



Your July 2020 Community Newsletter

SCHIRMER'S OLD BAKERY COMES TO LIFE

Peter Graves purchased what is known by locals as Schirmer's Bakery in Commercial St, Walla Walla. In the six months since, he has done a major renovation and upgrades of the building to bring it to a standard for a new lease of life.

For the older folk of our town, there would be memories of the bakery still being used to bake bread for sale to locals. In those days, Mackie's store was very important, along with many other places, including three banks and a butcher to name a few. These were the days of yesteryear, when our town was a thriving center for many people. The last bread made at the bakery was sold in 1980.

Now forty years later, the building is coming out of a deep sleep, to become an important place again for locals, and the rapidly growing tourist industry.



Peter Graves and the newly refurbished baker's oven

In this building, Walla Wares has recently opened in the front section. For sale on weekends are items of yesteryear, which are becoming very popular with collectors, tourists and locals.

The vision is to create a hub of pop up shops in conjunction with Walla Wares, selling local works of art, craft items, coffee, assorted foods, fresh daily baked bread, pies, bakery delights and locally grown fruit, vegetables and produce (see photo [page 5](#)).

The original bakehouse has been fully renovated with the original cast iron wood fired oven as the main centre piece. The bake house will make an excellent back drop for small conferences, meetings, functions and public entertainment.

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ALLAN OFAK



1st March 1965 - 1st June 2020

The people of Walla Walla pay an unreserved tribute to Allan for making our town a better place. Allan touched the lives of our whole community and beyond with his loving, caring, cheerful, positive personality. He was always ready to help anyone.

Almost single handedly, he set up the Regional Bus service two years ago. It is now running smoothly, going from strength to strength. With very little cost to our residents, it takes people from their front doors to any place in Albury at any time between 7 am and 6 pm, and then home again, after booking in with a phone call on all days except weekends. Many very grateful people use the service, which has now upgraded to include a pick up service. Walla Walla has indeed become a much better place because of this service.

The story of Allan's life can be found on [page 7](#) in this Newsletter. He is survived by his wife Karen, and daughter Petrea. Karen has been important in many areas, including the Public School canteen, swimming pool, Gum Swamp, Red Cross and the Walla Markets. Petrea has been an upcoming star on the stage, with her many talents, and will no doubt continue to bring smiles to the faces in our community. Our sincere condolences to Karen and Petrea.

The Ofa family has been an inspiration to many, and we praise them for their contributions to our town.

Contributed by the people of Walla Walla

GREATER HUME CHILDREN SERVICES

We acknowledge the Wiradjuri people and the land where Walla Walla services takes place and recognise elders past, present and emerging.

From the 27th May to the 3rd June we have celebrated Reconciliation Week, an opportunity to engage in a gathering routine. With the children we worked towards designating a Meeting place, and introduce a wonder box, where children can find resources to discuss relevant to their interests and ideas.

We have read the book Little Nic's big day written by Nic Naitanui, an opportunity to learn about diversity. Children and educators have also discussed the notion of gathering, friendship, fairness and the meaning of our meeting place. We have extended their understanding with some Wiradjuri art symbol learning and we will continue to make them part of our routine!

On the side, we have also kept reinforcing our sustainable prac-

tices by reusing more and more. Children had given second life to items that were dedicated to waste. Children have learnt the importance of the word: REUSE. We had extended this learning by making signs and exploring literacy.

We have also discovered some essential life in our community: The spiders, the birds and the insects such as the bogong moths. We had explored and wonder about these lives. We have discussed safety and wonder about their habitats and diet... Educators continue to work on this project increasing fine motor, speech and coordination skills... and explore the incredible cycle of life.

In regards to routine, children have enjoyed resting around the noise of a fire camp surrounded by fairy lights. We are also currently gathering ideas for morning and afternoon teas for the children to regularly engage in cooking activities, developing an understanding towards wellbeing and mathematical concepts. This review process has been the result of mother's day activity where the children enjoyed making cookies jars and asked to be offered more opportunities for cooking experiences

For more information about our Centre vacancies, please phone 0436 812 579

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MEN'S COFFEE AND CHAT

After a 10 week Covid-19 break, the men (Ross Krause, Don Scott, Herb Simpfendorfer, Ted Ackerley, Leon Schoff, Wilfred Krause, Paul Oswald, Terry Scholz) are meeting again at DJ's for chat and coffee on Wednesday mornings. Men, come and join us.

Leon Schoff

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DRUMMUSTER AT WALLA WALLA

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These are collected under the DrumMuster scheme where used chemical drums are collected and recycled. Instead of being left on farm they can be delivered here. The drums are chipped into small pieces and delivered to a recycling plant where they are melted down and the plastic reclaimed. They make things like sign posts, garden pegs, chairs that support the steel mesh before concrete pouring and industrial piping.

The Walla Walla Sportsground Committee run the DrumMuster site and all proceeds (25 cents per drum) go back to the sportsground. A great way to lower the potential pollution of our environment and help finance local community activities.

To be accepted the used chemical drums need to have the lids removed and be thoroughly cleaned.

Only agricultural chemical drums with the DrumMuster logo are accepted. No oil drums or commercial cleaning product drums are eligible to be recycled.

We collect every second month on a Saturday morning from 9 am to 11 am. The next collection day is 8th August, but if anyone wants to deliver drums at any other time they can just ring and arrange a time. Contact is John Seidel on 0429 039 322 or Alan Odewahn on 0428 292 248.

WEEDS AND FLIES AT WALLA WALLA

The bindii season is over, with no visible sign that it has been such a huge problem. In contrast, even though the hairy panic season is also over, its remains are highly visible. There are many heaps of stalks this year, on fences, in sheds, on verandahs, on roads and all over the place - looking bad to put it mildly. Some people try to get rid of the unsightly piles, which is awfully hard and explains why many people look the other way, hoping it will go away. It won't.

Marshmallow is a bother now, and will be for some months. The bright, green plants spread sideways, and later, upwards, with leaves like tiny umbrellas. They have a "woody stem" to quote the botanical literature. That means that grown plants have stems that are hard to cut, because they are like wood. Weed spray is not effective for grown plants. A well aimed solid blow with a mattock at ground level is curtains for the plant.

Capeweed is growing by the tonne, with their saw-shaped leaves, no prickles, and nice daisy shaped yellow flowers a bit later. It chokes out other plants. That nasty sticky weed is growing nicely. So is patto, but we do not have many of either of these. Look for stinging nettles in gardens. A nice looking plant, but should not be there.

Flies are not a weed, but they have been a real pest this year, nearly as bad as bindiis. If an entomologist gave a lecture in our town hall about the flies this year, I'm pretty sure a lot of people would go along (observing social distancing, of course!). I looked up the diseases that can be spread by house flies, and by reading this list, it would seem to be a very good idea to try get rid of flies in Australia, like they tried in China under Chairman Mao.

Herb Simpfordorfer



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WALLA WALLA CROQUET CLUB NEWS

Although the weather is cooling off, our Members have been pleased to play Croquet this month as well as enjoying each other's company.

We were sad to hear of the passing of Eleanor Kreutzberger. Eleanor had been a member of our Club for many years. She always had a positive and cheery outlook and before her health deteriorated played in many Croquet Clubs' Social Days. Our sympathy is extended to her family. She will be sadly missed.

Like most sports our Annual Tournament and other Clubs' Social Days were cancelled this year. We will not be playing Croquet in July and August due to the Bowling Club greens being rested. We will recommence Croquet on Saturday 5th September.



*Helen Krause - Secretary
Ph 60292073*

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We are looking for local people to rent/hire the pop up shops within and outside the building. There is also an opportunity for professional people to set up a room for service to the local area.

A great opportunity exists for someone such as a business owner/operator to lease a fully equipped coffee shop selling bakery products and local produce.

There are plans in the future for indoor and outdoor markets to compliment the present Sunday markets.

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The last few months has been challenging for all, trying to adjust our lifestyles around these Covid-19 rules.

DJ's has had to battle through some of their own challenges with our food and deliveries have been all over the shop. We've been juggling stock as items are not available, but we've managed to get some varieties to you. I appreciate your patience throughout this time and I hope we are through the worst of it and can get some normality back soon.

We have been offering milk and Bread (to order by Tuesday for Thursday delivery the list is on our front window) to help with some essentials locally so you don't need to travel, we will keep that in place for your convenience.

DJ's still has Covid rules to follow to operate, with social distancing, personal hygiene, and all must sign in to dine in so we are still limited to numbers. if you'd like to dine in please call and make a booking. Our rules and regulations are updated regularly, so to keep up to date like and follow us on Facebook.

I would like to thank everyone that has supported DJ's through this hard time, and that continues to support us. Look forward to seeing you all again.

Thanks,
Dena

WALLA WALLA BOWLING & RECREATION CLUB – UPDATE

On the 23rd March 2020 the doors of the Bowling Club were shut to the Members as directed by the Australian Government. Under the guidance of Club-NSW we have remained closed and will do so until it is safe to open. While there are no patrons in the building, we are carrying out some necessary maintenance work. During a rainstorm, a significant amount of water damage occurred to the ceiling in the auditorium. This needs to be replaced before we allow people in that section of the Club. Other repairs and painting are being done to interior walls, the toilets, exterior window frames. If you have some spare time on your hands, we would appreciate helping hands.

Memberships usually come due at the end of May and because of the circumstances, fees have been set at \$10. These fees can be sent to Secretary Janet Paech, Walla Walla B&R Club, 5 Scholz St Walla Walla or paid directly into the Club account via internet banking BSB 803070 Acc No. 100048582 Reference : Your name.

We are aiming to open for business by early July but that will depend on how the renovations go. When we do open the hours of trading will be reduced, no membership draws and raffles, and the kitchen will not operate until further notice. (hoping soon)

There are a lot of rules and regulations we must abide by so please be patient as it is all new to us too.

Contact
Russell Paech 0407 296 006 or Janet 0408 634 986

WALLA HISTORY

Part 2: King's Bridge - The Story

By 1883 the need for a bridge crossing the Billabong at Walla Walla was becoming a concern. The traffic at the time included stock being driven south to Albury markets and restocking of properties according to the season and stock being driven north, between family properties. There was also the through traffic via single horse drawn vehicles, and the heavier wagons with loads of all sorts of produce moving north and south. It was these heavier loads that found it difficult to cross or ford creeks at any time, the option of a high bridge meant that they would not have to drive down to the often rocky and uneven creek bed, always risky with horses or bullocks, and then have to haul the load up the other side, and stock being driven did not have to walk, wade or swim through water. Sheep, unless they can leap over water, are near impossible to entice to ford a creek as one, let alone a large mob without loss, and cattle are no trouble to ford at low level, but if forced to swim in fast flowing water, can be a real disaster due to the ensuing panic!

The opening up of land for selection north of the Billabong was a catalyst for most of this movement. In October 1883, land at Edgehill and later on at nearby Munyabla became available; the road from Walla Walla via the Gum Swamp, King's reserve, part of the Henty road and the Walla Walla – Munyabla (Edgehill) stock route led directly to this selection. It became inevitable that a bridge at this location would be a priority. Land notes of the day show the original selectors to make this move north included members of The Trek, Klemke, Fischer, Luhrs, Lieschke, as well as others who came to the Stitt's Paddocks or Ebenezer around the same time, Piltz, Kotzur, Wiesner, Pumpa, Hanckel, Muller, Pertz and Kilo. It was said that when Walla's Pastor Egan went to minister to the new congregation from 1884 to 1886, they were nearly all from Walla Walla!

Following the unsuccessful petition that was sent to the NSW government in December 1883, the low-level crossing with improved access and a stone lined creek bed had to suffice for a few more years.

In August of 1887, the Hume Farmers Union, which included representatives from Walla and the wider district, voted to co-sign another petition to the Minister of Public Works on the recommendation of the local MLA. In part it said; "Sir, We, the undersigned farmers and others, residents in the neighbourhood of Walla Walla, Burrumbuttock, Doodle Cooma, and adjacent districts, beg respectfully to point out that traffic is greatly impeded and human life frequently endangered by the absence of a bridge over the Billabong at Walla Walla. We therefore pray that you will be pleased to cause a bridge to be erected at Walla Walla homestead.

We have the honour to be, your obedient servants." A very emotional petition, and it seemed to work. In October of 1887, the local MP, Mr. Lyne, sent a letter to Mr. G. Klemke snr son of the original "Father" Klemke which included a memo from the Public Works Department to the effect placing the costings of the said bridge in the estimates for the following year, 1888. When the estimate did appear in December 1887, £1,000 was allowed.

Finally, in February 1889, the Department recommended a bridge over the Billabong at Walla Walla. Tenders were invited for the erection of a bridge over the Billabong. These tenders closed on March 13th; 6 tenders (including one informal) were registered, the lowest tender was accepted, that of Mr. T. Bowdren of Albury for £710 15s (\$1420.30c). This was quite bit lower than the £1,000 shire estimate. The locals were overjoyed as this new bridge would open up the stock route from Walla Walla to Doodle Cooma, Wallandool and Munyabla and places further north, it was due for completion in early 1890. Alas this enthusiasm was short lived!

In July 1890 the "bridge" was completed and apparently ready for traffic, but it was of no use as there were no earthen approaches, or abutments; to this point they had not even been surveyed!! No costings for them had been put forward, so they could not have been put out to tender. The original tender was for a bridge only, no earthworks were included. So, locals now had to wait until March 1891 for the tendering of the approaches to be opened to contractors. The process was taking its time and the locals were making their feelings known via the local Farmers Union, which by now had changed from the Hume Farmers Union to the Walla Walla Farmers Union, with robust discussion aimed at the local MP, Mr. Lyne. By mid-1891 the approaches were finished, and the bridge was fully operational. It was a high structure, around 24ft above the creek bed and 90 feet long from one abutment to the other. Mention was made in 1920 that the timber used was sourced locally and was known at the time of building in 1889, to be inferior, since the local redgum and box timber quality was not up to proper bridge building standards. This was borne out when the railway was being planned around the same time; all sleepers and bridge timbers for the railway were to be sourced from the Murray near Howlong for the red gum or from the Blue mountains for the blue gum. So it seems the local timbers were only considered good for the telegraph poles and fence posts.

The Albury Banner reported that during the year of 1891, "10,000 sheep and 8000 cattle crossed over the new Billabong Bridge", a large proportion of these were heading south to markets at Albury, Beechworth; and even Walla Walla from 1894!

By 1917 floods had taken their toll on the bridge. Some timbers had been replaced by new timbers, steel partially replaced old timbers on the main deck, and concrete had been used to shore up the north abutment to the bridge itself. October of 1917 capped off a very wet year right across eastern Australia, and the Billabong rose to the highest level seen since settlement, eclipsing the previous big flood in 1891 by about 60cm. Water lapped the top of the King's Bridge and caused serious washaways at each end of the bridge. The main deck was at first said to have been washed away, but later reports correctly said it to be still intact but moved slightly askew downstream. After minor maintenance, light vehicles were still allowed to pass, but with a 2-ton load limit that was apparently violated almost daily!

In early 1919, an inspection of King's Bridge was carried out by the Council Engineer. He reported that the "top beam of the truss on the downstream side had cracked, and the bridge vibrated exceedingly when traffic went over it." While the 2-ton load limit was in place, on April 8th, 1919 a 6-ton loaded wagon crossed the bridge! Work on repairing the bridge was to commence the following day, the cost of these repairs was to be £500.

Note: During the same flood of October 1917, the Culcairn road bridge was seriously damaged and later repaired; Brooklyn Bridge, downstream of Morgan's Lookout, was seriously damaged and had to be replaced; and the bridge at Walla Park was still under construction with only earthworks slightly eroded and some of the survey work had to be redone.

Submitted by Anthony Brinkmann on behalf of the Walla Walla Historical Society Inc.

WALLA WALLA CRAFT GROUP UPDATE

Walla Walla Craft Group will start again on Thursday the 28th of May. We meet each Thursday at the Town Hall from 10 am to 12 noon.



Everyone Welcome. Gold coin donation to cover hall hire only.

All Arts and crafts welcome. People wanting to learn are welcome or just drop in for a cuppa and a chat.

Ph Neroli 0420 298 378

IN MEMORY OF ALLAN OFAK

Allan Paul Ofak was the son of Paul Ofak, a bricklayer from Slovenia and Irene Ofak who is with us here today and grew up in Calimo St. North Albury.

Allan was not a man you meet every day, he was a little different at times and when we were growing up and at school he was the target for teasing, but as his life went on, his qualities and talents became obvious.

AI had many strong character traits. He was patient and methodical in achieving his goals, able to work for years towards the things he wanted. He was peaceful and non-violent. Allan deplored violence and he never used it against others. Given our education at Aquinas

in the late 70's and early 80's where violence was the norm amongst the teaching staff and students, this was a minor miracle.

Allan was honest and ethical. I can certainly say he was the most honest man I ever met. Allan did not drink, smoke, or gamble. Allan was a loving Husband & Father. Allan had a strong faith in God which stood him in good stead through his life, especially at the end.

After leaving high School in 1982 Allan went to work at Cremer's office supplies for Lloyd Cremer. Although he couldn't have known he was working with his future father in law Norm. After 5 years Allan was ready to move on and a disagreement over an item of staff wardrobe saw AI and Cremer's part company. Although AI left abruptly there must have been little ill will as AI received a \$200 gratuity payment which he used to get his bus and truck license. Another step towards his goal.

AI soon applied for a job in Sydney in the department of Depart Transport Sydney. The job involved working in a call center and giving information on bus and train timetables and routes, information which was stored on a computer. Allan amazed the interview panel as he knew every bus and most train routes and times off the top of his head and needed no computer to tell which bus would be going where at what time, anywhere in NSW!

While in Sydney AI got his first experience living away from home. He shared a 2-bedroom flat with Scotty Walters, who is here today. It's safe to say after being well looked after by his Mother, some adjustment was necessary.

Allan, who was saving towards his goal would never spend money on something he didn't need and for two years he insisted he didn't need a bed to sleep on and the blow-up mattress on the floor was quite adequate. None of us could change his mind!

After two years AI had enough of the office politics and the public service culture, and he returned home to Albury.

Allan quickly got a job with Barters Chicken's where his staff discount on chickens proved extremely popular with all his friends with Allan keeping us all well supplied with chickens.

During this time in about 1994 AI demonstrated how far he would go for a friend. Anyone who knew AI well would know his views were not particularly aligned with the ALP. Nevertheless, he joined with Michael Caton and myself when I ran in 1995 for the State Seat of Albury; he was an immeasurable help. After several years as the Albury Lavington branch treasurer I thought to ask him why he had joined, being that he seemed to hold few of the views espoused by the Party. AI replied "to help you out Mate!"

After a couple more years AI's plan came together, and paying in cash he had saved for years, he bought the Burrumbuttock Bus Run. AI's ethics in running his business are an example to us all. AI was not interested in making as much money as possible from the community he lived in. He was only interested in, as he said; "to provide a good service". People, not profit, was AI's motivation.

After a couple of years establishing and building up his business, we were amazed to hear Allan had been seen at the pic-

tures with a girl! At 40, we had presumed bachelor. AI had come up to Narromine to be godfather to my daughter, Amelia, a few years before and shown no signs of getting married; but with AI, who knows, he may have been planning it all along.

With his marriage to Karen and the birth of his lovely daughter Petrea a couple of years later, AI's life was now fully complete. He developed and maintained a strong religious faith, attending services in Walla regularly, and was settled in happily as part of this community. For the next 9 years he was as happy as a man can be.

Tragically, after some problems while on holiday in NZ AI was diagnosed with Cancer. It was now that all AI's qualities came to the fore.

The next 4 years saw increasing trips to hospital. I have been around death more than I have wished in my life, but I have never seen a man show as much courage as Allan. The way he coped with pain amazed all of us. So stoic was AI that myself and some of our friends were worried at first that AI didn't realise how sick he was. But AI knew.

When I saw Allan in Melbourne just before Christmas, something had changed. AI was calm and had accepted he was not going to win this fight. I tried to argue with him when he said he would have no more Chemo but he said firmly "I have had a good life, I now want to spend every minute I can with my girls, Karen and Petrea". And so, he did.

Allan passed last week in Culcairn Hospital and I think I can say he was not in pain.

If only we all had:

- Allan's Loyalty
- Allan's Loving nature
- Allan's honesty and integrity
- Allan's work ethic
- Allan's courage and,
- Allan's faith

Then we would all be better men and women, and the world would be a better place.

May God Bless you Allan, may you rest in Peace.

Written by Darren Cameron



CHURCH UPDATE & WORSHIP AT HOME OPTIONS

Local churches will be slowly starting to allow some services due to COVID-19 restrictions being lifted in the coming month.

For more information please contact:

Lutheran Church Walla Walla & Alma Park

Visit their website: <https://wallawalla-parish.lutheran.org.au/>

YouTube channel "Walla Lutheran parish", worship at home video stream each Sunday @ 9am.

Contact: Pastor Dan Mueller 0413 032 455

Baptist Church Market St. Walla Walla

Walla Walla Baptist Church is slowly transitioning to having some services in the church building. Please phone Pastor Susan Barnes for details on 0417 549921.

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Contact: Father Terence Mahedy 6029 8363

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Enquiries: Jill Shipard 0427 694 554

RAINFALL AT WALLA WALLA FOR MAY 2020

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May 1 (4.6mm), 2 (17.2mm), 3 (2.0mm), 20 (2.2mm), 22 (1.2mm), 23 (0.4mm), 24 (0.6mm).

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July Community Diary

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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6	7 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	15 Council meet- ing, 6pm Holbrook	16	17	18	19
20	21 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	29	30	31		

LOCAL BUSINESSES

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Not operating yet.

See update on [page 5](#).

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Take away lunches: Wed, Thurs & Fri:
12-2pm

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: 8.30-11.30am & 5-8pm

Terry White Chemist Walla Walla

6029 2496

Mon-Fri: 9am - 5pm

Facebook: Terry White 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 6073 2605** (during Walla open-
ing hours) or **02 6036 2952** (Holbrook
on other days)

Walla Police Phone Number: 02 6029
2104

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- Articles should be received
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early as possible **before** dead-
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- All articles should be kept
concise to save space.

Walla Website:

www.wallawalla.nsw.au

Thoughtless words can wound
as deeply as any sword, but
wisely spoken words can heal.

Proverbs 12 v 18

Reverence for the Lord gives
confidence and security to a man
and his family.

Proverbs 14 v 26

HUME MEDICAL CENTRE

We offer access to the following services:

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

Please see reception for access to these services

MOBILITY AIDS

Available on loan

Contact Fiona at the Walla Hume Medical Centre



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SOCIAL TENNIS

We are delighted to announce that we are under way with Social Tennis, following the relaxation of some restrictions.



We will be following social distancing guidelines, and use of hand sanitiser. We are happy to have visitors so long as we don't exceed 10 players. Starting time is 9.30 am, every Tuesday, at the town courts. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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ACTIVE FARMERS

Registrations are now open for the inaugural Active Farmers 'Run for Resilience' to be held at Mangoplah NSW on October 11, 2020.

The Run for Resilience is designed to provide a challenging, fun and family friendly event to look forward to in Spring. In a world



where it's hard to find the time and motivation to keep active, an event like this can provide the inspiration required, especially over winter and in isolation. The event will begin at the Mangoplah Football Oval and continue through local farmland with three cross country style courses to participate in. Participants can choose to run the 21 km, 10 km or 5 km courses and walkers are encouraged to enter the 10 km or 5km events. A free, three month training program for each distance beginning in July has been developed for people to follow in the lead up to the event.

"There are significant benefits to both physical and mental health when we are physically fit and have a challenge to work and train towards," said Active Farmers founder, Ginny Stevens who developed the running programs. For those

people needing extra help to reach their goal running distance, a pre-running program has been developed for the 5 km event, plus a warm up month of training is available to precede the 10 km and 21 km running programs. "We want people of all fitness levels to be able to participate in the events. Our training programs are designed to help people be successful in running their goal distance," said Alison Skinner, Active Farmers Event Manager.

The pre-event running programs are available now for people to begin. Visit our website for registration and program details:

<https://www.activefarmers.com.au/runforresilience2020>

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WALKING YOUR DOG?

A friendly reminder to please be a good neighbor and pick up after your dog to help keep our town looking great!





Today's LEARNERS, tomorrow's LEADERS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the students, staff and wider school community I would like to send our deepest sympathy to Mrs Karen Ofak and her daughter Petrea with the recent passing of Allan. As you know Allan and Karen Ofak have been incredible supporters of the school for many years. They have both been active members of the P&C and have supported their daughter Petrea during her seven years of primary school. To everyone who knew Allan, he was an extremely positive and generous man. In every conversation I had with him, his focus was his daughter Petrea, who he absolutely treasured. He was always excited by her achievements, big and small. Allan recognised Petrea's gifts and showed great pride in being her Dad. Watching Allan pin Petrea's Prefect badge on her at Presentation Night and then the hug he gave her is an image that will stay with me forever as it will, I am sure, for anyone who was there on that night.

Allan was extremely supportive of all of the students at school, always taking the time to talk to them, ask them how they were going and encourage them at carnivals, presentation nights, assemblies, Book Week celebrations and other school events. Allan was keen to chat with staff and offer positive feedback and praise. The determination and courage he showed over the past few years will always be a source of inspiration.

It has truly been an honour to know Allan and he will be greatly missed, not only by everyone here at Walla Walla Public School, but by staff, students and parents of the Walbundrie Small School's Network.

Helen Duncan

STUDENTS BACK IN THE CLASSROOM

It is so nice to have students back in classrooms and in the playground. We have loved hearing the laughter and chatter fill the hallways.



MANDALA WORKS

During the students at home online learning, they created and designed some beautiful work mandala works of art out of nature. Don't they look terrific! Picture left – By Olivia Odewahn, Right – By Adelaide Phegan

PJ DAY

Due to the students fantastic efforts this year in class and in the playground the whole school was treated to a PJ Day, filled with an afternoon of tabloid games, popcorn and a movie! Great job everyone.





The College of St. Paul's



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



SPECIAL ARTWORK ARRIVES

Staff at were excited to receive a beautiful artwork recently. 'Joy', painted by Leanne G Stahl, was on display at the previous District Church Council Head Office in Sydney. St Paul's has been invited by DCC to be custodians of Joy for a period of time.

SPANISH CLASS BIRTHDAYS

The past few months some students in our Spanish classes turned a year older. To celebrate this beautiful time, Spanish teacher Señora Sehm baked cupcakes for students whose birthdays were between enero-junio.



FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Students and staff celebrated the return of AFL & NRL football with a Footy Colours Day complete with a handball and kicking competition.





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