



Your October 2021 Community Newsletter

WALLA WALLA BUSINESSES: WALLA WALLA HOTEL MOTEL

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Past

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In 1959 this building was demolished and replaced with the "new" Walla Walla Hotel/Motel, with separate motel units. In 1985, Russell & Bernadette Milne bought the hotel. They eventually enlarged and modernised the hotel and motel units, adding a residence for the licensee and completely changing the roofline and exterior.



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Present

Mez (Merryl) Thomas and Gaz (Garry) Sheather purchased the lease and took on the running of the hotel on 22nd May 2017. Being first timers running a pub, our previous experience was on the other side of the bar, tasting a cold ale or two!



Originally, Gaz hails from Harrington, NSW and Mez from Portland, Vic, however we moved from Coffs Harbour (Toormina), NSW to Walla after deciding a change in career and lifestyle was needed.

Walla Walla is a great community and we are so lucky to have the opportunity to be living here. From day 1, we have been welcomed and supported by many locals.

Our aim is to give our patrons what they deserve: friendly efficient service, icy cold beers (taste is everything!) and other beverages. We have meals available Thursday dinner to Sunday lunch, although with the lockdown restrictions (now recently lifted) this was limited to take away only. Meals are cooked by our chef, Dave. We have weekly specials posted on Facebook, displayed on the Pub windows, at the WAW Credit Union and on the Post Office window.

The pub dining room also hosts meetings for groups such as the Walla Walla War Memorial Swimming Pool. Other groups turn up at the pub for gatherings and lunch such as Probus club, motorcycle club runs, sporting groups awards nights and tour bus stops.

We try to source local staff and locally produced goods where possible, and always appreciate any over-supply of fruit and vegetables anyone may have!

We sponsor the local football and cricket teams as well as a darts side and the Walla Motorcycling Club as well as a category and trophy at the Walla Show & Shine each year.

Prior to COVID restrictions being enforced we ran various fundraisers to contribute to the Walla Walla Rural Fire Brigade, raising more than \$3,000, and community projects such as the new skate park and Silo Art. We have also had the team from "Beef it Up Australia" visit & provide an evening of free entertainment on 20th of May, 2021. This organisation is concerned about raising awareness of mental health in country communities and aim to promote all small country businesses.



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WALLA WALLA EXERCISE PARK

By now many of you would be aware outdoor exercise equipment has been installed near the skate park behind the swimming pool. There are eleven fitness stations, designed to safely cater for a range of ages and abilities, with the equipment covering three key elements of fitness training – cardio, strength and flex/core conditioning. Each station includes instructions on how to use the equipment, including QR codes to obtain a video demonstration.



The exercise park is the result of Riverina Water providing funding for the equipment under their Community Grants Program to the tune of \$22,000. We were very thankful and excited to know that Riverina Water wanted to support our community, and once the funding was received, local businesses and our local council jumped on board to provide in-kind services to install the equipment and make the park ready for use. It really was a team effort and we'd like to acknowledge those who contributed to the project:

- Riverina Water
- PJN Sheds
- Southern Ag Construction
- Jindera Bobcat and Machinery Service
- Greater Hume Council
- Walla Walla Community Development Committee



It's great to see so many people utilising these facilities. Keep it up and we'll have a healthier community before you know it!

Greater Hume Council and Riverina Water have also installed a "tap2go" near the exercise equipment and skate park, which now means all those people working up a thirst can have access to fresh water. There's even water available for your four-legged friends!

The Walla Walla Community Development committee will continue to look for future opportunities to enhance the facilities in and around our community.



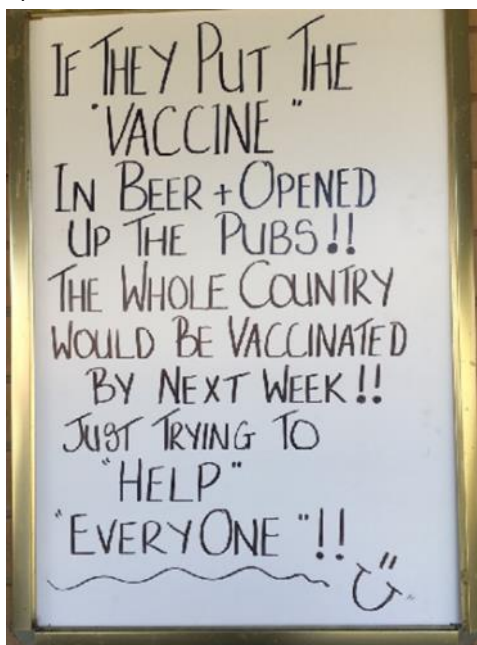
More recently we held a raffle to assist the Ryall family whose son, Mason, had been at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne with the family for a lengthy stay receiving cancer surgery and treatment. From this raffle, \$660 was raised and donated to the family to help with costs. The 1st prize was a huge meat tray which was won by Phil Carroll, who kindly donated it back to the family.



On the 14th of August this year, the pub was in the middle of hosting a large surprise 80th birthday party for John Beachcroft when there was only 2.5 hours' notice given of a snap lockdown starting at 5 pm! Everyone was bitterly disappointed they had to leave the pub at 5 pm sharp instead of partying until closing time.



To cope during lockdown, we tried to come up with regular humorous slogans on our notice board. The two most memorable quotes are shown below.



Way back we started a wall in the pub entitled "Walla Walla Pub Wanderers' Wanderings" which displays postcards from any adventures sent to the Pub. It's amazing how some ever made it as the addresses can be interesting! Some are addressed only as: "To the Pub" or "Mez & Gaz Walla Pub". Or the postcards arrive long after the sender has returned home!



Future

Although we are all living in difficult times at the moment, we are very optimistic about the future. We are now finally open again for normal business. We missed our regular patrons and the hive of activity we are so used to being in every day.

We are currently doing a bit of maintenance around the place, and would like to do more, funds permitting. We really appreciate our locals who donate materials and/or help out. Recently we've been given left-over paint and we are sprucing up the outdoor area. We also welcome plants & cuttings to liven up the beer garden.

Since re-opening, we are keen to organise more social events including regular music, Sunday social darts and pool competitions.

We are very pleased to announce our new logo which features on our stubby holders, as well as T-Shirts which we hope to have available for sale soon. We will also soon have personalised bumper/window stickers for sale.



THREATENED SPECIES IN WALLA WALLA AND BEYOND

Written by Françoise McPherson

The 7th of September each year is National Threatened Species Day which is the same date in 1936 when the iconic Tasmanian Tiger (*Thylacinus cynocephalus*) became extinct forever. This is a time to commemorate the plant and animal species that are on the global CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species Of Wild Flora And Fauna) list of which Australia is a signatory country.

It also encourages everyone to reflect on the astonishing rate at which animals and plants are becoming extinct all over the world but especially in Australia. Australia is among 7 other countries that are responsible for the loss of 50% of global biodiversity. No less than 54 of animal species have become extinct in the last two centuries alone and Australia has one of the worst rates of animal extinction (especially mammals). The Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999, Australia's flagship nature law, lists no less than 518 species as threatened which includes the status of rare, vulnerable and critically endangered. In the 20 or so years that this Act has been in existence, a whopping 7.7 million hectares of bushland has been destroyed without authorisation leaving the wildlife that lives there with nowhere to go. The Black Summer bushfires of 2019-2020 destroyed a further 12.6 million hectares of forest and woodlands with negative impacts on an estimated 3 billion native animals. Some were saved and rehabilitated but most have died, pushing some species even closer to the brink of extinction.

The last remaining wild stand of 240 Wollemi Pines in the Blue Mountains were discovered only 10 years ago and saved during the Black Summer bushfires by firefighters using aerial waterbombing. Between 1/3 and 1/2 of the world's wild tree species (an estimated 17,510 species) are at risk of extinction which would collapse global ecosystems. This is 30% of 58,497 of the world's known tree species. Another 7% are possibly threatened and 22% were insufficiently evaluated. The main cause of tree extinction is clearing for agriculture, followed by logging, housing/commercial development, fire, mining, invasive species/weeds and climate change according to a 5-year international study: The State of The World's Trees Report, 2021. Brazil has the most (1,788) threatened tree species due to logging and land clearing in the Amazon rainforest, Earth's most diverse forest with species yet to be discovered. China is only the 6th most biodiverse nation but it has 890 tree species at risk. North American ash forests are under threat from pests and diseases while Europe is fast losing its rowan and whitebeam trees.

Australia is a country with many different types of habitats that are home to many unique animal and plant species. The most critically endangered animals in Australia are greater glider, regent honeyeater, numbat, platypus, swift parrot, black-flanked rock wallaby, Kangaroo Island dunnart, koala, pygmy mountain possum and ground parrot. Koalas in the wild are predicted to be extinct from NSW and Queensland by 2050.

Closer to home in NSW, there are about 1000 species of animal and plant listed as threatened. Walla Walla is listed as being located in the South Western Slopes (Inland) region. The most endangered birds in this region (46 species) are masked owl, swift parrots, su-

perb parrots, diamond firetails and painted honeyeaters. The 16 mammal species include several bats and the rest are marsupials. Two amphibians made the list: Sloane's froglet and Southern bell frog and one reptile: pink-tailed legless lizard. Threatened plants range from orchids, grasses, shrubs and trees.

Gum Swamp is an important wetland area of 458 hectares only 2 kms north of Walla Walla. It is home to threatened species such as the brown tree creeper, white-bellied sea eagle, grey-crowned babbler, fishing bat and squirrel glider. Some of these animals such as the white-bellied sea eagle are rare here (seen in flood years only) but more common elsewhere closer to the coast. The Gum Swamp has a vital role in helping to protect some of these important species.

With the world population of over 7.4 billion humans already, there is huge pressure on animals and plants to find enough food, shelter, mates and clean water to survive despite habitat loss to agriculture and urban development, presence of feral animals and weeds, pollution on a huge scale and the threat of predation and disease.

But it's not all doom and gloom and there are some simple things everyone can do:

- 1) Plant native species of trees, shrubs, grasses and ground covers in your yard, paddock or dig up your grass strip and turn into a true nature strip with habitat for lizards, birds and invertebrates. Check Council regulations first and dial before you dig! Placing hollow logs on the ground provides shelter for skinks and other lizards.
- 2) Place shallow water containers in your gardens for skinks, possums, lizards and native bees to drink from. A rock in the middle prevents drowning. A frog pond could also be constructed in the backyard.
- 3) Instead of using animal manure-based fertiliser, feed your plants Charlie Carp™. This is a fertiliser made of emulsified European carp, a very invasive aggressive fish invading Australian rivers and outcompeting native fish species. Charlie Carp™ is readily available at Bunnings, plant nurseries etc.
- 4) Set aside a part of a paddock for wildlife with a dam containing an island of rocks or driftwood to provide a place for waterbirds to nest on or turtles to haul out of the water for basking in the sun safe from predators. Tree shelterbelts also benefit livestock whilst sheltering and feeding wildlife.
- 5) Do not toss rubbish including food waste out along the road side. Plastic waste entangles and kills wildlife. An apple core might seem harmless but it can attract a common mouse which then draws the attention of a threatened masked owl that is fatally struck by a car as it swoops in.
- 6) Build and position wooden boxes in Eucalyptus trees for parrots, cockatoos, possums and gliders in lieu of natural hollows. Dimensions and height off the ground requirements vary for each species.
- 7) Keep cats indoors, especially at night, and desex them. Feral cats threaten the survival of over 100 native species as they are opportunistic indiscriminate hunters.
- 8) Place decals on windows to prevent bird collisions.
- 9) Limit consumption of seafood. A whopping 38 million tonnes of marine creatures are caught as bycatch each year through cruel and indiscriminate fishing practices (drift nets, longline nets, trawling and gillnets). Sharks have their fins cut off (for shark fin soup) while

they are alive and then tossed overboard to die. Bycatch species dying needlessly include turtles, rays, dolphins, whales and fish that are too small or the wrong species. Seabirds such as albatrosses and petrels are also caught up in trawler nets and drown. An estimated 300,000 cetaceans die in nets each year.

10) Use non-poisonous means to exterminate rats and mice. Baited rodents are eaten by owls, tawny frogmouths, hawks, snakes etc and the poison in the prey accumulates in the predator species which kills them also. The same principle applies to exterminating snails and slugs which are eaten by lizards, turtles and birds.

11) Participate in wildlife sighting surveys such as the Aussie Backyard Bird Count and similar surveys for frogs and pollinator insects. You can download apps such as I Spy Koala (NSW DPIE), Birdlife and the Australian Museum's FrogID on your phone for reporting sightings.

12) If you find injured, sick or orphaned native wildlife (not introduced species), take it to the nearest vet or report it to WIRES. Slow down when driving at dusk and dawn when animals are more active and be aware of birds on the road feeding on spilt grain, drinking from rain puddles, animals crossing the road or feeding along the verge.

13) Boycott products made with palm nut oil. Palm nut plantations cause rainforest to be cleared in Indonesia and Malaysia endangering orang utans, gibbons, Sumatran tigers, Malaysian tapir and other forest dwellers.

14) Ensure you only buy recycled paper and timber made from sustainable plantations (Forest Stewardship Council label) and shade-grown coffee to save rainforests.

15) Refrain from buying products derived from wildlife such as ivory, rhinoceros horn, tiger penis, bear bile, dried coral, dried seahorses, fur, hides, tortoise shell or eat endangered animals such as marine turtle soup.

16) Volunteer as a citizen scientist participating in mass tree plantings, weed clearing days in fragile habitats, Clean Up Australia day, animal sightings etc.

17) Stay on designated walking tracks when visiting wetlands, national parks and nature reserves to avoid trampling fragile plants, many of which could be small and easily overlooked such as native orchids. It's also illegal to remove plants or animals (including eggs) from the wild without a permit.

References: <https://www.wwf.org.au/what-we-do/species/national-threatened-species-day>; <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/threatened-species>; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_West_Slopes; www.worldwildlife.org; www.endangered.org; <http://www.wollemipine.com/>; <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/sep/01/up-to-half-worlds-wild-tree-species-could-risk-extinction>



CHURCH TIMES

Lutheran Church Walla Walla

1st and 3rd Sundays 9am

2nd and 4th Sundays 10.30am

Contact: Pastor Dan Mueller 0413 032 455

<https://walla.lutheran.org.au>

Lutheran Church Alma Park

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10.30am

2nd and 4th Sundays 9am

Contact: Pastor Dan Mueller 0413 032 455

Baptist Church Market St. Walla Walla

Sundays at 10am

Contact: Marj Rayner 0459 292 233

Catholic Church Market St. Walla Walla

1st and 4th Sundays 6pm

Contact: Father Terence Mahedy 0458 298 363

Anglican Church Balfour St. Culcairn

1st and 3rd Sundays 9.30am

Contact: Father Bob Done 6026 3691

Community Service on the 5th Sunday of the Month



Wellbeing Support Service

Life can create hurdles that we find hard to overcome. While dealing with adversity might be an inevitable part of life, difficulties or misfortunes don't have to be managed on your own. Sometimes, a little help can go a long way.

Jindera Rural CareLink is working in partnership with Social Worker, Bryony Cooke, who is able to offer a guiding hand, a listening ear, a warm heart, and confidential counselling service to those in need. Bryony has expertise in many areas to do with a person's wellbeing and is able to provide support and guidance so that they can successfully move on with their life. Bryony has been involved with many areas of a community including currently being a volunteer for Coast Guard at Bonegilla.



Bookings can only be made by phoning Bryony on a Thursday between 12 noon and 5 pm on 0400 654 916

As Bryony is an accredited Mental Health Social Worker this service is free with a Mental Health Plan from your doctor

RURAL CARE LINK

Ring 6026 3001 or 0475 594 073

Jindera Community Hub, 83 Urana St.

Carers Support Group

Contact: Jenny O'Neill, 0438 263 417

URGENT NEEDS:

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

WALLA WALLA BOOK SWAP

In the Hall behind WAW

Open when WAW is.

No fees or membership. Just choose a book, keep it and swap one you have read or bring it back and swap again.

Books for all ages.

When I am afraid, O Lord Almighty,

I put my trust in You.

Psalms 56 verse 3



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- Translation of documents from German into English
- Object appraisal and identification
- Preservation needs assessments for your family heirlooms

All of the above are carried out by our experienced and qualified professional curators and historians.

For all enquiries please call: 0417 271 464

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RECYCLING NEWSLETTERS

If you don't need your Newsletter anymore, can you please leave it or any other old copies you have, at the Walla Post Office for others to read.



AROUND THE TOWN

Walla Blokes back at the Walla Food Mill for coffee after the 4 week Covid lockdown



RETURN AND EARN WALLA WALLA

Pickup is now available for drumMUSTER containers for a small fee. All containers will come back to Walla to benefit the Sports Complex.

Call 0447 927 722



WALLA WALLA SPORTSGROUND HAS OWN QR CODE

All users of the sportsground can now use the QR code unique to the sportsground. Signs are up at the entrance gate, caravan park, tennis club and entrance to the pavilion.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Due to Covid restrictions, there will be no meetings of the Senior Citizens until further notice.

*President
Dorothy Cremer 60292120*

BOOK CLUB

An interesting group of ladies from Culcairn/Henty/Walla area meets on the 3rd Monday of each month (7.30 pm) to discuss a book that we read. We meet in the homes of members. If you enjoy reading we would love you to become a member. Contact Marj Rayner 0459292233



RED CROSS

Just a note that there will be no Red Cross meetings for the remainder of this year

*Dorothy Cremer
President
6029 2120*



Australian Red Cross

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 28 October and 25 November (both pending COVID restrictions). For prayer requests please contact Pastor Dan Mueller (0413 032 455).



Hume Medical Center Is Now



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vecarehealth.com.au

Doctors:

Dr. Ramanpreet Gill, MBBS, FRACGP

Dr. Wah Wah Soe, MBBS

Dr. Sudha Jayaraman, MBBS

TAKE OLD CAR BATTERIES TO LIESCHKE MOTORS

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

Thank You Lieschke Motors!!



We have childcare places available in Walla Walla

At the Walla Walla Centre -

- Long day care available Monday to Friday 7:30am - 5:30pm
- Qualified and experienced educators
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Enrol online at ghchildren.com.au

Enquiries M 0436 812 579

E mail@ghchildren.com.au



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FIRST AID

Severe Bleeding

1. Apply pressure to the wound:

- Remove or cut the person's clothing to expose the wound.
- Apply direct pressure over the wound – if possible, ask the person to do this.
- If the person is unable to apply pressure, apply pressure using a pad or your hands (use gloves if available).
- Squeeze the wound edges together, if possible.

2. Raise and support the injured part:

- Lie the person down.
- Raise the injured part above the level of the heart.
- Handle gently if you suspect a fracture.

3. Bandage the wound:

- Apply a pad over the wound if not already in place.
- Secure the pad with a bandage, ensuring the pad remains over the wound.
- If the bleeding is still not controlled, leave the initial pad in place and apply a second pad. Secure the second pad with a bandage.

4. Check for circulation below the wound:

- Feel for a pulse or press a finger nail or toe nail and see if the white returns to pink.

5. If severe bleeding persists, give nothing by mouth:

- Call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.

6. Treat for shock:

- See next month's article on *Shock*.

Constrictive Bandage

Occasionally, in major limb injuries such as partial amputations or larger crater wounds (eg, shark attack), severe bleeding cannot be controlled by direct pressure. As a last resort and only when other methods of controlling bleeding



have failed, a constrictive bandage may be applied to a limb (above the elbow or knee) to control life-threatening bleeding.

- Use a firm cloth, at least 5cm wide and 75cm long (eg. a folded triangle bandage).
- Wrap the cloth strip firmly around the injured limb (between the elbow and shoulder or knee and pelvis) until a pulse can no longer be felt beyond the constrictive bandage and bleeding has been controlled.
- Note the time of application. Write this on the patient in pen or texta.
- Call triple zero (000)** for an ambulance.
- After 30 minutes, release the bandage and check for bleeding. If there is no bleeding, remove the constrictive bandage. If bleeding recommences, apply direct pressure. If direct pressure is unsuccessful, reapply the constrictive bandage.

Ensure the bandage is clearly visible and a written tag is on the patient. Inform the paramedics of the position of the bandage and the time of application.

References:

https://stjohn.org.au/assets/uploads/fact%20sheets/english/Fact%20sheets_severe%20bleeding.pdf

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/bleeding>

Next month: *Shock*

About St John Ambulance (NSW)

St John Ambulance (NSW) has been working with and making a difference in communities across NSW for over 135 years to save lives through first aid. Our vision is to have one person educated, equipped and prepared to provide first aid in every home, workplace and public gathering.

We are a self-funded, not-for-profit organisation which means our first aid courses and equipment help to fund our community programs. This profit-for-purpose approach allows us to reinvest back into community programs to help build a resilient and safer NSW.

Find out more at www.stjohnnsw.com.au or 1300 ST JOHN.

RWW GIANTS

Hi Giants Fans,
Sadly the Hume league season ended up being cut short due to COVID. The Hume league tried hard to get a Finals series going but it was not to be. We are thankful to have had the season we had after missing out during the 2020 year.

The end results for each grade:

Football	Netball
Seniors – 3 rd	A grade – 6 th
Reserves – 6 th	B grade – 7 th
Under 17s – 5 th	C grade – 6 th
Under 14s – 7 th	C reserve – 7 th
	17 & Under – 7 th
	15 & Under – 6 th
	13 & Under – 3 rd
	11 & Under – 9 th

The Club has Presentation day scheduled for Saturday 9th of October at Walbundrie sportsground (subject to Stay at home orders). Junior Presentation will commence at 11am to 1pm, with Seniors from 1.30pm to 4pm. This will be a ticketed event, see Giants Facebook for more information. Hope we can all catch up soon.

Go Giants!



AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

It's almost time to dust off the binoculars, brush up on bird call recordings on YouTube and get outside to participate in Australia's largest bird sightings survey from 18-24 October. Birds are counted all over the mainland as well as the Australian Antarctic Territory and other far-flung territories such as Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) islands among others. Last year, more than 4.6 million birds were counted by more than 108,000 participants in 7 days despite Victorians being in lockdown. You can register for free at <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au> and download your sightings checklists and bird ID guide. Every year since this bird census began in 2014, the rainbow lorikeet ruled the roost as the number one sighted bird. Maybe 2021 will have a different winner?

Françoise McPherson



ACT! A COLLABORATIVE TOOLKIT, PREPARING OLDER PEOPLE FOR EMERGENCIES

Following the devastating 2020 bushfires in NSW, Holbrook Meals on Wheels investigated the ACT! Toolkit and decided that it could benefit older people in our area prepare for bushfire and other emergencies. Thanks to a successful grant application to the NSW Government Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund, managed by GREATER HUME COUNCIL, we are very excited to be able to provide older people living in the Greater Hume council area, assistance to plan for bushfire and other emergencies

Using the ACT! Toolkit, the project aims to strengthen the emergency preparedness of vulnerable older people living in towns, villages, and rural locations in the council area.

What is it?

"ACT! A Collaborative Toolkit for Emergency Services and Home Support providers". Developed as a partnership between key emergency services, other experts in the field and Meals On Wheels (MOW) NSW. It was initiated in response to an overrepresentation of socially isolated people (aged 65 and over) dying in residential fires but



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was broadened to ensure an all-hazards approach. It initiates conversation to develop an emergency plan for vulnerable people.

Key Get Ready Messages

Individual resources have been developed to help older people think about what they need to do to prepare for emergencies. The key messages on emergency preparedness include:

- Know your risk
- Plan now for what you will do
- Get your home ready
- Be aware
- Look out for each other

The project will support us to empower older people to make decisions about preparing for fire and other emergencies, by building on their knowledge of local risks, initiating, and supporting individual discussions around what they can do to prepare, providing concise, practical information and linking in appropriate supports, if required.

Emergency Preparedness refers to the

steps people need to take before, during and after a natural disaster or other emergency. It involves thinking about how they will manage if essential services they rely on are no longer there. For example, utilities, transport, food supplies and supports such as community based aged care services, home nursing and personal care. The ACT! discussion tool helps prompt discussions with older people and refer them to good information such as NSW Rural Fire service, Fire and Rescue NSW and Australian Red Cross.

We will support people to think about their plan, prepare an emergency box and we will make referrals to other services for assistance where that may be required.

We are delighted to be able share this toolkit with our community, thanks to the NSW Government Bushfire Community Recovery Fund and Greater Hume Council! If you, or someone you know would like help to discuss a plan or would like more information, please call our office on 0260363677.

WALLA NORTH WALLA TENNIS CLUB

As with all sports we are waiting for direction from NSW Health to when we can commence playing again. Once we get that permission then we are back on the court.

The Club has a newly constructed fence. It looks great and complements the new pavilion.

The Hume Country Tennis Association usually gets under way in early October and goes for 18 weeks. Over 400 people participate in this competition. This is a mixed competition, played on each Saturday, where each team consists of 4 men and 4 women. This allows a whole family to play, if not all together then at their own level. There are six sections so it caters for all levels of ability. We welcome everyone but particularly young beginners. You never know when another "Ash Barty" might appear.

During the week there is social tennis every Tuesday starting at 9 am in the warmer months. This is a good time to come down and try your skills at tennis.

We also run coaching classes for the young ones. These usually run on a Thursday starting at 4.30 pm. If we have enough interest we can organise a coach from Albury.

John Seidel
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Save the date

2021 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday
4 December

Voting is compulsory

elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21
1300 135 736

2021 NSW Local Government elections

Greater Hume Council will conduct **councillor elections** to elect nine councillors, to serve for a three year term, on Saturday, 4 December 2021.

In September 2020 Council resolved that a **constitutional referendum** be held regarding wards in conjunction with the Local Government Election.

Scan for more information on the elections,
Becoming a Councillor and the referendum:



Greater Hume Council

WALLA AND DISTRICT HISTORY CARETAKERS, LICENCE HOLDERS AND OWNERS OF THE WALLA WALLA RUN TO 1908.

Part 2

Up until 1843, we have read about: 1. The Wiradjuri People, as first inhabitants; 2. Mary Larkham, an Emancipated Convict; and 3. Charles Moore Edgehill, one time Commissioner of Crown Lands at Sydney, & Grazier.

1843: John King – Pastoralist & Victorian Member of Parliament.

John King, (1820 – 1895) was born in Parramatta. Educated in England, he returned to Sydney and, in 1841, sailed to Melbourne. He opened an auctioneering and commission agent business on Elizabeth Street. John was the grandson of Governor Philip Gidley King, and he was not the explorer John King from the Burke & Wills expedition. He oversaw the droving of mobs of cattle from west of the Blue Mountains, NSW to the Port Phillip District Victoria, to Bear Brass, or Melbourne as we now know it, then ultimately, to Van Diemen's Land. King had numerous stations in Gippsland and the Monaro area of NSW. He would stock these with the cattle he had driven overland, this layover would help to fatten the cattle before sale to Melbourne & Van Diemen's Land buyers. Later on, in the mid-1850s, he became a member of the Victorian Legislative Council, representing the Gippsland region.

In these early years Walla Walla was used as a halfway point to rest cattle on these long drives to Port Phillip, but with the drought now 7 years old, and squatters totally destocking or even walking off their runs, it seems unlikely there was much feed left to fatten stock. Hence the short lease periods between 1842 and 1847 where there were 6 separate licence holders; a time of great drought and then a flood. After all this, there was a depression!

Henry Bingham's second report, in 1843, refers to John King as holder of the lease for the 1843 – 1844 lease period.

Commissioner Bingham's report on his February 1844 visit to Walla Walla: "John King, owner and in charge. Two people, 200 cattle and two horses. Size: 40 square miles. [King was only using half of the lease available a few years earlier, this points towards the notion he used it as a fattening property, keeping stock contained on the best watered Billabong flats during the drought period]. Comments: Sandy, level forest country. Water very scarce."

1844: John Ray – Convict Parentage & Grazier.

John Ray, (1817 – 1859) was born in the Illawarra, South Coast NSW. His father was a convict who was transported on the third fleet, his mother was born on Norfolk Island to convict parents. John and his younger brother Edward moved to the Riverina in 1840 and bravely took up the initial lease on Youngallie, later renamed Wardry by Henry Bingham, and later still, renamed Uardry, near Hay. This was at the height of the crippling drought. In 1849 he purchased the lease of Mahonga (later Rand) from Aimee and Charles Huon. John Ray died at Picton in 1859 from Tuberculosis.

1844, July. John Ray was listed by Henry Bingham as the holder of the lease on Walla Walla in July 1844. Wherever John leased

land, he only ran cattle. Going on the lack of extra information in Bingham's report, there was not much activity relating to John Ray on Walla Walla at this time. This lease appears to have been forfeited by late 1844, by which time the region was experiencing floods the like of which had never been seen before or even since. Aimee and Charles Huon were also said to be running stock on Walla at this time

1845: James Smith – Superintendent of Convict Farms & Grazier. Charles O'Neil – Grazier.

By the start of 1845, the long drought period had well and truly broken.

James Smith, (1795 – 1851) was a farmer all his life. To supplement his income, at different times he managed or superintended the Castle Hill, Longbottom, Grose's and Emu Plain Government run convict farms up until 1832. These convict farms provided Sydney with farm produce and building materials. In the early 1840s he and other family members made the move to Northeast Victoria and the Riverina. In Victoria the family members operated a wholesale slaughtering business near Beechworth, sourcing stock from Victoria and NSW. James took on the lease of Uranna in partnership with Charles O'Neil no later than 1844, followed by the lease on Walla by April 1845.

In 1851, during an argument in Sydney with his son-in-law, John Bootle, Bootle struck James to the head with an iron bar causing a fatal injury, this was after James had struck Bootle with a riding whip handle. James died early the following morning.

Charles (Charlie) O'Neil, (- 1858) had taken on the lease of Walla with James Smith in early 1845, Walla seems to have been an outstation to the main Smith and O'Neil property, Uranna, and was not likely to have been stocked to any great extent by Smith and O'Neil. However, they seem to be the first to cultivate land at Walla. (See Bingham's report below.) This was only 6 acres, but it would all have been cleared, prepared, sown, cut then winnowed by hand. Cultivation was likely to have been by a single furrow plough and a horse, as single furrow ploughs were a common method used to mark the boundary of unfenced stations.

Charles was found drowned in the Urana Creek, in January 1858.

About 1846, Charles O'Neil's son, Daniel, took on the Munderwaddera run (north of Henty) in partnership with Charles Moore Edgehill. In 1840, Daniel married Mr. Edgehill's eldest daughter, Jane Alicia Edgehill.

1845, April. The partnership of Smith and O'Neill was recorded by Henry Bingham as co-owners of the lease of Walla Walla. Bingham wrote: "Owners [Licence holders] O'Neill and Smith. Five people, slab hut, 6 acres in cultivation, 135 cattle, 3 horses. Size: 36 square miles."

1845 & 1847 to 1851: Dr Patrick Hill – Convict Ship Surgeon, Unacknowledged Pioneer of Australian Mental Health, Magistrate & Property Owner/Pastoralist. John Crichton. – Partner & Property Overseer for Dr. Hill.

Dr. Patrick Hill, (1794 – 1852) was appointed assistant surgeon in the Royal Navy in 1818 on board the Salisbury. In 1819 he was promoted to surgeon on the Raleigh. He was also employed on two convict ships as Surgeon Superintendent; on board the Atlas in 1816 and the Earl of St Vincent in 1820. On

arrival in the Colony in 1820, Dr Hill was then appointed Surgeon to the Colonial Medical Establishment based at Liverpool, a position he held for 21 years. He also served as a Magistrate. Due to being a "good citizen", the Governor gave him a 2000-acre land grant in 1823. This was followed by more grants and some private purchases, making him a very large land holder of 11,000 acres of purchased or granted land, all of which is part of Greater Sydney in 2021. In 1841 he was transferred to the Parramatta Asylum as Colonial Surgeon. In June 1848 he was appointed surgeon to the Gaol at Parramatta.

It is clear that Dr. Hill adopted a moral treatment approach to his patients. He promoted the idea that people who experienced mental illness should be treated with humanity and as little custodial care as possible.

Dr Hill was an acquaintance of John Macarthur, colonial merino sheep importer and breeder at Camden, John became one of Dr Hill's patients after he was declared insane in 1832 and confined to his home.

Dr Hill died suddenly at Camden in 1852.

For further reading on Dr. Hill, <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0957154X18809925>

John Crichton, (- 1851). Information on John Crichton is hard to trace, he died near Wagga Wagga as a result of an incident while mounting a horse. The following information is from the Sydney Morning Herald and was part of his obituary. "The deceased was a very steady, respectable individual, and has been many years in this quarter, acting as an overseer for Dr. Hill and others. He was a man of temperate [sober] habits".

The partnership of Dr Hill and John Crichton founded the Round Hill (Culcairn) run in the mid 1840s, and they took on the lease of the neighbouring Walla Walla run briefly in 1845. Round Hill was the main "home" property, where sheep were the priority, Walla was the "outstation", running only cattle. There were huts and stockyards at Walla. Referring back to part 1, Charles Edgehill lodged an unsuccessful challenge to Hill and Crichton's lease on Walla Walla in 1848. At the same time, a similar challenge was mounted against Hill and Crichton's lease on Round Hill. Added to this, the lease of Walla in 1846/1847 being taken on by the Huon Brothers, it is apparent that Hill and Crichton's management of these two properties was viewed with some trepidation by other prospective lease holders.

There is not much specific detail about Walla Walla during the Hill and Crichton years. There is the November 1845 lease notice, then again annually from 1847 to 1851. In 1848 the lease notice included: Hill and Crichton, Estimated Area, 80 square miles. Estimated Grazing Capacity, 1400 Head of Cattle. The accompanying notice for Round Hill included grazing capacity for 8,000 sheep.

Submitted by Anthony Brinkmann, on behalf of the Walla Walla and District Historical Society Inc. 2021.

Sources: Australian National Archives via Trove; Walla Walla Timeline 1838 to 2021; The Trek, 1994 125th Anniversary Committee book, editor Leon Wegener, relevant information supplied by Rupert Paech; Australian Royalty, Convict records Online.

October Community Diary

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
					- Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	- Daylight savings starts (put clock forward 1hr)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
- Croquet, 9am, Bowling club - Labour Day	- Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts - School Term 4 Commences				- Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
- Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	- Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	- Council meeting, 6pm, Holbrook			- Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
- Croquet, 9am, Bowling club - Book Club, 7.30pm	- Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts				- Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
- Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	- Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts		- Praying for Walla, 8pm, Lutheran Church		- Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	

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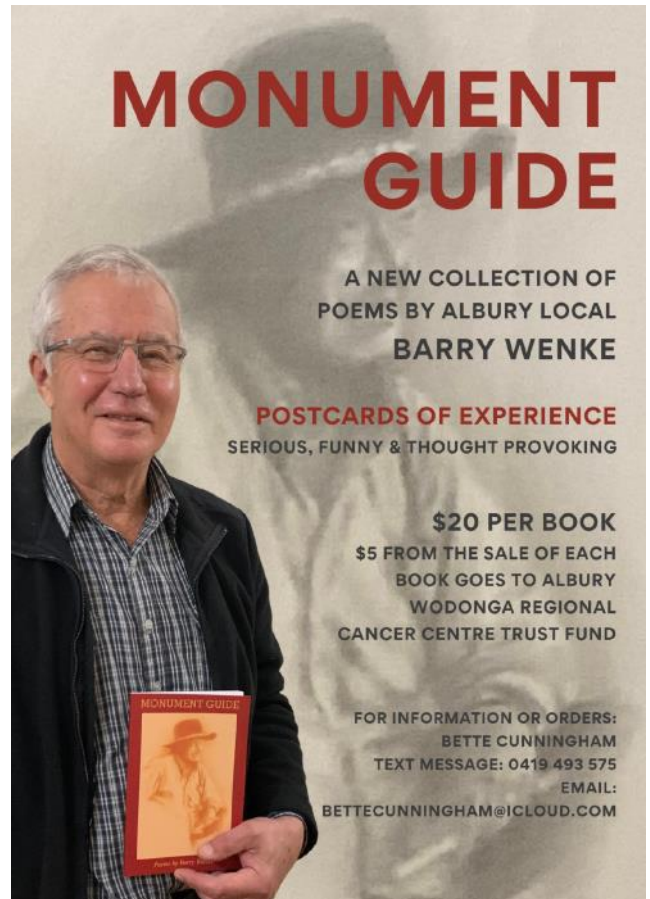
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WEEDS AT WALLA WALLA

by Herb Simpfendorfer

Marshmallow Plants

Last month, Ms Marsh had her moment of glory with her photo in the Newsletter. I went to visit her a week ago, and it was very sad. She was drooped, and on her last gasp. I held her leaf, and she whispered, "The Council guy gave me a squirt. I am all undone. I think my second cousin around the corner is safe. Good bye."

I said, "Go in peace" as she passed away.

Then I went around the corner and found her second cousin in fine mettle. We got along famously straight away. She was also called Ms Marsh.

"It's a very common name in our family," she said.

"Photo OK?", I asked.

"I'd like that", she said. See the result to the right.

She was very proud when I told her height was 1.81 m on the tape measure.

"Not my best this year," she said, "but I'm still growing. Come back again."

I said Cheerio, and left.

More about her next month if the Council guy doesn't find her and give her a squirt.



Quiz Question 1: What is the closest rainbow colour to the colour marshmallow? Choose from red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet. Answer: Yellow.

Quiz Question 2: What is the closest feet measurement to Ms Marsh's height? Choose from 6ft, 6ft, 6ft, 6ft. Answer: Her height is a whisker under 6ft.

Other weeds that are a bother just now:

Sticky weed. Easy to pull up, chip or spray. Pull up using gloves!

Soursob. Still flowering nicely with large yellow flowers. Chip. pull up or spray.

Cape weed: Flowering now with yellow daisy shaped flowers. They add a lot to the beautiful yellow scenery of our area at this time of year. Chip at ground level, broadleaf spray works well.

Patto: A few plants here and there.

Bridal Creeper: Look for it if you have had it before. It climbs up into other plants.

Thistles: Quite a few around.

Clover: Often grows where it is not wanted. Chip it out.

Bindii: Stirring under the ground. Not up yet.

RAINFALL AT WALLA WALLA FOR AUGUST 2021

as recorded at the Walla Walla Post Office.

August 2 (1.6mm), 3 (4.8mm), 4 (5.0mm), 5 (0.4mm), 12 (2.4mm), 21 (2.0mm), 24 (12.2mm), 29 (2.0mm), 30 (2.8mm) Total for August 33.2mm. For 2021 to end of August: 381.5mm.

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Farewell Don

College Principal, Don Walkley recently announced his retirement. After 5 years at the helm, Don will return to his family in Melbourne to pursue other interests. Board Chair Anthony Lieschke said Don has brought a new lease of life to the College, has overseen a number of important achievements including improving enrolment numbers; instigating major building projects; implementing strong governance and has forged new relationships with other schools in the district. "We're going to miss Don and we're very appreciative of what he's been able to do with the College." he said.



Community Garden News

Our Community Garden students enjoy helping others in the community. They recently did some cleaning up at the Walla Walla Cemetery, weeding and picking up rubbish between the graves, doing an outstanding job!



Coming soon...

Keep an eye out for St Paul's College and Walla Walla's own upcoming BLUE Tree, currently a work in progress, have you seen it?....to find out more, go to: <https://www.bluetreeproject.com.au/>

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farm education day at local farms, *Hill and Dale* and *Townview*. Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre have also organised a range of excursions for the students.

Last week, the school received a new 'Buddy Bench' made from 98% soft plastics. The bench allows the students to see the result of their recycling efforts and understand how rubbish, such as chip packets, can be turned into useful products. The new bench is a wonderful addition to our playground.

Photo: Ben Morris



In the Papers



We're strong enough but do they believe it?

Excerpts from The Border Mail article: August 31st 2021

Walla has unfinished business to attend to this season.

Defeat to Henty in last year's preliminary final left senior coach Tom Simmons wondering what might have been after his side crashed to 64 all out in pursuit of 122.

Simmons, going into his fourth season at the club, has recommitted for 2021/22.

'There's so much potential', he said, 'but the boys need to have belief in themselves. That's all they're lacking.'

Simmons has tipped youngster Nate Kohlhagen to fire with the bat this season as Walla looks to build on its second-placed finish last term.

'I only went there (to Walla) for a year but I fell in love with the place.

It's the best culture I've had at a club, Simmons said.'

Cricket News:

AGM: 22nd September

Starting date: 16th October

Two senior teams. New players welcome.

Contact:

Craig Wenke 0411 025 827

Trevor Merkel 0427 060 032



Photo: Border Mail, September 4, 2021

Many of you have seen Merv Wegener's smiling face around Walla Walla! We wish to say **Well Done** to Merv for his outstanding 40 years of service to the Hume League Board, from 1978, serving as vice President and 18 years as president. Prior to that, Merv played in six flags in his career and was the first player to become a dual Azzi medallist!



Photo: Border Mail, September 10, 2021

Lorna Williams, owner of The Old Walla Bake Haus, has been selling through her Drive-Thru window during lockdown. This has put a smile on people's faces and made them feel not so isolated!



Photo: Border Mail, September 11, 2021

The first Kotzur silo returns back to Walla.

WALLA WALLA CROQUET CLUB

We are still around and Club Croquet Competitions should resume in September, weather and Covid 19 permitting. All competitions came to a hold over the Winter Months to rest the Courts.

New players are always welcome, all you need is flat soled shoes. Some people might think Croquet is for old people, think again. It takes a lot of concentration; patience and you walk a lot it's a bit like Golf.

There are six hoops on the court which are played clockwise, then the six hoops will be played anticlockwise. The game is played with eight coloured balls, four primary colours = Blue, Red, Black, Yellow and four

secondary colours = Green, Pink, Brown, White. A Mallet is used to propel your selected ball through the hoop or smash your opponent away, a lot of fun.

The game is played either as a Single competition one on one or Doubles competition two players per team. Lots are drawn to make up the teams. In singles each player plays two balls, Blue and Black or Red and Yellow. In doubles, each team player plays only one ball alternate. The first team to start plays the primary colours the second team plays the secondary colours that allows two teams to use the same court.

Like in all sports there are rules but don't be put off. Playing days are Saturday and Monday 9am start at the Walla Walla Bowl-

ing Club.

So young and old come and have a crack.

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