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Australia Day celebrations in Greater Hume Shire was held in Walla Walla, the town also celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Hundreds of people braved the heat to attend the combined festivities in Walla.

A free breakfast and morning tea was enjoyed by many.

Mr. Victor Kovalenko OAM was the Greater Hume Shire Council Australia Day Ambassador. He was a Ukrainian Sailor and Coach and is the Head Coach of the Australian Olympic Sailing Team and gave an interesting speech about his life and the passion of his life which is sailing.

Mr John Seidel from Walla Walla was awarded **Citizen of the Year 2019**. John is an active community person who believes if you are in a community, the right thing is to be involved and help wherever you can so that residents can enjoy their sport or passion. He has volunteered for over 30 years in both the tennis, football & netball clubs, over 25 years with the Sportsground Committee and 16 years on the Walla Walla Community Development Committee. He has been or is also involved in Walla Walla Public School, ANZAC Day committee, Hume Tennis Association, Drum Muster, Gum Swamp and the Anglican Church.



Left: John Seidel with his Citizen of the Year and nomination certificates.

Right: Jay Butler of WWPS with his school citizenship award.

Mrs Dorothy Cremer was also nominated for Citizen of the Year for being a hard-working and long-time volunteer for the Red Cross, as well as her exceptional fundraising efforts for the Cancer Council through her long-term cake stall at the Walla Markets every month. This has led to Dorothy being awarded the John Fries Memorial Award from the Red Cross in 2018.

**Young Citizen of the Year 2019** was Nathaniel Wenke, Captain of St Paul's College. Nathaniel is involved not only with many school events as captain but he also participates in church singing, ANZAC Day, Christmas Carols, assisting at Warrambui camp and volunteering to go to Cambodia on a serving mission. Runner-up was Natasha Spalding, also a St Paul's College student. She is involved in many school events as well as music events, playing music at an aged care centre and Natasha is secretary of Greater Hume Youth Advisory Committee.

**Community Event of the Year:** Joint winners for 2019 were the Henty Streetscape Party and Jindera 150th Anniversary Celebrations.



Your March 2019 community newsletter

# Walla Walla 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations 25 - 28 January 2019



Street parade photos by Janene Whitty and *The Border Mail*.







## Walla Walla CBC building historical improvements

In anticipation of the Walla Walla 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations, we wanted to do something special for this historical building of the town. Inspired by an old picture from when it was first constructed in 1912-1913, we decided to reestablish the original picket fence. Additionally, the original signage on the building corner was re-sculpted and a fresh flag raised up the flagpole.

The local tradespeople worked really hard to have it finished by the 150<sup>th</sup> weekend. We want to thank every one of them for making it possible despite the heat!

We hope you enjoy the renovated look of the old bank as much as we enjoyed doing it up for the occasion!

- Ben Kotzur & Raquel Ortega



The Bank building after historical improvements finished 24/01/2019



### DrumMUSTER Collection

There will DrumMUSTER collections in 2019 on the following Saturdays from 9 to 11am:

- 13<sup>th</sup> April
- 15<sup>th</sup> June
- 10<sup>th</sup> August
- 12<sup>th</sup> October



Collection point is the old Walla garbage tip site.

We only accept cleaned agricultural chemical plastic drums. Lids must be off.

For enquiries please ring John Seidel on 0429 039 322. If you cannot make it on this day then give me a ring and we can arrange a suitable time.

Please send in any special acknowledgements, articles or request to be added to the email recipient list to [wallenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wallenewsletter@gmail.com) or drop in the box at the Walla Store only.

Walla Website: [www.wallawalla.nsw.au](http://www.wallawalla.nsw.au).

-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.

### Red Cross

First meeting for 2019 is 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2pm at Baptist Church Hall.

New members are always **Welcome!**

Please call Dorothy Cremer on 6029 2120.

### WALLA WALLA CROQUET CLUB NEWS



Our Croquet Club was pleased to enter a float in the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Parade. What a wonderful day! Thanks to Clayton for the use of his ute and to our members who helped decorate it. Well done.

At present we are holding our Club Championships with some very close games being played.

You are welcome to join us on Saturday & Monday mornings at 8.30am for a game at the Walla Bowling Club. Please wear flat soled shoes. Helen Krause - Sec

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Below: Year 7 class of 2019



**University of Wollongong Discovery Day (below):** On Monday 4th February fourteen Year 12 students, Mr Lawson and Mrs Toogood travelled to Wollongong to explore that city as a possible destination for tertiary education. A drive through the Wollongong area, a visit to the beach and city shops were the highlight of the afternoon before settling into the accommodation on campus - Koolabong Village. On Tuesday 5th February the students visited the University's Discovery Day where they attended a series of preselected lectures throughout the day. The first session for the day was in a lecture area with over 1000 other students! At lunch students had the opportunity to explore the more social aspects of University life.



Above and preceding pages: WALLA WALLA 150th ANNIVERSARY STREET PARADE ON 27th OF JANUARY, 2019

What a weekend!

The events held on the January long weekend were an outstanding success thanks to the community who got behind the celebrations by attending and participating in all that was on offer. Even the extreme heat for the first couple of days couldn't stifle things.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to help out in various roles over the weekend – it was very much appreciated and contributed greatly to the success of the celebrations. Thanks also to the sportsground committee for the use of the sportsground for the whole weekend.

A special mention of the organising committee who, over the past three

years, have shown plenty of enthusiasm and energy to ensure the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary milestone was celebrated in style. The whole weekend ran smoothly which is testament to the planning that took place to deliver something that will be remembered for a long time. A job well done!

TOWN TIDY-UP

For the past 6 -12 months you may have noticed a small army of blokes around the town, trimming and mowing every blade of grass that was out of place up and down the main street (and beyond). John Watkins coordinated this group with the aim of making the town look neat and tidy for the celebrations, and boy did they deliver. Thanks so much to everyone

who helped out.

Greater Hume Council also played their part and our local council worker Mick did a fantastic job in getting the town and facilities up to speed for the weekend. Thanks Mick.

The feedback from visitors to the town over the weekend was extremely positive with everyone saying how neat the town looked. It's amazing what can be done when we put our minds to it. Maybe each of us can think about how we can contribute to keeping the town in a neat and tidy state, even if it's just on and around your own patch.

Trevor Schroeter, Chairman, Walla Walla 150th Anniversary Committee.

STREET PARADE

To finish off the weekend of celebrations the street parade was held on Monday morning and what a spectacle it was! With 134 entries the street was awash with the sights and sounds of a truly amazing parade. The crowd that came to watch it all was estimated to be in excess of 2000, and they were not disappointed.

To get the parade rolling, the Albury City Band started proceedings and what followed was a snap-shot of 150 years of history progressing

down the street to the sportsground. There was a cavalcade of horses (including pooper scoopers) wagons/sulkies/ buggies/etc, walkers, cyclists, floats from descendants, floats from sporting clubs, floats from town organisations, floats from local businesses, cars, motorbikes, vintage tractors, vintage machinery and large modern vehicles.

Many thanks to those who participated and made themselves and their belongings available for the parade. Special thanks also to the group of nine committee people

(plus helpers) for pulling this parade together. To plan and organise this sort of event (not to mention the paperwork) is really a fantastic achievement for them and for our community.

The parade has been described by many as 'the best ever' by those in the know, and it would be hard to argue to the contrary. It really was one of those events that will be fondly remembered for a long time by many. Keep an eye out for the video of the parade which the 150<sup>th</sup> organising committee will be selling in the near future.





Left: Karen Wenke presenting the cemetery tour. Right: Tim Paramore conducting a street walk town tour. Below: Headstone of interest at the cemetery tour

**TOWN TOURS**

On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, ten Town Tours were made available to the community to participate in. Special thanks to Herb Simpfordorfer for his efforts in coordinating this event for our celebrations. The tours and guides were:

- Gum Swamp:** Alan Rayner and Kylie Durant
- Town Hall:** Helen Krause and Duina Hoffmann
- Public School:** Helen Duncan
- Memorial Cairn:** Andrew Kotzur
- Wagon Shed:** Ross Krause and Merv Wegener
- Street Walk:** Tim Paramore and Alan Rayner
- Lutheran Church :** Pastor Dan Mueller
- Morgan's Lookout :** Ashley Paech
- Early Farm Machinery:** Dawn and John Beachcroft
- Cemetery:** Karen Wenke and Tania Schramm-Trethowan

For most Tours the guides had assistants, and there were information sheets, participation badges, and a map for visitors who didn't know their way around the area. Participants went to the sites at the allotted starting time and were welcomed by the guide, given badges and handouts then the guide gave a speech providing facts relating to the site. Guides had done research to make this an interesting and informative half hour for each Tour and it all went extremely well.

All Tours were well attended, with over 30 participants at some sites and the contribution of factual information from participants on many of the tours was a highlight. It was amazing how many people were so keen to go to the sites, especially those places relating to their own family history. It was also noteworthy that some locals went to sites they had never been to before.

Thank you to the guides who were generous with their time in preparation/research and without exception, their enthusiasm to be involved. They handled their leadership roles with confidence and sincerity and the feedback from participants is that not one person was disappointed with what happened on a Town Tour.



**Annual Welcome Dinner**

Over 70 people attended our Annual Welcome Dinner last Friday evening. Staff and parents enjoyed mingling and getting to know each other over a delicious meal, prepared by our caterers Karyn Mulcahy and her Sodexo team.



**2019 Swimming Carnival.** The storms stayed away and we had perfect weather for a swimming carnival. A fantastic community event! A great roll-up for all events, with the novelty kickboard, noodle, over and under ball and the big Ant Race proving to be very popular and a great opportunity to get involved (and cool down in the pool). A fantastic effort from all of our championship event competitors, many who competed in not only all championship events, but most, if not all novelty events as well – with a lot of school spirit demonstrated in cheering for all. Well done to those students who challenged themselves, and congratulations to Audrey Lieschke and Paige Liddell who broke records on the day. Audrey: Girls 12-13 years 50m Backstroke and Freestyle Paige: Girls 12-13 years 50m Butterfly. Our Age Champions for 2019 are: 13 Years Girls Audrey Lieschke, 13 Years Boys Eli Pitt, 14 Years Girls Saffi Pitt & Broady Thomas (Equal), 14 Years Boys Zak Donoghue, 15 Years Girls Madeline Watkins, 15 Years Boys Hunter Galvin, 16 Years Girls Minty Mason, 16 Years Boys Issaiah Thommers, 17+ Years Girls Morgan Archer and Sophie Scheetz (Equal), 17+ Years Boys Ethan Stead.



Top: Bruce Walpole & team from CSU discussing career pathways in surveying to interested students.

Left: LOOKING BACK: Cecil Lieschke, Lorraine Wiesner and John Grosse were the first students of St. Paul's College Walla Walla and are pictured here at the Historical Display. *Eastern Riverina Chronicle:* Lorri Roden



## March Community Diary

### Friday 1st

-Community gardens at SPC 8.30am  
-World Day of Prayer Baptist Church 10am

### Saturday 2nd

-Croquet 8.30am  
-Lions newspaper pick up

### Sunday 3rd

-Wally Wipeout at Walla Pool  
-Hard waste collection by GHC and RWW football/netball club

### Monday 4th

-Croquet 8.30am  
-Mobile library 9am  
-Mainly music 10am  
-Senior Citizens meeting 1.30pm

### Tuesday 5th

Social tennis 9am

### Wednesday 6th

Ladies' social bowls 10am

### Friday 8th

-Community gardens at SPC 8.30am  
-Essential oils class 7pm Town Hall

### Saturday 9th

-Croquet 8.30am  
-Movie night at Walla Pool

### Sunday 10th

-Community markets at Town Hall 2-4pm  
-Greater Hume Council pools close

### Monday 11th

-Croquet 8.30am  
-Mobile library 9am

### Tuesday 12th

Social tennis 9am

### Friday 15th

-Community gardens at SPC 8.30am  
-Newsletter deadline

### Saturday 16th

Croquet 8.30am

### Monday 18th

-Croquet 8.30am  
-Mobile library 9am  
-Mainly Music 10am

### Tuesday 19th

Social tennis 9am

### Wednesday 20th

Ladies' social bowls 10am

### Friday 22nd

Community gardens at SPC 8.30am

### Saturday 23rd

Croquet 8.30am

### Monday 25th

-Croquet 8.30am  
-Mobile library 9am

### Tuesday 26th

Social tennis 9am

### Wednesday 27th

Friends of Bi-Cent Park 8.30am

### Thursday 28th

-Pray for Walla 8pm

### Friday 29th

Community gardens at SPC 8.30am

### Saturday 30th

Croquet 8.30am

### Sunday 31st

Community Church Service SPC 10am



Above: German games at German festival.

Left: participants at the German Festival dressed as Germans.



## LOCAL BUSINESSES

**Walla Walla Bowling Club 6029 2146:**  
Mon to Friday 5pm till closing; Sat 5pm till closing  
Sun 5pm till closing. Catering every Friday Night with Bonanza drawn at 8pm.

**Walla Store 6029 2231:**  
Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm; Sat 8am - 6pm; Sun 8.30am - 11am.

**Second Hand Rose 6029 2116**  
Thurs and Fri 1.30 - 4.30. Sat. 9.30 - 11.30am

**Walla Walla Post Office 6029 2300**  
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

**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.

**DJ's Fine Fast Food 6029 2033:**  
Mon-Thurs: 7.30am - 4.00pm; Fridays: 7.30am - 7pm;  
Saturdays: 8.30am - 11.30am and 5-8pm

**Terry White Chemist Walla 6029 2496**  
Mon-Fri: 9am - 5pm



**Walla 02 6029 2496**

[www.facebook.com/wallapharmacy](http://www.facebook.com/wallapharmacy)

### Hume Medical Centre

Monday 9am-2pm

Wed - Friday 12-5pm

**Ph: 02 6036 2952**

### Walla Walla Hair Salon

Tuesday, Thursday &  
Friday 9am - 5.30pm

**Ph: 02 6029 2277**

## CHURCH TIMES

### Lutheran Church Walla Walla

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

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: Pastor Luke Merriman 0428 287 414 or Kevin Newbold 6029 2583

### 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

## GERMAN FESTIVAL

The clock hit 5pm on Saturday afternoon which marked to start of the German Festival and the committee were wondering how it would all go. Well, they didn't have to wait long as people started rolling in for the event. An estimate of around 600-800 was the expected attendance but it was closer to 1500 people that turned up for the night.

Many had come dressed in their lederhosen and dirndls, while Steve Bowen had everyone getting into the spirit of the night with music, games and ongoing commentary. The food and drink was great with lots being available - pretzels, beer sticks, mettwurst, kranskies, sauerkraut, schnitzels, Aussie BBQ, kartoffelpuffers, apple strudel, black forest cake, kuchen, gingerbread and craft beer.

The kids had fun on the jumping castle, getting their faces painted and being entertained by Squeaky the clown!

Because of our initial attendance estimates it was a bit unfortunate that the German sausages and craft beer ran out early but there was still plenty of other food and drink available and the crowd was just happy to go with the flow and enjoy the night.

With everyone having such a good time the night flew by and all too soon the event was over at around 11pm (or a bit later for some!). Thanks to everyone who came along and to the group who planned and coordinated this fun night. It was definitely one to remember.





**GERMAN FESTIVAL**

Saturday night was full of friendship and fun and lederhosen and dirndl.

The circles of chairs grew larger as more friends from earlier times were included. The conversations flowed across the oval, through the marquees and around the beer steins. Schnitzels and kransky were devoured and beverages enjoyed. Friendships were renewed with many cries of, "I haven't seen you since primary school" and memories shared with, "Do you remember when...?"

Walla Walla is in good hands when you see how many people, especially younger residents, contributed to Saturday evening's success. Those who weren't busy serving, were up bopping and dancing with Steve Bowen (didn't know that was a German name but the wearing of lederhosen attests it must be so). Our Walla Walla Occasional Singers gave a great rendition of, "Come and Have a Little Schluk and a Schnitter with Me" (The German Family Song; thanks to Ted Egan, John Whittwer "und Paech") and "Walla Walla is My Hometown" (compliments of our namesakes in Washington USA).

It felt as though our Walla elders were being honoured as countless people made time to chat with them throughout the night.

—Bambi Cunningham



Editor's note: Thank you to the various photographers for the many photos used in this newsletter's 150th coverage: *The Border Mail*, Janene Whitty, Bambi Cunningham, Leon Schoff and apologies to anyone forgotten.

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**The Hume Medical Centre - Walla Walla**

Please note the new hours and days for Hume Medical Centre. Commencing 18<sup>th</sup> February

**Mondays—9am-5.30pm**

**Tuesdays—Closed**

**Wednesdays—11am-5.30pm**

**Thursdays—Closed**

**Fridays—11am-5.30pm**

Please join us in welcoming Nurse Amber Lee to the clinic

The Nurse will be available for pathology services each Monday morning from 9am-11am, commencing 4<sup>th</sup> of March. Appointments can be made with Fiona at reception or by calling our clinic.

She will also be assisting Dr Wah with procedures, conducting Health Assessments and completing care plans.

A Dietitian and Psychologist visit our clinic. For information and appointments please call us or see Fiona at reception

Other services offered are:

Podiatry, Psychology, Psychiatry, Diabetic Education and Physiotherapy. Please call or enquire so that we can link you in with these services. Names are also being taken for Hearing Assessments. Please note the service is available for persons who do not already have a hearing aid and have not had an assessment before. Call us for an appointment on **02 6036 2952**

**Senior Citizens Annual meeting for 2019:**

President: Dorothy Cremer

Vice President: Bruce Barkley

Secretary: Rosiland Lieschke

Treasurer: Elizabeth Heir

Publicity Officer: Grace Wenke

Seniors were happy to receive \$200 from Greater Hume Council for entertainment this year.

Next Meeting: March 4<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm

**Rural CareLink inc.**

**Jindera News -**  
jinderanews@ruralcarelink.org.au



**Welfare Officer - Verna Antonio**  
**0473 883 376**  
Or a message can be left at Rural Care link  
Office on 02 6026 3001  
E: welfareofficer@ruralcarelink.org.au

Please do not hesitate to contact Verna if you need welfare assistance

**URGENT NEEDS:**  
Lifeline 13 11 14  
Beyond Blue 1300 224 636  
Mensline Australia 1300 789 978.

**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

A couple of new things at DJ's this month  
We have a:  
Variety of Salad Bowls  
Smoothies - Tropical, Berry and Banana Protein

But don't forget about our delicious range of Flatbreads, Wraps, Sandwiches, Burgers, Fish N Chips and also our Amazing Mansfield Coffee with a great choice of Slices and Cakes to choose from.

PIZZA... Friday 4-7pm and Saturday 5-8pm night

DJ's 1st Birthday is coming up in April.... so stay tuned for some EXCITING NEWS, bookings will be essential.  
- Dena & Janet



**Finished with your Newsletter?**  
**If anyone doesn't need their Newsletter anymore, please return it to the Post Office so it can be reused.**



## WALLA WALLA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

**Welcome to new students:** We would like to extend a warm welcome to Chase and Beau as well as our Kindergarten students Penny Nadebaum, Hamish Inglis and Indiana Wilson (right). Our school community will make you and your families very welcome. Our current enrolment for 2019 is now 33 students and our staff members are: Mrs Anne Noll (K-2 teacher), Miss Kate Lawrence (3-6 teacher), Mrs Helen Duncan (Principal, 5-6 English, Maths and Learning Support), Mrs Gloria Dittko (School Administrative Manager), Mr Luke Merriman (Community Engagement Officer & General Assistant), and Mrs Karolyne Kotzur, Mrs Linda Lieschke, and Mrs Sharyn Moor (Student Learning and Support Officers). Our 2019 Captains are Bill Phegan and Isaac Lieschke and Prefects Petrea Ofak, Lily Trimble and Harry Feuerherdt.



**Swimming Carnival:** The Walbundrie Small Schools Swimming Carnival was held on February 8<sup>th</sup> at Walla Walla pool. Our students competed extremely well, with Bill Phegan taking out Senior Boys Champion, Isaac Lieschke Senior Boys Runner-Up Champion, Petrea Ofak Senior Girls Runner-Up, and Bridgette Le Busque 11-years Girls Runner-Up. Overall, Walla Walla Public School achieved second place behind Burrumbuttock. The all-round crowd-pleaser was the parent relay, which Walla won! Thank you to Alan Foster, Mick Heir, Shai Feuerherdt, and Miss Lawrence for taking part in this race. A big thank you goes to our fabulous P&C who served up a fantastic lunch, and everybody who helped out on the day. Bridgette Le Busque, Isaac Lieschke, Olivia Odewahn, Bill Phegan, Emily Phegan, Larissa Schilg, and Lily Trimble have all qualified to compete in the Southern Riverina District Swimming Carnival to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup>



February in Lavington. We wish you all the best for the next level.  
*Photo: Swimming champions Bridgette Le Busque, Petrea Ofak, Isaac Lieschke and Bill Phegan.*

**2018 wrapped up:** The last few weeks of Term 4 were an incredibly busy time for staff and students. Our Little Learners program ran every Monday to help prospective Kindergarten students transition into school. Years 5 and 6 attended Questacon, Australian War Memorial, National Art Gallery, National Exhibition Centre, Parliament House, National Institute of Sport, and the National Botanic Gardens as part of a Canberra excursion on November 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Our entertaining and interesting Presentation Night occurred on December 14<sup>th</sup>, with a highlight being Danny Phegan performing with our students. This was followed by the school embarking on a fun excursion the following day, where Years 3-6 played wheelchair basketball and K-2 enjoyed watching *The Grinch* movie. Finally, our six Year 6 students were farewelled at the school disco on December 17<sup>th</sup> before school broke up two days later! What a full year! Thank you to all who have supported our school in 2018 in so many ways – it is much appreciated.



*Left: Walla Walla Rural Fire Service Captain Shai Feuerherdt gladly accepted donations of non-perishable food items from our school community on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Thank you to all who donated to help drought-affected farmers in very practical ways.*

## HISTORICAL DISPLAY

Over the weekend a historical display was exhibited in the town hall which was an overwhelming success. Such was the demand to see the display it was opened for an additional viewing on Monday when it wasn't scheduled to do so.

We had a good cross-section of community, family, business and sporting organisations put up displays. Over the first couple of days, the air-conditioned space was a welcome relief for many. At times there was not much room in the crowded halls.

A big thank you to our committee of Tony Brinkmann, Janet Paech, Dawn Beachcroft, Dorothy Brinkmann and Graeme Wenke for the initial organisation and set-up (and clean-up). To all who were involved with setting up individual displays, they were marvellous, all well laid out and easy to follow. We had many positive comments, and offers of more information to come.

The Walla Walla Time-Line, although a wordy document, received a lot of interest. The aim of it is to gather all of the information we can on Walla Walla and district and put it in one place (in some cases update information or even correct previously wrong or misleading information) using the many previously published books, old minute books, family histories, National Archives via *Trove*, and individual input. This time-line will be available soon on a short-term loan arrangement of the physical item only. It is still an

ongoing document requiring additions, further research and refining. Being chronological, it is easy to pick out particular events in your own history. Who knew that the first four concrete silos will be 100 years old on 4 April 2019? So keep an eye on the next newsletter for a more detailed description of this event.



*The Feuerherdts (Robert and Gloria) catching up at the Historical display (left) and one of the historical items, an ancient cash register, on display at the Town Hall (below).*



## Walla Walla Sportsground Caravan Park Improvements

Recent improvements to the local caravan park saw the instalment of extra power and water outlets. These improvements suggested by visiting campers were very handy during the 150<sup>th</sup> weekend celebrations when the park was full. This improvement was made possible by support from the Greater Hume Shire Community Improvement grant scheme. Thanks to Trevor Merkel for fitting of power outlets and arranging plumbing and trenching.—Walla Walla Sportsground Management Committee





**VINTAGE HARVESTING DISPLAY OF OATS**



A plot of oats was sown at the sportsground to mature on Australia Day weekend. The crop was then harvested the old fashioned way.

Photo credits: Bambi Cunningham



**THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

On Sunday morning the community came together (approx. 200) for a service of thanksgiving to God. When those original settlers decided to call the area around Walla Walla 'home' they did so with hope and confidence based on their belief in a loving and faithful God. And God blessed them.

Over the past 150 years, our community of Walla Walla has continued to thrive but we're not immune to the world around us and that plays out in our lives every day. Through all the ups and downs of life we have the constant love of God and like those first settlers to this area, He still remains faithful to his people and continues to bless us. And if there was any doubt, many agreed that God displayed his presence during the service with a huge clap of thunder at a most opportune time followed by a refreshing shower of rain.

Thanks to those who led our worship, Pastors Dan Mueller & Luke Merriman, and the group of musicians, singers, and those who led us in prayer.

**WHAT'S NEXT**

The Walla Walla 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary lasts for the whole year so the anniversary organising committee now encourages clubs and organisations in town to do something special during the year to celebrate in their own way. Let us know what you've got planned and we'll help get the word out there. Events that we currently know about are:

Zion Lutheran Church is planning a special 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary worship service on Sunday 24 March at 10:30am and you're invited to attend. John Henderson, LCA Bishop, will be in attendance and the guest organist is Graham Lieschke.

Zion Lutheran Church will hold a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary organ recital of Bach music on Sunday 22 September. The organist (one of the best in Europe) will be from Leipzig University in Germany and this is a real coup to have him here in Walla Walla. Watch out for details as the date gets closer.

The anniversary organising committee still has an event or two up their sleeves to keep the celebrations going, so keep an eye out for them. We anticipate a final event towards the end of the year to bring the celebrations to a close. In the meantime, remember to continue to "Celebrate the Journey" throughout 2019.

**PHOTOS**

Official photos from the weekend are available for viewing and purchase at [www.janenehwhitty.com](http://www.janenehwhitty.com) or phone Janene on 0403 198 493.

**Walla Walla Anglers Club**



**Billabong Creek Outing**

Our recent outing along billabong creek on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January returned some good and bad findings. Although the creek is running on limited flow, which is expected at this time of the year, we still managed to wet a line and remove some carp from the creek system. Unfortunately, there were areas along the creek that were affected by fish kill - 20 dead fish, both cod and yellowbelly in one hole.

The area affected is upstream of the bore below Morgan's Lookout. Fisheries have tested the waterholes affected and have attributed the fish kill to low oxygen and zero dissolved oxygen below 1m. If landholders and reserve users could report any further fish kill in areas between Culcairn and Walbundrie please call;

Luke, Resource/ Research, Fisheries: 0428 227 464.

Dave Potter, Compliance Officer, Fisheries: 0419 185 548.

**Next meeting** – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February @ the Walla Hotel from 7pm. Tight Lines - Jayne Eddy (secretary)

Walla Walla Anglers Club  
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**Cake Stall**

Again, our Cake Stall was a success. All sold!

**Thank You!** Next Cake Stall 10<sup>th</sup> March 2-4pm.

Love to see you there supporting the Walla Markets at the Hall.

- Dorothy Cremer



Be strong, be courageous,  
All you that hope in the Lord.  
Psalm 31 v 24

**WALLA WALLA WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL**

We are having a great season due to the heat and all the efforts of volunteers and the lifeguards.

Wally Wipeout Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Movie night: "Christopher Robin" on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>

Come to the pool to cool off!

**RURAL CARE LINK FAREWELLS BOTH VERNA AND TRISH**

With her two-year contract coming to a close with Rural Care Link, Verna Antonio has advised that she does not wish to seek a renewal. We wish her all the best for the future, thank her for her contribution and appreciate her commitment.

The Welfare Officer position will be filled by a Volunteer, Denise Osborne, who has extensive experience in community and social services and a wide knowledge of services available.

We also thank Tricia Emmett, our Administration Officer, who ceases her employment with us soon. Trish has generously offered to fill in as a volunteer periodically and we certainly appreciate that.

We wish them both well for the future. We intend to have the office manned every day as much as possible and Denise has indicated she will set Mondays and Fridays as her standard availability. Please do not hesitate to call with any queries or to seek assistance. The phone number remains as 6026 3001 and an answering machine is available should no-one respond immediately.

If you would like to volunteer to Rural Care Link, please do not hesitate to contact us also. Our Op Shop is our sole source of income and we would welcome your interest.

—Patricia Emmett, Rural CareLink

**Praying for Walla.** You're invited to join us as we pray for each other, our community, and the world. We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at Pastor Luke's (10 Sunnyside Cres) from 8pm. Our next meetings is 28th March. For prayer requests please contact Pastor Dan Mueller (0413 032 455) or Pastor Luke Merriman (0428 287 414).



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## Walla Walla child care reopens



Council took up the challenge, working tirelessly providing leadership to ensure that child care would be available for local Walla Walla families, after its closure during December last year.

Families got behind the initiative knowing that child care is a critical service with many relying on it to enable parents to work.

An enormous effort involving Council staff together with state and federal government agencies ensured that centre based child care did reopen in January.

The Walla Walla service is registered and government approved, now operating under the Greater Hume Children Services banner, with families eligible to claim Centrelink subsidies.

Current opening hours are Monday and Tuesday 8.30am to 4.30pm with planned increased hours and days of service as numbers increase.

Places are available NOW so pop in or phone now to book in. P 02 6026 3877.

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## Loans to Community Groups



Community groups and organisations can access financial assistance under Council's 'Loans to Community Groups Policy'.

To be eligible the project or facility must be approved by Council and be located on Council owned or controlled community land. Loans for major plant items and equipment will be considered where the plant or equipment is used in the maintenance and operations of the community facility.

Applications for loans up to \$50K will be considered, subject to the total loan liability owing by any one community group or organisation not exceeding \$50K at any one time.

The aggregate of all loans owing to Council must not exceed \$250K at any point in time. Interest rate is fixed (currently 3% per annum) for the duration of the loan with

a term not exceeding 10 years.

Please contact Council's Accounting Officer, Camilla Webb for more info, P 02 6036 0100.

## Use of Council plant for community projects



Council permits the use of Council owned plant being used on community projects out of hours at no cost, providing the community organisation negotiate with the regular Council operator to volunteer their time.

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**Breaking News February 15th:** Today, the Walla Hot Shots won the grand final in C4 division at Victorian Country Week Tennis. In the team are Diana Wegener, Toots Walkerden, Maree Seidel, Annette Schroeter, Leonie Carey and Cheryl Feuerherdt. – John Seidel



**Tuesday Social Tennis**

Starting time is still 9am. We welcome new players - it has been good to have a couple of star recruits in the last few weeks. It has been great weather for the Country Week team at Shepparton, and news just to hand is that they are winners of their section. Well done!

**Bi-Centennial Park**

Despite our best efforts we were unable to have the roses flowering for the big weekend. Now we need to aim for Anzac Day. Working Bee for February is Wednesday 26th at 8.30am, and March is Wednesday 27th also at 8.30am. Early in the garden is most enjoyable when there are others to share it with! Please come and join us.—Marj Rayner

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Walla Walla Rural Fire Service is seeking Volunteers from the local area who are interested in joining our Brigade.

Volunteering offers the opportunity to learn new and valuable skills that will not only assist you in your voluntary role but in day to day life and even your workplace. It is also an opportunity to meet people you wouldn't normally meet and stay connected to your local community.

No matter what your experience, if you are interested in helping, we would love to hear from you.

The NSW RFS provides training and education opportunities to all members free of charge, giving you the knowledge and skills to work safely. As a Registered Training Organisation, the NSW RFS offers nationally accredited qualifications which mean you can take those qualifications and use them in your day to day life. The NSW RFS also offers flexible training options for members, including manuals and workbooks that allow for the flexible delivery of training as well as some online options.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Shai Feuerherdt (Captain WWRFS) on 0401 668 597.

**WAW Opening Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 12.30-4.30pm.  
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**Walla Walla Community Markets**  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
Town Hall  
2-4PM

**Community church service**, Sunday 31st March, 10am, St Paul's College, all welcome.

**Community prayer meeting**, Thursday 28th Feb and 28th Mar, 8pm, Zion church hall.

**"World Day of Prayer"** - Friday March 1st at 10am at the Baptist Church, Market St, Walla Walla. - Jill Shipard

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