TENNIS THROUGH THE AGES

The Walla North Walla Tennis Club celebrated Walla’s 150th anniversary by holding an event - Tennis Through The Ages, on 5th April. The event was a great success, supported by past and present tennis players and supporters. The aim was to celebrate tennis in and around Walla over the years, which included a number of local clubs. We shared good food, light entertainment and great conversations, whilst enjoying a presentation, historical records and memorabilia. Guest speaker, Phil Shanahan (a highlight of the night) spoke of his long involvement in tennis and love of the game. It was a great honour to have so many life members from Sunrise, North Walla, Walla & Walla North Walla tennis clubs in attendance. - Judy Hueske

Above: Life members Elizabeth Heir, Merv Wegener, Diana Wegener, Marj Rayner, Neville Feuerherdt, Duina Hoffmann, Keith Churches, Ronnette Richardson, Norma & Beau Schulz and Marie Paech (sitting). Ermore Wegener was absent.

Right: John & Maree Seidel in tennis clothes of bygone era.
Assyrian Community visit from Fairfield to Walla Walla

During the 9th and 10th of March, we welcomed a group of 24 people from the Assyrian Community in Fairfield (Sydney).

We showed them everything our great town has to offer: public school, pharmacy, doctor and local businesses. And then in the evening we all enjoyed a shared dinner at the Lutheran church hall.

They were really impressed by the town and how quiet it is here compared to Sydney. They loved being able to meet people from our community that kindly came to spend time with them.

A special thank you to those who contributed to make the visit possible.

It was a great weekend and we look forward to hear if any of them would like to call Walla Walla “Home.”

-Walla Walla Refugee Resettlement Committee

Walla Walla Community Markets

The Walla Walla Community Markets went well again in April. We had 18 different stall holders including Penny from Halve Waste giving out information on rubbish, recycling and re-useable alternatives. We also had a visit from Sussan Ley, our local Federal MP for Farrer. It was good to see locals catching up over a coffee and supporting local businesses!

The next markets will be on Sunday 12th May, 2-4pm. Yes, that is Mother’s Day. Bring Mum down for a coffee and cake and you’re sure to find her a lovely gift as well. –Elisa Bartholomaeus.

Photo left: Sussan Ley, Elisa Bartholomaeus and Karen Ofak

Radio active mates get national award

A PROGRAM that lures original music on the airwaves has won a national community radio award. The Atomic CountDown, which airs from Albury’s 2REFM FM studios, claimed best locally produced music program at the Southern Community Media Association X-Awards this month. Hosted by Josh Gough and produced by Maxi Brackmann, the program is the lead song from a website of the same name where musicians can upload songs which are then played in a 20-track format on the show. “We’re happy to give them airplay because without a record deal they can’t get on commercial radio and they might not have the right answers for triple j,” Gough said.

The show began a year ago and can be heard on Tuesdays at 10am on 2REFM and Friday mornings on 107.7FM with podcasts put on the website.

-AUTHOR BURN

Walla Walla Croquet Club News

After a very close competition, Walla was successful in retaining the “Battered Ball” trophy, with Albury second and Wodonga third.

This is a very competitive annual competition between Walla, Albury and Wodonga Croquet Clubs. Each Club has to play the other two at their home ground and at the opponent’s home ground.

Congratulations to the Walla members who played so well! Congratulations also to Alan Hunter as Runner-up in the Singles event at the Wagga Wagga Annual Croquet Carnival in March.

On Thursday 11th April, 5 of our members competed in the Wodonga Gala Day. It was a good fun day and Nola Scholz won the raffle.

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

Above: “Battered Ball” winners 2019

At the Cross-Country Carnival held on Wednesday 3rd April at Bowna Reserve. Students were also quick to encourage each other at the finish line and many won awards. Congratulations to everyone who participated and a huge thank you to the parents that were able to attend. Our students who will represent the Walbundrie Small Schools’ Network at the Southern Riverina Carnival on 10th May are:

10 yr Girls: Elka Torrens - 1st, Taya DeCosta - 4th.
12/13 yrs Girls: Petrea Ofak - 3rd.

Photo right: Olivia Odewahn, Adelaide Phegan and Emily Glasgow at the Cross-Country Carnival.

Athletics Carnival

Walbundrie Small Schools competed in the Athletics Carnival on Monday 18th March at Alexander Park, with our school doing very well. Of particular note were the efforts of Evie Torrens, Bill Phegan, James Heir and Isaac Lieschke, who represented Walla in the relay and won against Burrumbuttock and Rand. Evie Torrens also achieved age champion, and Walla Walla Public School came second overall! Congratulations to all. Right: Isaac Lieschke, James Heir, Evie Torrens and Bill Phegan at the Athletics Carnival.

Billionaire Boy

Our students travelled to Wagga Wagga on Thursday 21st March to see a live musical called ‘Billionaire Boy’, based on a book by David Walliams (photo right). The play focused on the life of a boy named Joe Spud whose father became a billionaire and provided him with everything he could dream of. But the only thing he really wanted was a friend. The play was enjoyed by many.

Museum visit

On Thursday 11th April our students were able to visit Dawn Beachcroft’s Museum to learn about the past, particularly about our soldiers from WWI and WWII. Herb Simpfendorfer discussed the significance of ANZAC Day with the students and an enjoyable sausage sizzle was shared. We thank both of these local residents for their ongoing support of the school.
Walla Walla Silos – One Hundred Years Old.
By Tony Brinkmann

Walla Walla Silos story continued from April issue

1919 - Bring on the Silos!

By October 1917, the sites for the silos state wide had been fixed by the State Wheat board, and the state was broken up into three sections. Walla was in section 3, the Wagga section. All the local silo sites were in this group; the largest was Lockhart, with 2 silo sites of “bins” each, 50,000 bushel capacity for each of the twelve silo 600,000 bushels all up. Others had 1 silo, some had 2, Walla Walla was to be in the 4 “bin” range, again 50,000 bushel capacity per silo, along with Milbrulong and Coolamon for this initial phase of construction.

In October 1918, the foundations of the Walla silos were in progress. Once these were finished, it would take three weeks until the foundations were set and ready for the Walla Walla bag stacks and silos in the 1930s construction of the walls. Once the crew working on the Culcairn silos had finished, they came over to Walla.

The winning tenderer to build all the Section 3 silos, was Walter E. C. Cooper, Master Builder, Melbourne, @ £140,110. All the machinery for the silos; conveyors, elevators, augers, man lifts etc. was supplied by Thomas Robinson and Co. Ltd. Sydney, @ £65,005. The total amount for steelwork on the section 3 silos, was £110,000, divided between BHP Co., Newcastle, and Messrs G. C. Hoskins Ltd., Sydney. The Culcairn Council was required to supply 750 cubic yards of screened blue metal a month to all silo construction sites within its jurisdiction.

The construction of the 4 Walla silos, and 218 others across NSW, followed the Polk system, thought up by J.T. Polk of the USA. This system included the use of one simple apparatus; a steel centre mast operated by a winch, carried the whole weight of a circular steel sheet form work. This formwork included inner and outer sectional steel shells. These forms were filled and the concrete allowed to set, and the forms were then slowly raised. The structure grew about 5 feet a day into a massive concrete silo or bin.

In January and February 1919, the walls of the 4 Walla Walla silo “bins” were rising 4 to 5 feet per day, to a completed height of around 70 feet. The walls are about 10 inches thick. Working day and night keeping up a regular concrete pour, the crew of around 40 men worked by lights of a lighting plant set up specifically for night time work. Locals commented in awe on the vast amount of concrete.”

It is happening at Walla Walla. The Children’s Services Building is having its brickwork added on April 19th. Photo by Herb Simpfendorfer
WALLA WALLA ANZAC DAY

PROGRAM OF EVENTS 2019

5.45am  Dawn Service, Bicentennial Park
10.30am  Assembly for March outside “Walla Walla Hair and Beauty”
11.30am  Service begins at Bicentennial Park
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12 pm  Sausage Sizzle, tea and cake outside the Walla Walla Transaction Centre (Lions and Red Cross)

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$200 per week (price negotiable)
(Includes water usage)
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Tuesday Social Tennis

We love to have new players. Come and join us starting at 9.30am at the Walla courts. Visiting campers also welcome.

Bi-Centennial Park Garden

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WALLA WALLA TOWN ARCHIVE.

Situated in its own room loaned to us by the Greater Hume Shire, in the WAW complex, the town’s archives are currently being set up as a free public asset for anyone to search items for family reunions, publications, functions, community events etc. Under the auspices of the Walla Walla and District Historical Society, it will most likely be run by a separate committee. This committee will be set up in the coming months.

We will be asking the community for donations of material to store in our archives, add to the material we already have stored, as a resource for the future, and to be accessible to all. As this will be a free service, any monetary donations will be gratefully received to assist us to buy more filing cabinets, and archival safe storage.

There is currently quite a large photo archive being put together, but we are also looking for written history. Documents, diaries, minute books, and other similar items are most welcome for donation, or for loan so we can scan them and create a digital copy for others to use.

With regard to minute books, we encourage anyone who has any old minute books from community organisations in their possession to consider offering them back to the community so they can be used as a much needed primary resource. Minute books hold a wealth of accurate information because of their very nature being an on-the-spot information source of an event or meeting held over a hundred years ago or just last week.

At present we are unable to offer any research facilities. Hopefully sooner rather than later, we will be able to offer this service. Interim contacts for the archive are Janet Paech, 0408 634986 or janetpaech@gmail.com and Tony Brinkmann, 60 292296 or brinkade@bigpond.net.au. Please feel free to contact either of us for offers of donations, lending of items to scan, any general queries or offers of help.

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Compassionate Communities: Creating a supportive culture for carers

In Australia we have an aging population and more of us are living longer with complex chronic health issues. This means that carers are looking after their loved ones at home for longer periods of time. Caring for someone with a serious or life limiting illness has its challenges and families need support, from both local services and family and friends as well.

The Culcairn Local Health Advisory Committee (LHAC), with the support of Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network (MPHN), are hosting a series of four free workshops in Culcairn this year, with the first being held on Friday 10th May at the Uniting Church Hall.

All community members and local services are warmly invited to attend the free workshops. At the first workshop, attendees will hear about the various carer supports that are available through Interreach, our local Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre. Community members will also learn about what are our barriers to offering, asking for and accepting help. David Gilmore, Culcairn LHAC chair, said that ‘there are many reasons why someone might turn down help, even when they could really use the help’. David also commented that it was important for all community members to think about how to access support, even if they are not currently caring for someone. David said ‘we really hope that our Culcairn community comes along to these workshops, because caring for others is something we all do, in one way or another’.

Encouraging Carers to say ‘yes’ to Help and carer support options information

Friday 10th May
9.30 am to 12 pm
Uniting Church Hall
43 Balfour Street Culcairn

Morning tea will be provided
Come and find out about the support available to carers through Interreach, our local Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre.
We will also learn about what is stopping us from seeking and accepting the help we need, when caring for someone at home.

All community members and local service providers most welcome!

RSVP: David Gilmore 02 6029 8291, or
Register: https://mphn.org.au/compassionate-communities-registration

Weeds at Walla Walla

The state of play:

**Bindii** – We will win with a big continued effort. We have to win, because Bindii is so nasty. Fortunately everyone knows what it looks like, and hates it. Spray and chipping both work well.

**Khaki Weed** – We will win this one, as there are only a few patches left in our town. It can try to hide, but we will find every last plant.

**Fleabane** – I cannot see any way we can win. We can get rid of it in our backyards, but there could be too much on roadsides for us to tackle.

**Patterson’s Curse (Patto)** is now growing nicely, but it is easily controlled with spray or chipping. There are only a few plants in Walla (right).

**Hairy Panic** may be now in the Too Hard basket. The best we can achieve is control in our back yards.

My campaign to get rid of **Paspalum** is going well. It is seeding now, so it is easy to see.

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Rural Care Link
Ring 60263001 or 0475 594 073
Urgent Needs: Lifeline 13 11 14
Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
Mensline Australia 1300 789 978

Be kind and tenderhearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ. Ephesians 4:32

May Community Diary

**Wednesday 1st**
- **Ladies’ social bowls** 10am

**Friday 3rd**
- **Community garden at SPC** 8.30am

**Saturday 4th**
- **Croquet 8.30am**
- **Lions newspaper pick up**
- **DJ’s 1st birthday** 4-9 pm
- **RWW vs Lockhart (Rand)**

**Monday 6th**
- **Croquet 8.30am**
- **Senior citizens bus trip to Bright** 8.30 am
- **Mobile library** 9 am
- **Mainly Music** 10 am

**Tuesday 7th**
- **Social tennis** 9.30 am

**Wednesday 15th**
- **Ladies’ social bowls** 10 am
- **Biggest Morning Tea Baptist Church**
- **Newsletter deadline** 12 pm

**Thursday 16th**
- **Solar farm information session** 2-8 pm Culcairn bowling club

**Friday 17th**
- **Community garden at SPC** 8.30am

**Saturday 18th**
- **Croquet 8.30 am**
- **Federal election at Walla Public School** 8am-6 pm

**Monday 20th**
- **Croquet 8.30 am**
- **Mobile library** 9am
- **Mainly Music** 10 am

**Sunday 21st**
- **Social tennis** 9.30 am

**Friday 24th**
- **Community garden at SPC** 8.30am

**Saturday 25th**
- **Croquet 8.30 am**
- **RWW vs Brock-Burrum (away)**

**Monday 27th**
- **Croquet 8.30am**
- **Mobile library** 9 am

**Tuesday 28th**
- **Social tennis** 9.30 am
- **Friends of Bi-Cent Park** 11.30 am

**Wednesday 29th**
- **Red Cross meeting** Baptist Hall 2 pm

**Friday 31st**
- **Community garden at SPC** 8.30am

Don’t forget to vote Saturday 18th of May for the Federal Election at the Walla Public School 8am-6pm

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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

**BIGGEST MORNING TEA**
WHEN: Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 10am
WHERE: Baptist Church, Market St. Walla Walla
Come and Support this very worthwhile appeal for Breast Cancer.
Guest Speakers: From Cancer Council, Wagga Wagga.
Enquiries: Dorothy Cremer 60292120

**CAKE STALL**
Date: 12th May 2-4pm at Walla Markets in Walla Hall.
This is a Red Cross Cake Stall so we will need members to participate in providing for this.
Money goes to Red Cross Calling.
-Dorothy Cremer

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**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 - 11:30 am

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 - 11:30pm; Sunday 12-2pm
- Meals other times if booked, take-away available.

DJ’s Fine Food 6029 2033:
- Mon-Thurs: 7.30am - 4pm; Fridays: 7.30am - 7pm; Saturdays: 8.30am - 11:30am and 5-8pm

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

**CHURCH TIMES**
Lutheran Church Walla Walla
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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 Meriman 0428 287 414 or Kevin Newbold 6029 2583

Catholic Church Market St. Walla Walla
1st & 4th Sundays 6pm
Contact: Father Terence Mahedy 6029 3635

Anglican Church Balfour St. Culcairn
9:30am each 1st & 3rd Sunday. Contact: Father Bob Done 6028 3691

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