrowing from the library. We look forward to seeing them all again next Term as our transition sessions continue.

# BILLABONG HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



## P&C MAJOR FUNDRAISING CAR RAFFLE 2019

**DRAW DATE:** 17th December 2019 (at the School Presentation night 2019)

**Prize:** 2019 Holden Trax LS 1.4L Turbo Auto Colour: Summit White with Jet Black trim. Valued at \$24,490 drive away, including 12 months NSW registration.

**COST: \$10 / TICKET** (note: maximum of 4000 tickets will be sold).

Generously supported by D.E. Lieschke & Son Pty Ltd, Walla Walla & Holbrook (Holden & Nissan Dealership, also providing all of your servicing needs).

Prize winner will be notified by phone if not in attendance at the School Presentation night (Billabong High School Hall, Culcairn).

Raffle result to be published in "The Border Mail" within 7 days of draw.



**Conditions:** in the event that not enough tickets to cover expenses are sold at the advertised draw date, the draw date will be extended by 3 monthly intervals until enough tickets are sold (minimum of 2000 tickets must be sold).



## Agriculture Development Plan

During 2018, the College held consultation with staff, students and parents to discuss our current and future development of our agriculture curriculum. We are now pleased to announce the launch of our Agriculture Development Plan for 2019—2021. Some of our priorities within the Plan over the next three years include:

- ◆ Upgrading of farm infrastructure eg shearing shed; sheep yards; classroom; machinery (we have been fortunate to secure funds for this year to get this started).
- ◆ Enhance community engagement eg. NSW Farmers; visiting speakers; partnerships; farm stays; excursions; parent farm network.
- ◆ Broaden range of livestock and introduce cropping eg goats; pigs; alpacas.
- ◆ Expand Ag curriculum eg. Diversification; innovation; animal health.
- ◆ Offer formal training eg Chemcert Course; Clipping Course, TAFE certificates.
- ◆ Focus on farm management eg. Stock; finance & budget, technology.



This is an exciting time for our community - watch this space for updates!

## Lieschkes say Farewell

Some of our Lieschke family members gathered one last time in front of the Lieschke Classroom Building on it's last day to farewell a College icon. Constructed in 1965, the building has been the home of Leidig Care Groups, computer classrooms, staff rooms and we are sure many tales and adventures. It makes way for a new teaching & learning hub which will have indoor and outdoor learning spaces, and will reflect the Australian bush land heritage and connection to the land.



Pictured below: Former Principal **Theo Helbig** & wife **Carolyn** visited this month. Theo was principal from 1986—1997. It was lovely to see them again.



**Spanish Fiesta** Students in Years 9 and 10 enjoyed as part of their language lesson, cooking tacos and dressing up! The Fiesta was to celebrate winning the battle of Puebla against the French in 1862. Pictured right: **Anna Toft**, and **Mrs Lourdes Sehm**



## Consider the Other

St Paul's Year 9 Rite Journey students got their hands dirty during the recent "Volunteer Recognition Week". Students visited the Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre at Burrumbuttock and planted, watered and staked over 80 trees. The Wirraminna volunteer group shared their knowledge and vast experience, encouraging our students as they worked together on their current planting project. The other student group worked in our town at a local house cleaning up and weeding. St Paul's College continues to live out our 2019 theme - "Consider the Other" in a practical way.

- SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN UNTIL 28 JUNE 2019 -

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