



Your August 2024 Community Newsletter

Local Artist Rohana Brinkmann

“Local artist brings to life the beauty of the everyday”

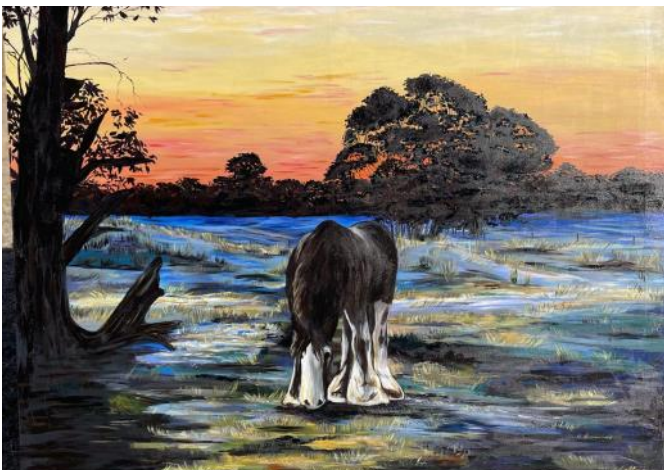
Rohana Brinkmann, 21, is a local Walla Walla artist who has captured the essence of farming life in her series of three paintings that are now on display at the Walla Walla Food Mill (pictured on right and bottom left).

The three paintings depict different aspects of farming life and were painted from photographs taken in different local locations. For her painting “Tractors with Canola” she was determined to include a Minneapolis-Moline tractor in her painting which is a symbol of her childhood experiences on the farm. Failing to convince her father to pull an old tractor out of the shed to photograph, she enrolled him in the task of finding an old photo of the tractors she could work from and used a separate photo of the canola for the background.

She draws her creative inspiration first and foremost from her family, namely her Grandfather Raymond and her father Tony who have both been avid photographers. Her mother Dorothy has also been a creative inspiration imparting her love of sewing and has also been a great encourager of Rohana’s creative pursuits. More broadly her work is inspired by the Impressionist painters, such as Monet as well as Vincent Van Gogh. Rohana was influenced during an oil painting class in Walla with Robert Kleinboonschate where he shared many of his works of the local area and she became inspired to focus on capturing the beauty around Walla. She aims to celebrate the local farming life and reflects that perhaps,

“You might not see the beauty of it when you are doing it every day but when you step back you can appreciate it.”

Rohana has many creative interests including photography,



creative writing, cooking and sewing. She makes quilts and tailors clothes with an old Singer treadle machine. Creativity creates a place of calm, safety and happiness in her life and her creative aspirations are for her to be intrinsically motivated to make art and express her creativity with joy. Rohana also endeavours to continue painting the local area and put her work on display for people to enjoy as a celebration of the everyday.

Rohana has some watercolour paintings for purchase at The Side Door Giftwares in Walla Walla. Her paintings will be on display at the Walla Walla Food Mill for the foreseeable future so I invite you to sit down, grab a cuppa and enjoy her incredible works.



Rohana Brinkmann

Written by Sally Jean.

Walla Walla Gum Swamp Wanderings

Gum Swamp holds an amazing ecological community of flora and fauna. I have been asked to contribute regular articles to the Walla Walla Newsletter showing what you might currently see if you visit Gum Swamp. Now in July, wandering through some of the denser wooded areas with fallen trees and branches will reveal the growth of mushroom species in the family of Mycenaceae. They are tiny fungi that grow in leaf litter and under Eucalyptus trees. Fungi are important decomposers in ecosystems. The Fungi of the Southwest Slopes & Upper Murray Region of NSW https://holbrooklandcare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Fungus-Guide_7.pdf is an interesting downloadable guide to what can be found in Gum Swamp.



If you are lucky, you might also catch a glimpse of a swamp wallaby, particularly if in the southern section of Gum Swamp, and echidnas digging for ants – evidence of their activity is present. Families of White-winged Choughs are active and the distinct call of the Australian King Parrot can often be heard. **John Borchert**



SCONEVERSACTIONS ARE BACK – WHY NOT JOIN US?

Sconversations are being hosted at the Walla Community Hall, right next to WAW, every Tuesday afternoon. Join us from 1.30pm for a scone (or 2) and cuppa and a good chat. Everyone is welcome to come along. The Walla Walla Community Hall is very accessible, has accessible toilets and there is plenty of parking right behind the building. Enter via the side door for easier access. The only cost is a gold coin donation. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND JOIN US.**

If you would like volunteer to assist at Sconversations, please let us know. Doesn't need to be every week, just when you are available would be a great help. If you are interested in any of our home support services, please give us a call and we can assist you to get started. We can support Transport, Meals and food planning, Support to attend to shopping and appointments, and cleaning assistance. You do need to be registered with My Aged Care to access these services with us – don't worry, if you aren't registered, we can help you with that as well. If you would like to participate or would like more information, please give the office a call on 0260363677. You can call My Aged Care direct on 1800 200 422.

You can also access our services if you are on a Home Care Package. It's your choice - Speak to your provider and let them know you wish to use our meals or other services.

Zion Walla Walla, building centenary.

Please help! - Our search for historical artifacts, memories and photographs to record the life of the building and congregation over the last 100 years continues at a very slow pace. Thank you to those who have shared photos and memories so far. Are you able to share memories or stories passed down from previous generations? Some of the minor details shared so far have been really interesting!

- Did you ever attend Vacation Bible School at Zion? I remember cordial and biscuits for morning tea... but not much else.
- I vaguely remember the women wearing hats in church – when did that stop?
- Did men and women ever sit separately?
- Were you a member of the choir, or any other group? What do you recall about the activities?



Save the date: celebrating the 100th anniversary of the current Zion church building on the 26th and 27th October, 2024. The weekend activities will (hopefully) include displays of memorabilia, a Sunday church service and times of fellowship.

If you do have items which could be scanned or lent for the celebration or have memories to share, please contact John Borchert john.borchert@lca.org.au, Tony Brinkmann brinkade@bigpond.net.au, or Janet Paech janetpaech@gmail.com.



Hollywood Hits

Walla!

By P. Richards

“Aaand... Action!”

On Wed 10th July, local amateur filmmaker Philomena Richards shot a scene in the the outdoor eating area of *The Walla Food Mill* for Fulton Sheen Films’ current film project, *“Equal & Opposite.”* Grace, the manager for *The Walla Food Mill*, kindly let the budding movie makers use the space for their first feature-length film.

“Equal & Opposite” follows the antics of Isabel ‘Fizz’ Daniels and her sister Ambrosine; ‘Fizz’ a penniless student, and Ambrosine an esteemed accountant. Following the death of their father, Ambrosine is abducted by members of a crime syndicate under mysterious circumstances. Fizz now also finding herself as a target for the syndicate. But while she is being hunted, Fizz also is hunting for her missing sister. With the aid of a drug dealer, a criminal information broker and a boyfriend with a seemingly split personality, Fizz attempts to rescue her sister in this action comedy featuring local talent from Jindera, Albury, and Walla Walla.

“Making this film has been a challenge,” says director and scriptwriter, Philomena Richards. “It’s what comes with working on a shoestring budget... But there have been a lot of laughs along the way. In the scene filmed at *The Walla Food Mill*, Fizz is having a stilted conversation with her boyfriend at a cafe, while in the background a waitress accidentally dumps a bowl of spaghetti on a patron’s head. After teaching the actress how to stumble, we practised the first time with a container of salad leaves (as we would only have one shot with the spaghetti.) When she dumped the container on his head, water gushed down his face from where the leaves had been rinsed and then left to sit... An accident that proved quite amusing for the rest of us!”

“We had to shoot several takes of certain parts of the scene,

with actors repeating the same sentences many times to get the perfect shot. The lines, ‘It’s an abomination!’ and ‘Why thanks, Tony. That would be great,’ may forever be burned on my brain!”

“I think I know their lines now more than I know my own!” says Hugh Lyall, the camera assistant for the cafe scene and also the actor for ‘Sam’, the criminal information broker featured in the film.

‘Fulton Sheen Films’ is the name the filmmakers have taken for themselves as they endeavour to create a better culture within the world of film, where ‘politics aren’t pushed in your face and you can actually enjoy yourself’ when you pull out the popcorn.

“We are still in need of a few locations to get the cameras rolling for some scenes,” says the director. “We need an office for an interrogation scene, the front yard of a house and a back yard/patio as well. Any help would be appreciated.”

If you have any locations you would be willing for the crew to use, or if you were interested in helping with the project, please email Philomena at heartandsword@tutanota.com.

“Aaand... Cut!”



Photo credits: Raphael Richards.

Henty Culcairn Probus Meeting Report by Helen Squires

We met at the newly renovated Henty Library. Warren welcomed us and thanked library staff for our meeting at the library/council office. Staff member Jo spoke of Susan Kane applying for grants to update bathrooms, fresh paint and carpet, and new front door and shelving and a new front desk to assist folks in wheel chairs to deal better with council and library matters. There is technology assistance now in all Council libraries. Library/council office is to be open for over twenty hours per week. School children have story time and there are i-Pads to be on loan. Alison Schuster thanked Jo and presented her with our Probus pen.

New member, Robyn Lane was our five minute speaker and she thanked library staff for being her best friends and helping with computing. Robyn told of her Christmas meal in 1991 in the midst of bush fires. The plan had been to have prawns with her daughter, but instead her SES alarm had sounded and the world appeared dark at 11.00 am, because there was fire at Silverdale, so Christmas dinner was tomato sandwiches. Robyn tells us that heroism is an act of stupidity that you got away with..

Yvonne introduced Archival films. We saw cactoblastus, WW2 with

500 women needed to send food to our soldiers, the Mallee desert when trees were removed to create a dust bowl. Farmer Hoffmeyer planting trees to save his farms from the dust storms. We saw E.V.B. Sampson, Country Party candidate introducing his family and telling us that he wanted to represent Australians in Parliament. Next was the 1915 Melbourne cup and the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, war in Australia and the Kokoda front lines, Damien Parer describing our country being in peril. Yvonne was thanked for her effort in providing the most interesting film footage.

We send our love to those dealing with illness and injuries, and look forward to seeing lots of members and guests at Culcairn 14th August 9.30 for a 10.00am start for the Great Beanie Handover to the Seaman's mission. We could all wear our own beanie too.



Billabong High School P&C – we’re back!

Things have been very busy at Billabong High School over the past couple of years getting back into routines and the P&C getting back on its feet after the turmoil of the COVID years. The school has really flourished in the capable hands of relieving principal, Julie Bowen, to now be fully staffed with a fabulous team and a happy and engaged student body.

There have been some changes – the infrastructure program has seen a new carparking area that can be accessed from Munro St (the street to the east of the current Gordon St) and the school has some great new facilities in the agriculture department, and the yarning circle and mural that has become a focus for First Nations teaching and for First Nations students and their families. Wheelchair access to all buildings will be complete by the start of Term 3. You will have noticed the new uniforms that are warm in Winter and really promote ‘Team Billabong’.

The P & C are really passionate about supporting the staff and students keep up this fabulous momentum and really build community support for our school.

How can you help?

Follow Billabong High School Facebook page - Senior students have initiated a weekly “What’s happening” video to get a quick snapshot. The monthly newsletter is also accessible from there.

Support our students – come along to any open days, support Year 10 ‘s who are looking for work placement opportunities in local communities in the next two terms,.

Support fundraising for the school when it comes up – the P & C like to support new year 7’s with a free school jumper, subsidizing excursions, support state and national reps in sport and the arts and with presentation night prizes – watch this space for opportunities to help out.

P & C meetings are set for the year with 8 meetings that go for an hour – Winter months are online via Teams, and we do face-to-face meetings at the school during daylight saving. We are all working parents and realistic about people’s time-poor lives – our fundraising needs are only modest and we are looking for ideas that are realistic and efficient.

The next meeting is Tuesday 6th August 7pm via teams and we will enjoy a presentation from the Student Representative Council (SRC) who are leading great things at the school.

Everyone is Welcome! Kylie Durant.



Wiradjuri learning program at the Yarning Circle



Progress to paths and wheelchair access

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New Honour Boards

Red Cross Report

At our June meeting, the new executive for 2024-25 were elected. Arrangements were made for our AGM on July 24th at 2pm at the Baptist Church Hall. It will be good to get together over a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share. No meeting in August.
Dorothy Cremer 0260292120

Walla Walla Playgroup

Next meeting dates:

Thursday August 1st 15th & 29th
at the Baptist Church, Market St.

9.30am – 11.30am

Enquiries: Jill Shipard 0427 694 554



GENTLE EXERCISE CLASSES

Run by Jill Wadsworth, Murrumbidgee Health Trained.

Thursdays at 2.30pm.

Walla Sportsground pavilion.

Bring \$2 & water

Enquiries contact: Leeny Mason on 0419 605 566

Or Kirsten.isbister@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY GATHERING CONNECTING TOGETHER

Enquiries: Pastor John Borchert 0419 291 820

In the midst of a troubled world, it was uplifting to hear Martin Staker's drama message of The Lost Sheep, how Jesus seeks lost sheep to come back to Him, and have peace, hope and the certainty of going to heaven. Thank you to everyone who helped, especially Pastor John Borchert for leading the Gathering. A total of \$732 was given, plus twelve blankets to the Winter Blanket Appeal. Watch out for our Next Gathering on **September 29th at the Walla Walla Sportsground Pavilion.**

Senior Citizens Report

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Christmas in July had to be cancelled, but transferred to August 5th. Arrangements are the same...11am if you are able to help set up at the Bowling Club or 12 noon for the Casserole and Dessert. Looking forward to seeing you there.

New members welcome! \$15 membership fee.

Contact Dorothy Cremer 0260292120

Gerogery CWA Report

by Leanne Macreadie

The Gerogery Country Women's Association (CWA) meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Gerogery Hall at 11am. All interested people **welcome**, and a cup of tea or coffee is provided on arrival. At the July meeting, we learned that profits from the June 15th Bunnings BBQ were over \$1,800. Our country of study for 2024 is France. On 21st August, the Albury Group of CWA will host a French Day. The Gerogery CWA is a multicultural branch with several members born in various European countries, and one hailing from South Africa. Our current members range in age from their 40's to the 90's, but junior members are encouraged!

Next meeting of The CWA is at Gerogery Hall 11am 7th August

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Community Diary August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Community Morning Tea 10am Zion Church Hall Playgroup 9.30am Baptist Church Community Shed 7pm at Bowling Club Gentle Exercise 2.30pm Sportground	2 Stargazing 6.30pm to 8.30pm Meals at Bowling Club	3 Croquet 9am Football Round 15 Henty v RWW Giants at Henty
4	5 Croquet 9am Senior Citizens 12 noon, Bowling Club Community Hall Committee AGM 5.30pm Memorial Hall	6 Social Tennis 9am Sconeversations Walla Town Hall 1.30pm Billabong High School P&C 7pm	7 CWA Gerogery Hall 11am Walla Public School, opening of Learning Area 2pm	8 Gentle exercise 2.30pm sportsground	9 Meals at Bowling Club	10 Croquet 9am DrumMuster 9am to 11am old Walla Rubbish Tip Football Round 16 RWW Giants v Bill Crows at Walla Walla
11	12 Croquet 9am Walla Community Development Committee Meeting 7pm Walla Town Hall	13 Social Tennis 9am Sconeversations Walla Town Hall 1.30pm	14 Probus Meeting 9.30am Culcairn 12pm Close of Councillor Nominations	15 Gentle exercise 2.30 pm sportsground Community Morning Tea 10am Zion Church Hall Playgroup 9.30am Baptist Church	16 Meals at Bowling Club	17 Croquet 9am Football Round 17 RWW Giants v Osborne at Walla Walla
18	19 Croquet 9am	20 Social Tennis 9am Sconeversations Walla Town Hall 1.30pm	21 Greater Hume Council Meeting Culcairn	22 Playgroup 9.30am Baptist church Gentle Exercise 2.30pm Praying for Walla 7.30pm Lutheran Church Hall	23 Meals at Bowling Club	24 Croquet 9am Football Round 18 Howlong v RWW Giants at Howlong
25	26 Croquet 9am	27 Social Tennis 9am Sconeversations Walla Town Hall 1.30pm	28	29 Gentle exercise 2.30 pm sports ground Playgroup 9.30am Baptist Church	30 Meals at Bowling Club Fischer Leadership Program Workshop at Sports Pallivon	31 Croquet 9am Elimination Finals <hr/> Sunday 1st September Elimination Finals

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

Walla Walla Bowling Club 6029 2146
Closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Open Wednesday – Saturday from 5.30pm. Meals available Friday evenings

Bank WAW 6029 2392
Monday-Thursday 12.30-4.30pm
Friday 11am-5pm (closed for lunch 12.30-1.30pm).

Walla Walla Post Office 6029 2231
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm; Saturday 9-11am

Second Hand Rose 6029 2116
Thursday-Friday 1.30-4.30pm; Saturday 9.30-11.30am

On Demand Regional Bus
Bookings: Phone or text 044 835 3281

Walla Walla Hair Salon 6029 2277
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-5.30pm

Justice of the Peace
Anthony Lieschke 02 6029 2202
Jeff Grosse 0407 909 181

Walla Police 6053 4570
Emergency 000

Walla Food Mill 6029 2033
Monday-Wednesday 6am-4pm
Thursday 6am-7.30 pm
Friday 6am-8pm
Saturday 7am-2 pm
Sunday 8am-2pm

Morgan's Lookout
Non-daylight savings time 8am-5pm
Daylight savings time 8am-7pm
Gates are locked outside these hours

TerryWhite Chemist 60292496
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
Facebook: Terrywhite Chemmart Walla

Side Door Giftwares
Thursday-Saturday 10am-2pm
0458 602 933

Return and Earn
10c eligible containers
Call 02 60 407 512
Text 0458 243 489

Vecare Health Walla Walla 02 6073 2605
(Holbrook 02 6036 2952)
Monday 9am-5pm (closed for lunch 12.30-1.30pm) Friday 9am-1pm
Pathology Tuesday 8.30am to 12noon
www.vecarehealth.com.au

The Glow Well-Being Centre 0493 130 539
Tuesday and Wednesday 8am-8pm;
appointments by request outside these hours.
www.glowwellbeing.com.au

Walla Pub; 6029 2309
Monday-Friday opens at 2.30pm
Saturday opens 11am
Sunday Opens 12 pm
Kitchen Thursday-Saturday 6-8pm
Sunday 12-2pm
Meals other times for min 10 people booked

**OLD SCHOOL HOUSE WALLA WEST MUSEUM
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**INLAND
RAIL**

We acknowledge the support of Inland Rail for this project.

["Walla Walla's Wendish Past"](#)

On the 3rd of July, 2024 Tanja and I presented our grant funded local history project to the pupils of Walla Walla Public School. The children were very engaged and asked a lot of very interesting questions.

The grant funding allowed us to acquire costume dolls from the area called Lusatia in Germany where many of our pioneering families originated. After first settling in South Australia, the early settlers of what is known as 'The Trek party' relocated to NSW by wagon train led by church elder Father Klemke. Almost half of this party were Wendish or Sorbian as they are known in Europe. They are a Slavic people who have lived in this area for centuries and maintained their cultural traditions separate to the Germanic people who lived in close proximity. Names of these pioneers include Wenke, Lieschke, Mickan and Hengersdorf. Other Wendish families, such as the Koltzurs arrived later.

The costume dolls were dressed in traditional costumes worn over 100 years ago for varying activities, such as going to church, working in the fields or attending festivals. Only the latter is still in use today. The children learnt about the way life was centred around the church in the early days of Walla

Walla, originally called Ebenezer. Church services and the congregational school were taught in German, which was a second language to the Wendish children.

Other items on display included intricate embroidery samples, ethnic block printing samples, welcome bows in both German and Sorbian language and decorated eggs in traditional style.

We wish to thank the Principal Jo Cameron for supporting us with this project.

Karen Wenke



Karen Wenke & Tanja
Schramm-Trethowan



Students of Walla Walla
Public School

**Walla Walla Community Hall Committee
Invitation**

To: The Walla Walla Community

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Walla Walla Community Hall Committee

Place: Walla Walla Memorial Hall

Date: Monday 5th August 2024

Time: Commencing at 5.30pm

Looking forward to welcoming you.

Jeff Grosse
President
Ph 0407 909 181

Helen Krause
Secretary
Ph 0427 260 737
E: rosshelenkrause@gmail.com

MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday 1st August at 7pm

Walla Walla Bowling Club



After a successful July meeting we have a new committee and we are moving forward with getting the community shed up and running.

The Walla Walla Community Shed is inclusive of women and men. We aim to have an array of activities to suit different interests and a mentoring program for young people over the age of 12.

Everyone is welcome to come along and share ideas and meet the community shed members.

We welcome new members to sign up on the night. Cost \$35.

President: Ted Ackerley 0410 594 044
wallawallacommunityshed@gmail.com

Applications Now Open

The Fischer Community Leadership Program will be running again later this year, with applications opening in early August.

Greater Hume – Walla Walla

- Workshop: Walla Walla Recreation Facility at the Sportsground

Friday 30 th August & Friday 6 th September

Zoom sessions: 7pm - Mon 23 rd Sept & Mon 30 th Sept

Federation – Urana

- Workshop: Urana, Waterfront Pavilion

Friday 13 th September

Friday 20 th September

Zoom sessions: 7pm - Mon 30 th Sept and Tues 8 th Oct

Fischer
COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Fischer Community Leadership Program

Learn leadership skills | Workshop your idea for your community club, group or project | Understand how to write a successful grant application | Hear from local leaders | Explore community engagement + more

Greater Hume Council
Walla Walla: Friday 30 August & Friday 6 September 2024
Online sessions: 7pm - Monday 23rd Sept and Monday 30th Sept

Federation Council
Urana: Friday 13 & Friday 20 September 2024
Online sessions: 7pm, Monday 30th Sept and Tuesday 8th Oct

Apply now: www.fischerleadership.com.au

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SPOTLIGHT on Walla Walla Resident

By Sally Jean

Introducing this month's resident.... Janene Whitty

Thank you to Geoff Dunlop for nominating Janene.



Janene was born in the old Albury Base Hospital and grew up on a farm near Burrumbuttock, with her parents and her sister Leola. She loved the country life as a child and spent her days playing at Duncan's Hill, catching tadpoles, digging up rabbits and riding motorbikes. She went to Burrumbuttock Primary School, as did her father and her grandfather, and now her own grandchildren attend

there. Janene was one of Murray High School's first students and she recalls that while it was being built when she was in year 7, the school was set up temporarily in 6 portable buildings at the back of James Fallon High (formerly known as North Albury High School.) She made a lot of friends from Walla there because Billabong High hadn't been built then so the Walla youngsters attended Murray High. Her social life revolved around playing sport and she loved playing netball, particularly in the positions of goal defence and wing defence. She played for Burrumbuttock, Walla and Walbundrie, which saw her winning an A grade premiership during her time playing for Burrumbuttock.

She met James, her husband to be, when his family bought the farm next door. In her words, "I married the boy next door!" They moved to Walla because James was working at Jacob Toyota and they both had friends in Walla, both from school and from playing sports. They love Walla because it is so welcoming and friendly. They made lots of friends playing sport and have shared many fun times over their 41 years here in Walla. Janene and James have two daughters, Natalie and Brittany, and 5 grandchildren. Janene loves spending time with them and taking beautiful portraits of them. After Janene was made redundant from Target, where she worked for 38 years, she developed a passion for photography. She especially developed a love of macro photography which involves photographing extreme close ups using a special lens. She is fascinated by the fine details macro photography picks up that the naked eye cannot see. Her first experience with a macro lens was when she attended a dentist appointment and the dentist showed her a lens he used for photographing teeth. He lent the macro lens to her for the weekend and she was hooked!

Through macro photography she has discovered the fascinating little world of insects and she can spend hours sitting in the same

spot observing them, sometimes even without taking a photo. She notes that her care and love for the wildlife comes first before getting a good photo and views this is an important trait of a wildlife photographer. She explains, "I wouldn't leave something stuck in a fence, for a good photo. I would help them first."

Photographing wildlife has led her and James to become involved in important local wildlife conservation efforts on her childhood farm, which they still manage today. These projects have involved weed removal and rejuvenating parcels of land through native planting to create habitats for endangered species, such as squirrel gliders and superb parrots, with the long term goal of ensuring these creatures are around for generations to come. She reflects on the importance for her to balance the farming business with her environmental values, upheld by a strong belief that we can live together and make it work if we look after the land and give a little back. She is proud that she hasn't cleared any land on the farm, preferring to save trees to keep the hollow habitats for animals and the grass stubble for insects and small creatures. Janene views her photography works as an important tool for developing empathy for the creatures she photographs and to help educate the importance of preventing them from becoming extinct. She has seen the benefits of this from other local projects where Grey-crowned Babblers that previously haven't been seen for 30 years have recently been spotted in areas where native trees have been planted, within the last 12 years.

Janene also loves to travel and alongside James she has travelled to many places around the world, including but not limited to Europe, Africa and Asia. They particularly loved Zimbabwe and Janene expresses a love of new and different places and things. She doesn't like roughing it however she did say that she will rough it temporarily for a photo! She also loves photographing wildlife overseas but noted that you don't need to go overseas to see amazing wildlife, there are many here in our backyard. One of her favourite places to go is the Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre in Burrumbuttock, which is a wonderful example of what rejuvenation of the land can look like.

Her advice for anyone wanting to photograph wildlife is that, "You need to get out there, but don't be sad if you don't get a photo that day or that week. You may take hundreds of photos and may only get one good one. Don't give up."

Do you wear socks in bed? No! I don't like having hot feet.

If you could be fruit, what would it be and why?

James: She would be a lemon

Janene: (laughing) Is that because I am sour? No I would be a pear because they are sweet and curvy.

Thank you Janene, it was so warming to hear about the incredible work you are doing for wildlife. I always love seeing your amazing photographs and hearing the meaningful conservation efforts connected with them.

If you would like to nominate someone please email info@glowwellbeing.com.au

WALLA WALLA CROQUET CLUB NEWS

Because of the cold and frosty mornings, we decided to have a break in July and hopefully weather permitting we will be playing Croquet in August.

You are welcome to come along at 9.00am to the Bowling Club on Saturday and Monday mornings to enjoy a game of Croquet

Please wear flat soled shoes.



Dieter Fenz, President **Helen Krause, Secretary**
Ph 0437365296 Ph 0427260737

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The Rand-Walbundrie-Walla Giants Football News

by Brett Kohlhagen



The Rand-Walbundrie-Walla Giants have overcome a crippling run with injury to remain on track to play first grade finals.

Despite having 12 senior players unavailable recently, the young side has kept its focus to sit fifth on the ladder.

It could climb as high as third with a favourable draw ahead.

The Walla contingent of Joel Merkel, Bernie Lieschke and Nick, Tom and Fletcher Kohlhagen played well in its recent big win over Culcairn.

Pint sized Oscar Hayes also made an impressive return from injury.

In the reserves, the Giants are just outside the top six.

The club is hopeful its injury problems are behind it which will help the reserves.

Unfortunately, loyal ruckman Brad Paech's season is over with a serious leg injury.

Ben Hoffmann and Todd Schirmer have been playing well and could play senior football before the end of the season.

The Giants look finals bound in the under-17s.

They recently posted a fine win over Culcairn with Ed Kreuzberger's return pivotal.

Young defender Jimmy Heir has been a big improver.

He looks a fine prospect with his long kicking out of defence one of his best attributes.

The under 14s are also progressing nicely with Adrian Feuerherdt seeing positives each week.

The Giants will play their next last three home matches at Walla against Murray Magpies, Billabong Crows and Osborne.

The club would love to see as many former players as possible at these games.

The ground is in superb condition thanks to the hard work of a loyal band of supporters.

See next months addition of the newsletter for the Rand-Walbundrie-Walla Walla Giants, Netball update!



OLD SCHOOL HOUSE WALLA WEST MUSEUM INC.



We invite you to join us for some local stargazing.

When: Friday 2nd August, 2024 Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Cost \$15.00 per person.

Thistle Mobile Coffee will be available on site.

For further information and bookings please email:

Karenwenke966@gmail.com

Community Morning Tea 1st and 15th August 10am at Zion Lutheran Church Hall

This is an initiative to increase fellowship and caring conversation. All Welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share. A gold coin donation is appreciated.



WANT TO SUBMIT A NEWSLETTER ARTICLE?

Please send in any special acknowledgements, articles or request for electronic copies to wallanewsletter@gmail.com or drop them in the box at the Walla Post Office.

The deadline is 12 pm on the 15th of each month.

Rainfall at Walla Walla as measured at the Walla Post Office.



June 1st (0.2mm) 10th (0.6mm) 11th (2.2mm) 12th (8.0mm) 21st (5.8mm) 25th (0.2mm) 26th (0.06mm) 30th (13.8mm)
Total in 2024 till the end of June 227.6mm

DEFIBRILLATORS IN WALLA WALLA

At present there are 2 defibrillators available 24 hours a day:

- Veranda of Walla Walla Police Station
- Veranda of Walla Walla Bowling Club



Other defibrillators available during Office hours or when venues are open include:

- Kotzur Pty Ltd - Ph: 6029 4700
- St Paul's College - Ph: 6029 2200
- Walla Walla Fire Brigade
- Walla Walla Swimming Pool
- Walla Walla Sportsground

Please familiarise yourself with their locations in the event of an emergency

DrumMUSTER collection dates for 2024.

There will be a drumMUSTER collection on the following Saturdays from 9am-11am

- **10 August**
- **12 October**



The collection point will be the old Walla Walla Rubbish tip site.

For enquiries, please ring Alan Odewahn on 0428 292 248.

If you cannot make it on this day, contact Alan to arrange a suitable time.

This is a fundraiser for the Walla Sportsground.

CASEY'S PLUMBING & CONTRACTING

- Plumbing, drainage and gas fitting
 - Storm water and tanks
- Septic installation and upgrades
 - Excavation
- Maintenance and renovations
- Farm water supply and troughs
- Contract machine operator and truck driver

Contact Lachlan
0438708230

lachlan.casey@hotmail.com

PRAYING FOR WALLA WALLA

When: Thursday 22nd August 7:30pm

Where: Lutheran Church Hall

Prayer Requests:

Pastor John Borchert 0419 291 820

All Welcome!



CHURCH TIMES

Lutheran Church Walla Walla

1st & 3rd Sundays 9am

2nd & 4th Sundays 10.30am

Contact: Pastor John Borchert 0419 291 820

Lutheran Church Alma Park

1st, & 3rd Sundays 10.30am

2nd & 4th Sundays 9am

Contact: Pastor John Borchert 0419 291 820

Baptist Church Market St. Walla Walla

Sundays at 10am, Kids Program

Contact: Dorothy Cremer 02 6029 2120

Anglican Church Balfour St. Culcairn

1st & 3rd Sundays 9.30am

Contact: Rev Ken Dale - 0428 293 655

Generation Life Riverina Inc, Walla Walla Memorial Hall

4th Sunday 3:30pm

Contact: Pastor Graeme Sheppard

0422 671 149

Catholic Church Market St. Walla Walla

1st & 4th Sundays of the month, 5.30pm

Contact: Fr Jomer Calma - 0450 689 409



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

We know that Jesus Christ the Son of God has come and has shown us the true God. And because of Jesus, we now belong to the true God who gives eternal life.
1 John chapter 5 verse 20



STAND AS A CANDIDATE TO SERVE AS A GREATER HUME COUNCILLOR

If you have a strong sense of community and are keen to make a difference. Consider nominating for the 14 September 2024 Greater Hume local government elections.

Local councils are the level of government closest to the community. Providing key infrastructure, facilities and services to local residents and are integral to improving the lifestyle and amenity of local communities.

Nominations open Monday, 5 August 2024 and close 12pm Wednesday, 14 August 2024.

For more information on becoming a Councillor and how to nominate visit the Greater Hume Council

Website/Local Government Elections.

Do YOU have a passion for community?



STAND FOR GREATER HUME COUNCIL



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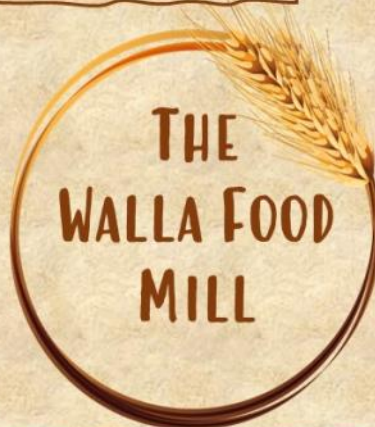


Opening Hours
Mon – Wed 6am till 4pm
Thurs – 6am till 7:30pm
Friday - 6am till 8pm
Saturday 7am till 2pm
Sunday 8am – 2pm

Come in and take a break. Have a seat out in our courtyard or in the dining room!

- Cakes/Slices
- Burgers
- Breakfast
- Pies/Sausage Rolls
- Hot Food
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Push-Up Challenge

This year the Year 11 PDHPE class invited students and staff at St Paul's to join The Push-Up Challenge. This provided opportunities for physical activity and information around Mental Health issues. What a great school community event it was!

Over the course of 28 days, students and staff collectively completed 121,582 push-ups/exercises, raised \$1481 from generous donations, enjoyed the benefits of being active and also explored the 28 different mental health facts that were shared to highlight so many important issues.

We are glad to be able to support Lifeline Albury/Wodonga, which is such an important local mental health support service.



Boarding Fun

Our boarders were very busy late last term having lots of fun, with a Golden Oldies event and then a Masquerade Party. A wonderful way to celebrate nearing the end of Semester Two!



YEAR 5 DISCOVERY DAY AND OPEN MORNING THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

Students to experience St Paul's for a full day of learning and an open morning for parents at 9am. Bookings essential for students via QR code

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**Walla Walla
Public School**



**Walla Walla Public School
wish to invite**

The Walla Walla Community, to

**Please join us for the
Outdoor Learning Area**

Grand Opening

**To be held on Wednesday 7th of August
during Public Education Week**

Order of events

1pm-2pm Open Classrooms and Student-led conferencing

2pm-2:30pm Opening Ceremony and Student Showcase

2:30pm Afternoon Tea

Please contact the School on 6029 2253 for more information