



**Your September 2021 Community Newsletter**

**WALLA WALLA BUSINESSES:  
WALLA HAIR SALON**

*Written by Sharon Brand (Owner/Operator)  
Edited by Françoise McPherson*

**Past**

Part of the Mackie Brother's store was converted to a hair salon in 1984 by Geraldine Diffey. The Salon "Norma Jean's Hair Scene" operated for 12 months before it was sold to the current owner, Sharon Brand. Having completed my apprenticeship in Culcairn and with a good clientele from Walla and surrounding towns, it gave me the confidence to start my own business. In 1990, I employed local girl, Deeahn Hoffman (see photo below) as my apprentice. The beauty of owning a salon in a small country town is that when my first child, Lucy, was born, there were plenty of clients to rock the pram. Deeahn was walking many laps around the block to try and get Lucy to sleep! My trusty razor that I've had since my apprenticeship and still use today is shown below.



Deeahn Hoffman and Sharon Brand of Norma Jean's Hair Scene. Sharon began her hairdressing business in 1985, employing Deeahn as an apprentice in 1990.



**Present**

Over the years, hairstyles and techniques have changed. Perms were very popular in the 80's for women (and some men) with the salon averaging three perms a day. Nowadays that has changed to about three perms every three months! Shampoo and sets are now replaced with blow waves while curly

haired clients have the option of straight hair with popular use of a straightening iron. The use of the painful "tipping cap" where small pieces of hair were pulled through with a crochet hook to create blonde streaks is now replaced with the more versatile use of foiling.

One trend that has made a big return from the 80's is "The Mullet"! Love it or hate it, it has become very popular with AFL football players. Mullets are also providing competitions for many school boys to see who can grow the longest!

Over the years, Walla Hair Salon has supported local organisations and special events such as "Camp Quality EsCarpade". A memorable event was the Camp Quality Shave for a Cure, with 2 locals, Wayne Wilksch and Frank Spagnolo, being shaved at the event held at the Walla Bowling Club in 1999. The event raised well over \$12,000 thanks to the generous Walla Community.



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**WALLA WALLA SHOW 'N' SHINE**

The annual Walla Swap Meet, Show and Shine has been a fantastic event for the Walla Walla community and developed into an unmissable show for many motoring enthusiasts and swappers. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Walla Swap Meet, Show and Shine committee made the difficult decision to cancel their event for the second year in a row. However, the opportunity was offered to the Walla Motoring Club to host a standalone Show 'N' Shine event for 2021.



The Walla Motoring Club jumped at the chance and quickly devised a plan to host a Show 'N' Shine whilst working within the Covid-19 restrictions. Leading up to the event there was a lot of uncertainty with ever changing restrictions, Victoria going into lockdown and the threat of bad weather. Thankfully Victoria came out of lockdown, however, with not having a swap meet, it was hard to predict how many people would support the event.



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St Paul's College student Natasha Spalding also had her hair cut for charity to make wigs for children who have lost their hair from chemotherapy.



Sisters Karla Lieschke and Selina Kohlhagen looked so much alike that they were being mistaken for each other. As a community service, they decided to have different hairstyles so people can tell them apart. Selina has longer, lighter hair while Karla has gone for a short cut of darker colour.



The Salon is ideally situated next to the Opp Shop (Second Hand Rose) and the Walla Food Mill, so you regularly see clients in black capes & a head full of foils go and get a coffee or a bargain!

When in need of a break, Mel Preston from Culcairn fills in for me when I am away. Mel also works in Walla 1 day every six weeks. While on holidays, it's always nice to be on the receiving end of a bit of pampering. One memorable time was in an outdoor salon in Hanoi, Vietnam. It started off with a shampoo and the most amazing head and face massage I've ever had. This was followed by a cut and colour. This salon was open from 8 am-8 pm 7 days a week! I'm so glad I work in Walla Walla!



I have only encountered a few problems with power outages. One was this year on a very hot day with a full salon. Kotzur Silos across the road came to the rescue with a large industrial fan and a generator to keep us all cool. Another time there was no power so therefore no hot water. When the power eventually came back on, I had to boil the jug to rinse the colour out of clients' hair. Maybe in big city salons, clients would be outraged but not here in Walla. It's so wonderful to be in an easy-going town where the residents just appreciate having a hairdresser.

**Future**

The Walla Hairdressing Salon is opened every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. This gives a good work/home balance and an opportunity to enjoy other interests outside hairdressing. When the time comes to hand over the reins to the next owner, I hope that they enjoy the same longevity and support that I have received for the last 36 years but most importantly the friendships that will always remain.



Left: Sharon with Betty Nesbitt from Walbundrie who has a regular appointment on Fridays for the last 35 years. Right: Three generations of clients: Beth, Michael and Aiden Heir.



Lyn Kane from Henty is one of the original clients since starting my apprenticeship in Culcairn.

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On the day we were lucky enough that the weather went around Walla Walla and the vehicles started rolling into town for what was to be a huge day. It didn't take long for the football grounds to fill up with approximately 2000 spectators and 380 entrants ranging from Cars, Utes, Trucks, Motorbikes and Tractors on display for the Show 'N' Shine. Walla Motoring Club provided the kids entertainment on the day with free jumping castles and an inflatable slide, Walla Walla Silo Art Committee held a raffle, G & M Takle supplied the lucky gate prizes and catering was taken care of by the RWW Giants, Walla Walla Public School P&C, JT & Co Mobile Coffee and Happy Cat Donuts.



Overall the day exceeded our expectations not just by attendance numbers but also with the large amount of people that had never been before and said they will be coming back next year and bringing their friends.

On behalf of the Walla Motoring Club I would like to thank everyone that helped on the day, Dave Williams for the music and the following businesses for sponsoring the trophies.

Shannons Insurance, RC Metalcraft, Hoffmann Engineering, Oz's Body & Paint, Kotzur, DE Lieschke & Son, Bluey's Plumbin & Diggin, CJ & LH Wiesner, Walla Walla Hotel, Walla Walla Post Office, Redi 2 Hire, MBI Engineering, Modern Rigging, The Walla Food Mill, PJN Steel Fabrication, Chenovet Animal Andrology, C L Hoffmann & Co and Mickan Bros.

Daniel Creek  
Walla Motoring Club

## DONATE LIFE WEEK

Written by Françoise McPherson

Sunday 25th of July to Sunday 1st of August was Donate Life Week to raise awareness of the need for more people to become organ donors with the goal of an additional 100,000 donors signing up. Currently there are more than 13 million eligible people aged >16 years who could become organ donors in Australia but have not signed up. The goal of Donate Life Week each year is to increase the number of people who sign up as organ donors. Since the national program began in 2009 there have been 14,352 organ transplant recipients from 5,029 deceased organ donors.

Now that organ donors are no longer registered through their driver's license, the new system requires you to sign up through the Australian Organ Donor Register website (<https://www.donatelife.gov.au/>). The most important thing to do after registering is to tell your next of kin that you are an organ donor as they will be giving final consent. There is a huge shortage of organ donors in Australia because we have the opt-in system. Spain has the world's highest per capita rate of registered organ donors (49.6/million residents) and most European countries have the opt-out system where every adult is considered to be an organ donor unless s/he actively opts out. Australia has only 21.8 donors/million residents and is considering adopting the opt-out system used in Europe.

Donated organs are only taken when someone dies in hospital (only in 2% of deaths) and 94 hospitals in Australia are equipped for organ transplantation. If you expire elsewhere such as at home, your organs will have deteriorated too much before getting to hospital. This is why there is often a very long waiting list for donor organs to become available. Some statistics from 2020:

-More than 1800 Australians are waiting for a donor organ and another 12,000 patients are dependent on dialysis machines needing kidney transplants.

- In 2020, 1,270 Australian lives were saved through an organ transplant due to the generosity of 463 deceased organ donors and their families.

- In 2020, there was a 12 per cent decrease in the number of people receiving a transplant and a 16 per cent decrease in the number of donors compared to 2019 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

One donor can potentially save the lives of 8 patients across the country who range from babies (25% of children needing an organ transplant are <5 years old) to retirees suffering from scoliosis, burns, cystic fibrosis, emphysema, metabolic ailments, autoimmune disorders, heart defects, lung cancer etc. Organs on the wish list include: heart, liver (can be cut smaller to fit into a child), kidneys, lungs, pancreas and pancreatic islet. Tissues that can be donated include heart valves, blood vessels (veins), bone, tendons, ligaments, skin and eyes. You could also register as a living donor and give up a kidney (you only need 1 to live), bone marrow, whole blood or plasma (latter two through the Australian Red Cross). Whilst organ donation is morbid topic, you could also view it as recycling your organs and tissues when you don't need them anymore and putting them up for adoption to the sickest patients. The gift of life is truly the best gift of all and it takes just minutes of your time to sign up.



Australian Government  
Organ and Tissue Authority



## Searching for Squirrel Gliders and other night critters

Join Sustainable Farms ecologist Angelina Siegrist and Lou Bull from Squirrel Glider LAMP for a Spotlighting Walk and Talk:

- **Learn** about Squirrel Gliders and hopefully see one in its own habitat
- **Spot** other night active critters who call our Grassy Box Woodlands home
- **Listen** and learn how to identify wildlife by their calls
- **Find out** about ANU Sustainable Farms mammal research and why monitoring is important

**BYO:** drink bottle, torch, boots, warm clothes, binoculars and mozzie repellent.

**COVID 19:** Please do not attend if you are unwell, awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test or recently visited a hotspot.

Friday 3 Sept 2021  
5.45 - 7.15pm

**Tonks TSR**  
Urana Rd, Burrumbuttock  
(directions provided on registration)



Please register by  
Wed 1 Sept

Eventbrite:  
<https://bit.ly/3lUJxac>  
For more information,  
contact:  
loubullpetaurus@gmail.com  
or 0458 240 634



## TREES, TREES AND MORE TREES

Written by Françoise McPherson

August 1st was Planet Ark's National Tree Day and September 1st is National Wattle Day. Once again, covid restrictions meant no mass gatherings to plant thousands of trees. But we can still plant trees on our own properties and mark these days.

Trees are awesome plants and have many functions and uses. These range from timber and paper products, edible crops such as fruits and nuts, purification of the air through absorbing carbon dioxide and other harmful gases from the atmosphere and releasing life-sustaining oxygen and they contribute to rainfall through water evaporation. Their large roots can absorb many litres of water which can prevent flash flooding and erosion. Newborn livestock and newly shorn sheep benefit from trees in the form of shade trees and windbreak shelter belts. Where shelter belts are linked, wildlife corridors can be created. Wildlife such as possums, gliders, parrots, owls, cockatoos, lizards and wood ducks depend on trees for hollows to nest in, branches to serve as lookout posts and the foliage, seeds, fruits and blossoms are a food source for many animals. Hollows don't appear until a Eucalyptus is at least 100 years old so a gum tree planted today will still be useful hundreds of years later.

In addition, trees absorb noise and beautify the landscape through their various silhouettes, bark textures, foliage colour in autumn (deciduous species) and large variety of blossoms of different shapes and colours such as bottle brush shaped Callistemon blossoms, tulip-shaped Magnolia flowers and the papier mâché look-alike flowers of crepe myrtles. A property with trees can fetch 20% more than a similar property without trees while reducing the energy bill of buildings with shade trees nearby. With at least 60,065 species of tree to choose from, including many dwarf varieties, why not plant some more trees in your backyard, paddock or grow a mini tree in a pot? There's a tree to suit every location, preference and budget!

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## 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



"Providing a safety net of kindness, consideration, and support to those in need within our local community"



### 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

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- ⇒ Mensline Australia 1300 789 978

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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.



## RED CROSS

### President's Report

This report is so much different from other years, 2020 of course was a year we will never forget. We had one meeting in February and a get together at Christmas for Christmas breakup, which was really good to see the familiar faces again.

So we start off again on the 24th of February 2021. Sadly, we lost three of our members. I count Gloria Feuerherdt who passed away in May 2020. Gloria gave 76 years serving the Walla Walla Red Cross Branch. Her knowledge and long talks helped me to understand the position I hold within the branch. Joan Wenke served 23 years and Herma Dureaux served 7 years. These members are sadly missed, and we will observe a minute's silence.

In December 2020, we gave \$500.00 to the Walla Walla Public School. Two students, junior and senior, received a trophy and perpetual trophy for Positive Behaviour Learning Values. This is for students who displayed the values that the Red Cross stands for.

Red Cross Calling. The business houses were very generous in giving \$685.00 and our ANZAC Day Luncheon raised \$551.80. This totalled \$1236.80 sent to Head office for Red Cross Calling.



\$1000.00 was also sent to help the Flood Relief Fund. We have a membership of 23 and our meetings average 4 to 8.

In closing, I thank my Assistant Secretary Karen, who has always been on call when I need her to do something pertaining to Red Cross. She gets my minutes out to the members. To Jill my Treasurer, who for the past 10 years has worked beside me and together, we three make a good team. To all members, I say thank you. When needed, you are always there, and that's what Red Cross stands for.

To our Zone Rep Valmae, I thank you for your friendship, help, many phone calls, lots of laughs, and problem solving; nothing was too much trouble.

I was hoping 2021 would be a better year, but then COVID-19 is still hanging around. So we can only hope that we can eventually get back together before 2021 finishes.

*Dorothy Cremer  
President  
6029 2120*

## 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 23 September and 28 October. For prayer requests please contact Pastor Dan Mueller (0413 032 455).



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Dr. Sudha Jayaraman, MBBS

## 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



## TAKE OLD CAR BATTERIES TO LIESCHKE MOTORS

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**Thank You Lieschke  
Motors!!**



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

The following article covers some old ground, covered extensively by Rupert Paech on pages 80 to 89 of the 1994 "The Trek" book, compiled by members of the 125th Anniversary organising committee and edited by Leon Wegener. However, with easier searching resources and more accurate record compiling by our state and federal archives and other sources, a lot of new information can be easily obtained in the home office thanks to the wonders of the internet.

## Part 1

### Pre 1838: The Wiradjuri People — The first inhabitants.

The entire Walla Walla area was said to be home to the Wiradjuri people whose country included the eastern portion of the Riverina long, long before Europeans made their mark. Early settlers had noted in the past that the Aboriginal people inhabited the Walla area for only short periods at a time, probably in Winter, preferring to hunt and collect for food, clothing, shelter etc. then moving away to allow the country to rejuvenate, then return again, thus extending the use of their hunting/collecting grounds. However, according to a present-day Wiradjuri elder, these people were not entirely nomadic, some gathered in small communities. So, it was likely that the area was permanently inhabited, with other groups of people moving seasonally through the landscape for hunting and trading of artifacts. Many and varied remnants of Aboriginal activity have been found over many years along the Billabong (Billa Bong or Billybung – Billa meaning creek or river, bung meaning dead in Wiradjuri), along Petries Creek and especially around Gum Swamp, three major local indigenous locations.

Walla Walla Station was in an enviable location. Large tracts of land either side of an almost permanent water source, made portions of the lease more attractive to the fattening of stock. It was close to the main stock route to Victoria and, in these early years, the use of Major Mitchell's trail past Gum Swamp, known as the Major's Track, brought the Melbourne to Sydney postman, other travellers, and stockmen/drivers through the area. Walla Walla run was not yet named as such. This occurred sometime around September 1839.

It is known that Aimee A. & Charles Huon of the Gerogery run (which included Brae Springs at this early stage) were running stock as far away as Urangeline and Rand during the drought period of 1837 to 1844. Charles later leased a station near Jerilderie in the mid 1840's. With the lease on Walla Walla being somewhat intermittent, as were many other stations or "runs" in this area, due to the drought, often only a lease on half or even less, of the possible 100 plus square miles was considered viable. It is very likely that the Huons took advantage of these lean periods and squatted on as much land as they saw fit to occupy. It is also likely that Charles Moore Edgehill of Munderwaddery, also had similar intentions. This was not illegal at this time, so long as they paid their annual paltry sum of £10 for whatever amount of land they occupied, or they just "occupied" vacant stations and hoped the authorities did not find out. It did mean that they had to employ more shepherds to keep track of any stock that were on these far-flung blocks. Having said this, being the climax of the drought, 1843-1844 were exceedingly lean seasons. All stock, sheep and cattle, were next to worthless, so any excess animals were boiled down for tallow, mainly to make candles and soap, so there may not have been much worthwhile stock left to manage! Working horses and bullocks were so poor they had to be used sparingly. The wild dog or dingo was also a major problem to all sheep and young calves; these marauders were killed at an alarming rate with their tails being kept in

large numbers in the vain hope of a bounty being offered by the colonial government. There were many reports in the press of stations along the Billabong region being temporarily abandoned around this time due to the dry. In 1840 sheep were still worth a handy £2 (\$4) per head, and cattle £10 (\$20). By 1842 things became hopeless, sheep were worth 1/- (10c) and cattle 5/- (50c) to 10/- (\$1). Boiling them down on the station was to be the best option short of just letting them die or shooting them, this last option, however, was another unaffordable expense.

Also of note, there was no fodder (hay, chaff or grain) or water conservation (dams/tanks) in these times for flock animals, so in these years of drought, what standing grass that was available, and water left in often muddy pools in the creeks was all they had. This meant stock starved to death or died of thirst if not moved to better pasture if available before they became too weak to travel any distance to these hopefully better locations.

There was no Homestead at this time, just bark/sapling huts for basic accommodation. The first homestead was built in 1859 by the Hentys, this replaced a rundown cottage. The reason for this is that until 1847, squatters only leased these huge tracts of land. Leases were to be renewed annually, and in some cases a lease could be challenged. If a challenge was upheld, the lease holder had to relinquish his "former lease", thus there was no point building permanent dwellings, wool sheds and even sheep washes, if they could be taken from them at the stroke of a pen. See Mr. Edgehill's challenge to Hill and Crichton's lease in 1849.

### 1838 to 1841 / 1842: Mary Larkham — Emancipated Convict.

Mary Weir (or Ware), 1758 – 1841, maiden name Peat. She was convicted of a minor stealing offence in the UK on 18th July 1793, and sentenced to a term of 7 years imprisonment, eventually being transported to Sydney. She left England in October 1795 on board the ship "Indispensable" along with 130 other prisoners, arriving in Port Jackson 30th April 1796. In January 1799, aged 43, she married fellow convict, John Larcombe (Larkham). This was Mary's second marriage and they had one child, also named John, born in 1799. John (snr) died in 1808.

Mary led a very colourful life in early Sydney, and it would not be an exaggeration to say she was quite well known. She had been emancipated in 1799, and subsequently given a land grant on Kent Street, Sydney. She was known as "The Royal George" and by 1840 was said to be "quite wealthy". Her husband was given a considerable land grant at Shoalhaven, the benefits of this were taken on by Mary upon his death in 1808. Mary had many grievances against other people which played out in court; at least twelve of note. Some were trivial or circumstantial and thus thrown out before getting too far, others were more serious, and the perpetrators received the full force of the law, one ending in the death sentence, another received a flogging, others in jail terms. Among these were the burning down of her house, numerous stealing offences, and at least one serious assault against her. This last crime against her took place the same month she took on the lease of Walla Walla, in January 1838.

1838, January. Mary took possession of Licence No. 2 from 1/1/1838 to 11/5/1838, for a station not yet named. Very few, if any, were named when these first leases were offered. Commissioner of Crown Lands, Henry Bingham, the man in charge of the ownership of Pastoral Leases outside the Sydney settled area, did annual tours of all the pastoral runs in the Murrumbidgee to Murray region. He called in at Walla Walla Station on Sept 5th, 1839, and recorded the following:

"Owner, Mary Larkham. (Superintendent in charge) Thomas Austin. 3 people on the station in slab huts. No cultivation. 380 cattle, \*, 3 hors-

es. Size: 50 square miles. Comments: Low, sandy forest country, not well watered by Billy Bong creek [Billy Bong or Billybung being common indigenous references to the Billabong]. A low flat country of great extent, but water very scarce." NSW. A.4/2439. 1839 was 2 years into an 8-year drought, so the scarce water assertion is probably accurate. \* - Another source also mentioned 2800 sheep in addition to the cattle and horses.

Bingham found the station unlicensed when he visited, or at least it was up for genuine renewal, so Mary was issued with a £10 fine for "non-renewed licence". Another licence was issued to her on 3/8/1839, she kept this one valid until 30/6/1841. By this time, Mary had died, aged 82. Mary more than likely did not ever see the property, preferring to run it 'in absentia', opting to employ a superintendent or manager, as was the general form of many squatters in these early years. Mary's son John was employed on the property as manager, he was responsible for the mustering of stock once Mary's estate had relinquished her lease following her death.

### 1842 to 1843: Charles Moore Edgehill — Commissioner of Crown Lands at Sydney & Grazier.

Charles Moore Edgehill, 1769 – 1856, migrated from England to Hobart with his family in 1834, in 1836 they sailed to Sydney. Charles purchased over 1,000 acres at the Cowpastures, near present day Camden, he called this property "Stonequarry". He then took up 6 selections of 50 acres each at Cumberland, not very far from where Captain Cook first landed in 1770. He held the important position of Commissioner of Crown Lands for 2 years before moving with two of his sons to the Wagga district in about 1840.

Charles Moore Edgehill held the lease on Walla Walla, licence number 649, from 26th November 1842 to June 1843. Not much is known of this period except to say that Edgehill Snr. also owned Urannah (Urana) and Munderwaddera (Munderwaddery), until his death in 1856. The lease on Walla was very brief, it is quite likely Charles did not ever permanently stock Walla Walla during this lease period. However, Mr Edgehill's son, Charles Richard Wellington Edgehill's obituary from 1889 suggested that he had owned the lease on Walla Walla "for some time", going on to say that Mr. Edgehill Jnr. lived at Munderwaddery for the "past 49 years", which works out to be from 1840 onwards. There were some ambiguities in these early years, so it is also possible that, like the Huons, Mr Edgehill Snr. leased or simply "squatted" on a portion of Walla. In 1839, Mary Larkham only ran 50 sq miles at Walla, from a potential 100 plus sq miles. In 1845, Smith and O'Neil were listed as running only 20 to 36 sq miles of Walla land!

In April 1849 Charles Moore Edgehill applied for a caveat on the application of the continued lease on Walla Walla by Hill and Crichton. Mr. Edgehill lost this challenge to Hill and Crichton's continued lease on Walla.

*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; Gwen Terlich; The Trek, 1994 125th Anniversary Committee book, editor Leon Wegener; relevant information supplied by Rupert Paech; First Settlement of the Upper Murray, HC Book, 1920, Arthur Andrews.*

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION WANTED

I am still looking for information on the Walla Hospitals/ Doctor's Residence; also anything on the town stock yards in Edward Street and at the railway station. And a more recent memory, the "Avalon" tourist park which was situated beside St Paul's college on Morgan's Road. Any information or photos of this venture, please let me know. Tony Brinkmann, [brinkade@bigpond.net.au](mailto:brinkade@bigpond.net.au) or 0459 292296.

# September Community Diary

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3 - Searching for Squirrel Gliders, 5:45 pm, Urana Rd	4 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	5 - Father's Day
6 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club - Senior citizens meeting, 1.30pm, Walla Bowling Club	7 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	8	9	10	11 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	12
13 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	14 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	15 - Council meeting, 6pm, Holbrook	16	17 - End of School Term 3	18 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	19
20 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club - Book Club, 7.30pm	21 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	22 - Red Cross 2pm, Baptist Church	23 - Praying for Walla, 8pm, Lutheran Church	24	25 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	26
27 - Croquet, 9am, Bowling club	28 - Social tennis 9.30am, Walla Courts	29	30			

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL COMMUNITY EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**  
Please contact the event organizer for further information

## LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

### Walla Walla Bowling Club 6029 2146

Mon – Wed: 5.30 - 8.30pm

Thurs - Fri: 5.30 - 9.30pm

Saturday: 5 - 9pm

Meals are available Friday evenings.

### WAW Credit Union 6029 2392

Monday-Thursday: 12.30-4.30pm.

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

### Walla Walla Post Office 6029 2231

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9-11am

### Second Hand Rose 6029 2116

Thurs & Fri 1.30 - 4.30pm.

Sat 9.30 - 11.30am

### On Demand Regional Bus

Bookings: Phone or text: 0448 353 281

### Walla Hotel 6029 2309

Mon - Sat - Opens at 11am;

Sun - Opens 12 noon

Kitchen: Thursday–Saturday 6- 8pm;  
Sunday 12-2pm

Meals other times for min. of 10 if booked.

### Walla Walla Hair Salon 6029 2277

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:  
9am – 5.30pm

### Walla Food Mill 6029 2033

Mon-Thurs: 6am - 4pm;

Fridays: 6am - 8pm;

Sat: 8am - 2pm

### Morgan's Lookout

Non-daylight savings: 8am - 5pm

Daylight savings: 8am - 7pm

Gates are locked outside of these hours.

### Terry White Chemist Walla Walla 6029 2496

Mon-Fri: 9am - 5pm

Facebook: Terry White Chemmart Walla

### Vecare Health Walla Walla

Mon: 9.30am- 5pm

Wed : 9.30am– 3pm

Fri: 9.30am- 5pm

Ph: **02 6073 2605** (during Walla opening hours) or **02 6036 2952** (Holbrook on other days)

[www.vecarehealth.com.au](http://www.vecarehealth.com.au)

### Walla Police Phone Number:

02 6053 4570

Emergency: 000

### Mobile Library:

Every Monday at 9 am in front of the Walla Walla Public School, except public holidays

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### NEWSLETTER ARTICLE?

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[wallenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wallenewsletter@gmail.com)

or drop them in the box at the Walla Post Office.

- Articles should be received before 12 pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month; preferably as early as possible **before** deadline day.
- All articles should be kept concise to save space.

Walla Website:

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

### Old Walla Walla Bake Haus Tea Rooms 0455 225 401

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## WEEDS AT WALLA WALLA

by Herb Simpfendorfer

The Walla plant we call bindii has a scientific name. It is *Tribulus terrestris*

**Quiz question 1:** What language is the word *Tribulus*. Choose from Greek, Chinese, Israeli, Italian, Hindustani, Icelandic. Answer: Italian is nearly right, because Italian is the modern form of the correct answer, which is Latin.

**Quiz question 2:** What is a tribulus? Answer: A tribulus was a weapon of war, used by Romans, designed to be put on the ground to damage the enemy's horses' hooves in a battle. It has a shape similar to a bindii seed.

Marshmallows are hot news just now. They love growing tall. I found a nice looking one in the town, and said G'day to her.

Me: Hi. You sure look healthy and happy.

She: Hi Herb. I'm Ms Marsh. I'm aiming for a PB this year, 1.65 m. , and maybe an OR, but not a WR just yet, Maybe next year, when I am getting a new fertilizer.

Me: I hope it works out well for you. You can leave your mask on while our photo is taken. (Photo is taken) We must keep in touch. So long.

She: It really helps me to have this support from you and many Aussies. Bye.

Below is the photo I took. I shall certainly keep Walla folk updated about her progress.



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## RETURN AND EARN OPEN IN LAVINGTON

Well done to Walla couple, Heather Goesch and Bruce Forbes (left) who have opened a Return And Earn drop off point in Lavington, due to the need to expand their operation. John Waldron (right) from the Cancer Council is appreciative of the revenue. The Albury Cans for Cancer group do an average of 12,000 items a week. Heather and Bruce began the Return and Earn Depot in Walla in January and also have a depot in Holbrook. Picture in Border Mail 16th August 2021.

Thank you for making a difference!!

## WANTED

For the duration of the National Firearms Amnesty: Old shot shells, old rifle ammunition, empty or half packets, wooden shot shell boxes, old powder tins, pre decimal shooting magazines.

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## HAPPENING AT WALLA WALLA

On this page are photos of new buildings, the skate park, and the path/cycling track from the College to the Walla Swamp.

*Photos by Herb Sempfendorfer*



## WALLA WALLA – GUM SWAMP SHARED PATH

You may have noticed that the shared path to the Gum Swamp has now been constructed and council are putting the finishing touches to the project. The Greater Hume Council decided to keep the project in-house and they have done an excellent job. It is pleasing to see the path being used already. The path will not only be of benefit to locals but also attract visitors to our town. The Gum Swamp committee are planning to compliment the path by providing better facilities at the entrance to the swamp.

The path starts at Pioneer Drive and ends at the Lieschke Picnic area, which is 200 m from the swamp entrance.



## PLAYERS WANTED

### Walla North Walla Tennis Club

The Club is planning for the summer tennis season which starts in early October. We aim to field 5 teams in the Hume Country Tennis Association. It does not matter what your standard is, as tennis is one sport that caters for all

levels of ability. So there is plenty of opportunity for any new arrivals to town to have a game at some stage.

We particularly invite any young tennis players starting out.

If anyone is interested in a game then please contact: John Seidel on 0429 039 322 or Karla Lieschke 0448 260 068

## RAINFALL AT WALLA WALLA FOR JULY 2021

as recorded at the Walla Walla Post Office

July 1 (0.4 mm), 2 (0.8 mm), 3 (5.6 mm), 4 (6.0 mm), 5 (1.6 mm), 14 (8.2 mm), 15 (3.0 mm), 16 (8.6 mm), 17 (13.2mm), 18 (6.0 mm), 20 (4.4 mm), 21 (3.6 mm), 23 (2.0 mm), 24 (1.6 mm), 25 (11.6 mm), 26 (15.6 mm), 28 (1.0 mm), 29 (2.2 mm), 31 (2.2 mm)

Total for July 97.6 mm. For 2021 to end of July 425.1 mm.

## Aqua Training for New Volunteer Leaders 16-17 October, Temora

Email interest to [mlhd-exercise@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mlhd-exercise@health.nsw.gov.au)



## TUESDAY SOCIAL TENNIS

Have you seen the new fence!? The courts look fantastic. We have enjoyed playing, and are so thankful for all the work. Hopefully, it will be a great season and we can relax knowing that we have a much safer venue without the possibility of injury from all those little bits of wire holding the old fence together.

Now we just need to get out of lockdown!

IT IS GOOD TO BE HOME! EVERYBODY WELCOME TO JOIN IN FOR SOME GREAT FUN, TUESDAYS FROM 9.30 am



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## 2022 School Captains Announced

Our school captains for next year have been elected. Congratulations to the following Year 11 students:

**College Captains**—Makayla Quinn and Jack Kotzur

**College Vice Captains**—Skye Bakic and Tim Lowe

**Sports Captains**—Chelsea Wettern and Nikita Clancy

**SRC President**—Vidhushe Sarangadasa

## Why We Love St Paul's—Jamie and Tim Lowe

"I came from another school in my middle years and found the students all made an effort to get to know me really quickly. It's such a small and welcoming community. The teachers made a real effort to get to know me by name and the smaller class sizes made learning more enjoyable", said Tim.

Now in Year 11, Tim said that the great quality teachers really helped him develop his strengths. Tim has felt comfortable at school. "Our Care Groups worked really well as I got to know students from all years. I found the older students are a really positive influence on the younger students and the Care Groups helped to build the sense of community and belonging".

Jamie graduated in 2018 and is now in her second year at Melbourne University studying a Bachelor of Agriculture Science, majoring in Plant and Soil Science. "St Paul's has such a lovely nurturing community that focuses on belonging and fostering student growth and academic achievement. I really felt the teachers were such a positive influence on my education and I felt that they totally supported, equipped, and guided me to pursue Agricultural Science at Melbourne University", said Jamie. "The teachers want to be there for you, the teachers want you to achieve your goals, the teachers want to see you thrive at school".

We wish Jamie and Tim all the best as they pursue their dreams for the future!



## Our Talented Staff

Collectively, our staff bring an amazing array of skills and talents, not just to teaching, but to our community in general. We acknowledge and applaud a group of staff who are experienced actors, singers and musicians in the performing arts space (music, drama, and dance): Joel Bartholomaeus, Stacey Harwich, Courtney Brogden, Johan Noordam, Simone Crossley, Damian Foley and Eliza Flanigan. Recently, Courtney, Joel, and Simone have performed at the Albury Entertainment Centre in Phantom of the Opera and We will Rock You, and Johan continues to perform in his band at a variety of venues.

In a few weeks, we will begin the planning for our 2022 School Production, we are extremely fortunate to have the talents and skills of this group of staff members to guide and lead our students through a marvellous theatrical experience.



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