

**Your June 2024 Community Newsletter** 

# KOTZUR GRAND OPENING OF THEIR NEW MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN TOOWOOMBA



April 2024 presented a new milestone in the Kotzur family journey, with three generations of the Kotzur family attending the Grand Opening of the new manufacturing facility in Toowoomba. It was a very proud moment for Ben Kotzur, who was the master of ceremonies, with wife Raquel and daughters Amalia and Ines in attendance for the special occasion.

Managing Director Andrew Kotzur spoke to the 150 guests about entrepreneurship and making the most of opportunities (and a bit of luck) in his presentation. He acknowledged the courage of the Kotzur family in making the journey to Alma Park from South Australia in the late 1800s. Andrew particularly paid homage to his father Ray, whose entrepreneurial skills were integral to the beginnings of the Kotzur Group business.

Walla Walla, and the people who make the community have been and remain fundamental to the Kotzur family, who now employ over 200 people nationwide. It is amazing to think that Ray's humble beginning of making farm gates and farm sheds would lead to the diversity of roles the business employs today.

Over this time, the Walla site has gradually expanded, with the opening of the new Walla offices in 2011 and the construction of a new

warehouse last year. Local people have been integral in the growth of the business, many of whom have been employed by the Kotzur family. In fact, 50% of the Walla employees are residents of the Greater Hume Shire.

The new facility in Toowoomba will provide greater access to markets for the transportable silo range in northern NSW and Queensland. It has enabled the installation of new equipment to ensure Kotzur is well placed to continue designing, engineering, manufacturing and installing storage and handling equipment well into the future.

The new facility, which is set on five hectares and was constructed in thirty-six and a half weeks, comprises modern open-plan office spaces and 4,300m<sup>2</sup> of factory space, including a section of shed with a roof height of 24m.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Sussan Ley MP was on hand for the cutting of the Kotur ribbon and the unveiling of the plaque. She was accompanied by Mr Garth Hamilton MP, member for Groom, and Mr Pat Weir MP, member for Condamine.

The event was a great opportunity to acknowledge where the business has come from and thank those who have played supporting roles in its journey, and an opportunity to celebrate opportunities for the future.





#### **ANZAC DAY AT WALLA WALLA 2024**

#### Thursday April 25th

by RSL member Herb Simpfendorfer

At 6 am on Anzac Day, there was no moon. It was very dark at the Bi-Centennial Park, except for floodlights lighting up the flag at half mast. No wind. Beautiful mild Autumn weather. Our Anzac Day celebrations were beginning, following the usual format to create an atmosphere of respect and quietly remembering Australians who went to war. Why have a ceremony at dawn? Having a ceremony before sunrise is because in war time, soldiers, sailors and airmen were wide awake before dawn, since attack and defence often occurred at that time.

We then had a pause for a few hours before the march started at the Food Mill at 10.30, involving horses and riders in Light Horse uniform, soldiers in uniform, a fife and drum band, veterans, adults and school children. It was at this time that there was a notable difference to our previous marches. Long before it arrived, we knew there was a helicopter on the way. It flew low overhead twice, making its distinctive very loud chop chop sound, unforgettable. Helicopters like this one were used extensively in WW2 and in Vietnam. Then it was gone, and we marched down the street.

The Main Service at 11 am started with the installation of the catafalque party, followed by the usual Anzac Day program, which includes wreath laying, guest speaker, The Ode, bugle calls, one minute silence, collection for Legacy and music. Our event was well attended, as usual. Nearly \$875 was collected and given to Legacy this year. What is remembered most





would vary, but I think the lone piper playing Amazing Grace would rank highly for everyone. It was so good to see many school children there from Walla and Walbundrie, with their teachers, because they are the ones that will continue our



tradition of We Will Remember Them on this special day for years to come.

The focus this year was the 80 th Anniversary of D-Day, in which many Australians were involved. It was the start of the recovery of German occupied countries by the Allies on 6 th June 1944. Next year, we will focus on another event in wartime that was important to Australian defence force personnel. Following the main service, people gathered for lunch, looking at displays and having chats at the town hall, with beautiful Autumn weather all the time. The Anzac Day committee had again organised memorable Anzac Day services at Walla Walla.

We will meet again on Monday November 11 th at 10.30am at the Bi-Centennial Park for our Remembrance Day ceremony. No helicopter, no march, just a time of remembering and honouring our locals who went to war.

Lest We Forget







# Congratulations Oscar Feuerherdt 2024 Sydney Royal Easter Show Reserve Champion

Local St Paul's College Year 12 student, Oscar Feuerherdt has been awarded 'The Reserve Champion in the RAS/Ag Show NSW Grain Young Judges Competition 2024 State Final' held at Sydney Royal Easter Show. The Young Judges competition is for persons 15 to 25 years of age, so Oscar was competing against adults with considerably more experience.

In grain judging the participants were required to judge four samples of each of the following grains: canola, wheat and barley and then give an oral presentation up to two minutes duration on one of the grains. Oscar spoke on wheat and placed 10 out of 12 grains in the same order as the judges. An excellent effort!

Oscar certainly is a knowledgeable young agriculture person as he also won 4 th place in 'The RAS/Ag Show NSW Beef Cattle Young Judges Competition State Final'. In this competition Oscar performed his oral presentation on Hereford bulls.

Oscar qualified for the State Finals in grain and beef cattle judging whilst competing at Henty Show earlier in the year.

Oscar enjoys assisting his parents, Adrian and Trish Feuerherdt on their local farm, and at the family business, Orange Grove Gardens. Next year Oscar plans to study Agriculture Business Management by Distance Education at CSU, Wagga Wagga.

#### WALLA WALLA PLAY GROUP

It has been lovely seeing friendships growing between children and parents at the Walla Walla playgroup. The children have fun with toys inside and play equipment outside. At about 10am there are a couple of songs and a story before morning tea. It is a great opportunity to meet and connect with others.

Play dough and crafts are options for the older children. In the next few weeks we are planning to play with the big parachute and bubbles outside.



#### Next meeting dates:

Thursday June 6th
Thursday June 20th
Thursday July 4th
at the Baptist Church, Market St.
9.30am - 11.30am

Enquiries: Jill Shipard 0427 694 554



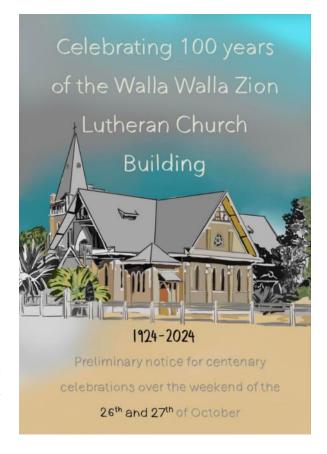
# Zion Walla Walla, Save the Date.

Zion Lutheran Congregation is preparing to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the current church building on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

The weekend activities will include displays of memorabilia, a Sunday church service and times of fellowship.

We are currently collecting historical artifacts, memories and photographs to compile a historical record of the building and congregation over the last 100 years.

The Walla Walla Historical Society Inc, is assisting by providing assistance to copy photographs and documents. Do you have copies of wedding, confirmation, youth, baptismal, Sunday School, thanksgiving, or Christmas nativity photos or other memorabilia that may be added to our collection? All items scanned will be returned ASAP; or bring them along in October.



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

<u>A special request</u> – does anyone have photos taken during the actual building process? We have minutes and invoices from the building program, and copies of the drawings, but no photos.

# **Henty -Culcairn Probus Club Meeting** at Culcairn on 8th May. Report by Helen Squires

Our President Warren Berkerey opened the meeting and the National Anthem was sung. Forty four members were present Big news is that the beanie competition has reached 600 beanies and rising. The Big Reveal is 6-7.30pm on 4th June. RSVP is necessary to take part. Contact Yvonne Booth



Our five minute speaker was Beris Klemke. She married Lester. They have six children, 25 grandchildren and are soon to have a great grandchild. She has been involved in her church and youth groups, and she has been a sheep farmer's wife. She told us lots of lovely farming stories.

After morning tea we heard Dr Penny Vine speak about her work with the Murray Valley Refugee Group. Refugees are people who are unable to return to their own country out of well founded fear of being killed or imprisoned. These people are hoping for a better life in another country. We heard of water being available in displaced persons camps for two hours, and only two containers of water allowed for one family. We heard of people being able to come to Australia with 202 Humanitarian visas and then having to repay air fares as they settle in. The funds are recycled to bring more people. These traumatised people are most often non English speaking, with few belongings, are required to do 500 hours of English lessons, and are required to look for work. They need kind people to help. Dr. Vine has also been aware of Aboriginal displacement and was involved in the tragedy of five young people dying at Gerogery. She also goes to parents after sudden deaths of babies and understands the trauma of mastectomy. Murrayvalleysanctuary@gmail.com is where you can find more information.

Thank you to Dr. Penny Vine for a most informative speech.

Our next meeting is to be at Henty June 12th 9.30 for a 10.00am start. We hope you might come and listen to our next speaker.





#### SCONEVERSATIONS ARE BACK!!!

week until the end of the year!

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 to volunteer to assist at Sconeversations, please let us know. Doesn't need to be every week, just when time. you are available would be helpful.

If you live in the Greater Hume Council area, we can support you to stay at home with not only a delivered meals service, but a range of other services including:

- Transport service to assist you with transport locally and regionally to Albury or Wagga Wagga,
- Meal preparation assistance in your home,
- Domestic Assistance, general house cleaning, clothes washing, unaccompanied shopping and bill paying,
- Social Support which will support you to attend appointments, help you do your shopping, provide a friendly visitor or a friendly phone call,

- Small group activities such as Movie trips, morning teas, gentle exercise
- ACT! Emergency Readiness programme is also available across the council area.

Contact us if you would like a copy of our extensive menu!

You do need to be registered with My Aged Care to access CHSP 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 Recommencing Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm and then each office a call on 0260363677. You can call My Aged Care direct on 1800 200 422.

Why not join us for conversations, scones and a friendly get You can also access our services if you are on a Home Care together. We will meet at Walla Walla Community Hall which Package. It's your choice - Speak to your provider and let them know you wish to use our meals or other services.

> Our administration office is located in Holbrook at 114 Albury Street (just near the traffic lights) and we are always happy to have visitors. Our staff are very happy to visit you at home if you prefer. Just give us a call on 0260363677 to arrange a

#### Sue Winnett

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#### WALLA WALLA CROQUET CLUB **NEWS**

On the 6th May, the Croquet Club welcomed the Senior Citizens to a social afternoon playing Croquet. After, our members demonstrated how Croquet is played, four of their members enjoyed a good game playing 13 hoops, whilst others watched. Later we all enjoyed afternoon tea together. Thanks to our members for helping out during the afternoon. You are welcome to come along at 9am to the Bowling Club on Saturday and Monday mornings for a game of Croquet.

Please wear flat soled shoes.

Dieter Fenz, President Helen Krause, Secretary

Ph 0437365296 Ph 0427260737

#### **Walla Walla Community Youth** Support Fund

A very successful, well attended meeting was held on 8th May, with lots of good ideas suggested to support Youth in Walla Walla. A Committee was formed. More info will be coming out soon. Enquiries: John Borchert 0419 291 820



#### **Red Cross Report**

There was no meeting in April due to our ladies working hard in the Hall kitchen preparing for the Anzac Day Luncheon. **Thank You** for your participation in making it all worthwhile for Red Cross Calling.

NEXT MEETINGS: Baptist Church Hall 2pm

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary meeting June 26<sup>th</sup> Important meeting deciding on who will take on Executive positions for 2024/25 July 24<sup>th</sup> AGM

Dorothy Cremer - 02 6029 2120

## COMMUNITY GATHERING CONNECTING TOGETHER

Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> 10am St Pauls College Chapel Guest Speaker: Martin Staker from Junee Presents the Gospel through Drama for ALL ages

Flyer will come out soon.

Enquiries: Pastor John Borchert 0419 291 820

#### **GENTLE EXERCISE CLASSES**

Run by Jill Wadsworth, Murrumbidgee Health Trained.

Thursdays at 2.30pm.

Walla Sportsground pavillion.

Bring \$2 & water

Enquiries contact: Leeny Mason on 0419 605

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Or Kirsten.isbister@hotmail.com

#### **Senior Citizens Report**

On Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, eighteen of us Seniors travelled to Corryong, stopping at Tallangatta for morning tea. Then on to Corryong for lunch. The weather was kind to us, lunch was great and the scenery beautiful. I hope everyone had a good time. A BIG THANK YOU to Lieschke Bus **Lines** and our bus driver, **lan Burrowes.** At our meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>, members had the opportunity to learn how to play croquet. You never know, maybe some up and coming Croquet players in the making. Afternoon tea was provided and enjoyed by all. NEXT MEETING: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1.30pm at Walla Walla Bowling Club, to discuss and arrange Christmas in July and our next Bus trip in September/October.

New members welcome! \$15 Membership Contact Dorothy Cremer 0260292120



PATHOLOGY COLLECTION CLINIC IS STARTING ON <u>TUESDAY 4TH OF JUNE</u> AT VECARE HEALTH WALLA WALLA. All request forms from all GP's and specialists accepted

#### **Gerogery CWA Report by Leanne Macreadie**

The Gerogery Country Womens Association was established over 70 years ago, as a branch of the NSW CWA. We are a friendly multicultural group of women who would love to have new members come along. Currently members come from Walla Walla, Culcairn & Gerogery West, as well as past residents who now reside in Albury.

CWA is a national organisation created over 100 years ago to assist rural women better their lives for both the women and their families. Fund raising often occurs at branch level and is

not all tea and scones! We have a Bunnings BBQ coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June so come to Bunnings for breakfast or lunch on that day to support our fund raising efforts. Recently Gerogery CWA made donations to the local school, fire brigade and hall. Our fund raising money also goes to state projects and emergency causes such as floods and fire, and victims of domestic abuse.

Branch meetings are held at the Gerogery hall on the first Monday of the month at 11:00 AM cup of tea is provided on arrival bring your lunch to enjoy afterwards Everyone welcome.

We acknowledge the generous support for the community newsletter from Kotzur Pty Ltd (printing) and the Walla Walla Post Office (newsletter distribution).

**June Editorial Team:** Jenny Jacob, Herb Simpfendorfer, Julie Barber, Trish Fulford, Raquel Kotzur, Phil Carroll and Julia Muller

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## SHOW 'N' SHINE

Monday 10th June 2024

Kings Birthday long weekend

Walla Showground



Entrants and spectators \$5 entry

Free entry for kids under 16

Gates open 9am

Judging begins 11am

Trophy presentation at 1pm

#### WALLA WALLA SPORTSGROUND NEWS

Frequent users of the sportsground would appreciate the appearance of the main sports oval at present. The oval has been sown with rye grass, fertilized and watered regularly to establish. Thanks goes to our helpers Ross Hoffmann, Trevor Merkel, Don Scott and Geoff Stevenson for the organizing, watering and mowing to keep it looking good. The Rand Walbundrie Walla Giants are training at the ground every Tuesday night and will be playing their last three home games here.

The netball courts have also had a resurfacing carried out by Synthetic Sports Group recently. This project was made possible with generous support from Riverina Water's Enriching Community Grants program, local businesses Kotzur, PJN Sheds, Lieschke Motors and Bus Lines, MBI Engineering, Hoffmann Transport, Elders and the Greater Hume Council.

Walla Walla Sportsground Management Committee. 355 committee for Greater Hume Council.







#### What is it changing from July 1st?

On that date, the new organics green bins together with a kitchen caddy and caddy liners will be delivered across the Greater Hume Shire.

#### Why are they doing this?

According to waste audits conducted in your region in 2021, food and garden waste accounts for 51% of the waste materials in an average household red lidded general waste bin. This fills up our local landfills and wastes a valuable resource. By using your new green lidded bin for all your food and garden waste, your waste will be turned into compost for our farms, parks and gardens.

#### **Caddy Liners**

Use only council approved compostable liners in your kitchen caddy. Other plastic bags even if they are labeled as biodegradable or compostable can't be accepted. Every year, you will receive a year's supply of compostable liners.

#### **Kitchen Caddies**

Kitchen caddies (bench top 'mini-bins') are a clean and easy way to collect your fruit and vegetable scraps, fish, meat, bones, coffee grinds & tea leaves. This is your daily organic material which is in your home.

A new collection calendar will be available by mid June at Halve waste or the Greater Hume Shire website. For more information, please visit www.halvewaste.com.au

#### **Community Diary June**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Croquet 9am
2	3 Croquet 9am Senior Citizens 1.30pm, Bowling Club Development Committee Meeting 7pm	4 Social Tennis 9am Sconeversations Walla Town Hall 1.30pm	5	6 Playgroup 9.30am Baptist church Gentle exercise 2.30 pm sportsground Community Shed Meeting, Bowling Club 7pm	<b>7</b> Meals @ Bowling Club	8 Croquet 9am
9	10 Croquet 9am Show & Shine Car Show 9am Sportsground	11 Social Tennis 9am Sconeversations Walla Town Hall 1.30pm	12 Probus Meeting 9.30am Henty	13 Gentle exercise 2.30 pm sportsground	14 Meals @ Bowling Club	15 Croquet 9am DrumMuster 9am to 11am at old rubbish tip Trivia Night Bowling Club 7pm
16	17 Croquet 9am	18 Social Tennis 9am Sconeversations Walla Town Hall 1.30pm	19 Greater Hume Council Meeting Holbrook 6pm	20 Playgroup 9.30am Baptist church Gentle Exercise 2.30pm Pray for Walla 7.30 pm Lutheran Church	21 Meals @ Bowling Club	22 Croquet 9am
23	24 Croquet 9am	25 Social Tennis 9am Sconeversations Walla Town Hall 1.30pm	<b>26</b> Red Cross 2pm Baptist Church	<b>27</b> Gentle exercise 2.30 pm sportsground	28 Meals @ Bowling Club	29 Croquet 9am Ladies Paint & Sip at Bowling Club 2pm to 4pm
30 10am Community Gathering, St Paul's college	1 JULY NEW GREEN BIN DELIVERED					

#### 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

<u>Justice of the Peace</u> Anthony Lieschke 02 6029 2202 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

<u>TerryWhite Chemist 60292496</u> Monday-Friday 9am-5pm Facebook: Terrywhite Chemmart Walla

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

Riverina Regional Mobile Library Every Monday 9-11am outside WW Public School Return and Earn 10c eligible containers Call 1300 849 781 Text 0447 927 722

Vecare Health Walla Walla 02 6073 2605 (Holbrook 02 6036 2952)

Monday 9am-5pm (closed for lunch 12.30-1.30pm)

Friday 9am-1pm

www.vecarehealth.com.au

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

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

www.glowwellbeing.com.au

#### Walla Walla Bowling & Recreation Club

Grade 5 Bowling team finished the 2024 season on a high. This gave them the honour of representing the District at the Zone playoffs at Young April 27 th. They played Wagga Wagga RSL going down by 10 shots.

L-R Noel Wilksch Manager – Back Row – Russell Paech, Kevin Kohlhagen, Graeme Cunningham, Ross Hoffmann, Paul Baensch, Lee Churches - Front Row – Phil Scholz, George Lee, Geoff Blundel, Joel Hoffmann, Deidre Churches, Michael Heir



- As of June 1 st, opening hours for the Club change. Closed Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Open Wednesday to Saturday 5.30pm until closing at Bar staff discretion.
- ♦ Memberships are now payable for the 2024/25 Financial year. Fees remain at \$15. Can be paid direct to WAW BSB 803070 account 100048582 or at the Club.
- If you would like to become a member of the Club, come in during business hours to pick up the membership form.
- If you wish to use the Club for meetings, please let the Club know in advance by booking in. Ring the Club 0260292146 during business hours.
- ♦ DATES TO REMEMBER June 15 th Trivia Night tables of 6 @ \$10 per player 7pm start. Bookings at Club
- ♦ June 29 th 2 -4pm "Paint n Sip Ladies Afternoon" hosted by Mikayla Heir. \$60 per person. Names and payment due before 15 th June to enable purchase of supplies. Nibbles supplied and bar will be open. Door prize and raffles. Contact Judy Feehan 0407405174 or Kristie Heir 0488371847. Grab a group and book in (30 Maximum)

#### Walla Walla Community Shed

YOU are invited to join us for a Walla Walla Community Shed Meeting! As many of you know, a small group of residents have been working hard to get a community shed started in Walla Walla. But we can't do it alone, we need more community support to make it happen. We need people who are willing to put their hands up to be part of the committee, as well as new members who have skills and time to contribute to supporting the committee with the tasks involved in setting up and maintaining a new shed. Sadly if we don't get the numbers, we will have to pause the idea until we can get more community interest.

Together, we can transform this vision into a vibrant hub for collaboration and connection! So please come along and let's build something incredible in Walla Walla!

Meeting - Thursday 6th June at 7pm at The Walla Walla Bowling Club.

#### 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.

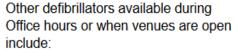
April 2 (8.8mm), 6 (13.4mm),7 (12.6mm), 8 (2.0mm) Total 36.8mm

Total in 2024 to end of April 138.2mm

#### **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



- 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



#### 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

RECYCLING NEWSLETTERS 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.

What God commands is that we believe in His Son, Jesus Christ and love one another, just as Christ commanded us.

1 John chapter 3 verse 23



DrumMUSTER collection dates for 2024.

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

- 15 June
- 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.

#### PRAYING FOR WALLA WALLA

When: Thursday 27th June 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 Cremer02 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, 6pm Contact: Fr Jomer Calma - 0450 689 409

### SPOTLIGHT ON A WALLA RESIDENT By Sally Jean

I am happy to have nominated and interviewed the kind and friendly Leonie Carey for this month's Spotlight on a Walla Resident!

Leonie travelled with her family, all the way from Ireland at the age of three to move to Walla Walla where she has resided ever since. Her Grandparents were already living in Walla Walla at the time.

Leonie's story began when her parents met in Dederang and married in 1957. Her Mum was living and working in Dederang as a teacher and her Dad managed the local Dederang Store. They married and went to Ireland for their honeymoon and ended up staying six years before coming back with two children, one of them being Leonie.

Leonie went to Walla Walla Public School and St Paul's College. Her working life involved ten years at the CBC/National Bank in Walla Walla, administration for Roundabout Motors, followed by a stint at the Greater Hume Council before she began working in administration for a local business.

Leonie inherited a deep community spirit from her family, in particular her Grandmother Emily Voss who was a big community minded person. She recalls her Mum and Dad, Jan and Vincent Sweeney, being involved in lots of activities around the town over the years.

Leonie has also dedicated her time to many community events and committees, often in line with the activities her three children were engaged in. Her community involvement includes: Girl Guides, 100th & 125<sup>th</sup> Public School Anniversary celebrations, 150th Town Anniversary Committee, Walla Public School P&C, Canteen at the pool, Development Committee, Town garage sales and the Walla Walla Community Facebook page. She also delivers welcome packs to new residents.

Leonie has enjoyed being involved in the community as she loves meeting and has a great interest in people. She recalls meeting lots of nice people over the years and has formed lifelong friendships.

Leonie remembers when Walla was bustling with different activities like social events for the sport clubs, trivia nights, card games, concerts, family dances with supper, pool nights, and Santa in the fire truck. She notes that Walla Walla has changed a lot over the years and there are not as many social activities as there used to be. Leonie enjoyed the social aspect of local sport and spent many years being involved in playing tennis and netball and the swim club, in her early years.

Her current hobbies are walking, reading and socialising. Now mostly retired, she hopes to travel more. She also loves watching golf and her perfect Sunday afternoon involves sitting close to the TV watching a game. She describes watching Golf as being relaxing and exciting especially when it's a close game.

Leonie stays connected with her children who are living in different places. Every weekend they phone each other to do the quiz from the Border Mail and when she's away she gets someone to photograph the quiz and send it to her. She also loves crosswords and playing word games.

Leonie remains connected to her Irish heritage and family by celebrating St Patrick's Day and visiting her large family in Ireland. She is leaving for a trip to Ireland in June, with her husband Barry.

Do you wear socks to bed? No!

If you could be a fruit, which fruit would you be? I would be an orange because they are juicy and sweet, just like me.... somedays!



Thanks for the contribution you make to our local community Leonie.

If you would like to nominate someone or yourself, please email <a href="mailto:info@glowwellbeing.com.au">info@glowwellbeing.com.au</a> and I will be in contact to arrange a time to do the interview and take a photo.

Thank you, Sally Jean 0493 130 539 <a href="https://www.glowwellbeing.com.au">www.glowwellbeing.com.au</a>





#### **CELEBRATING BOARDING WEEK**

St Paul's celebrated National Boarding Week, with many activities being held for our boarders. Activities included an evening movie, fire pit and live music, pizza night and hearty breakfast with a coffee van! Boarding is a significant part of St Paul's and we value the families and connections that are formed with our local community. Thank you to our amazing boarding staff who organised a full week of events!

#### MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER FESTIVAL SUCCESS

What an amazing 4 days adventure at the Man From Snowy River Festival in April We were fortunate to secure a place to display and present our College and be a part of all the fun! With past and present College students attending and competing, we were able to cheer them on and enjoy the festival with a lot of our families and community members popping into the tent to say "hello"!

Well done to all students who participated. Adelaide Phegan competing in the Stripling Challenge while Harry Hiscock, Isaac Lieschke, Emily Phegan and Bill Phegan all competing gains one another over the four days in the Junior Division Stockman's Challenge. Congratulations to Bill for coming second place in that event.



Isaac Lieschke on his horse Buck.





# WALLA WALLA PUBLIC SCHOOL



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#### ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Walla Walla Public School currently has 37 students enrolled across our two classrooms: a K/1/2 class with 15 students and a Year 3-6 class with 22 students.

We have five teachers to guide our students through the curriculum, as well as two School Learning Support Officers to offer additional support.

All students participate in intensive English and mathematics learning groups for twelve hours each week. These groups have an enviable staff-to-student ratio of 1:7. This excellent staff to student ratio allows our students to receive personalised attention and make progress towards their challenging individual learning goals.

#### **OUR TEACHING STAFF**

Ms Joanne Cameron – is our teaching Principal. Ms Cameron guides our youngest members of the school through their English and Maths learning whilst ensuring our whole school is working effectively and all students have access to quality education.

Mrs Barbara Strachan – is the Assistant Principal. Mrs Strachan has the pleasure of teaching all of the students in our school, she can be found mainly teaching the senior students in the Dinawan learning group and 3-6 but also spends time teaching the K/1/2 class about Digital Technologies.



Mrs Noela McGuffie – is the K/1/2 classroom teacher. Mrs McGuffie works closely with Ms Cameron in the K/1/2 Class. Mrs McGuffie enjoys working with her small group of Year 1 and 2 students to get their fundamental Maths and English skills well established in preparation for future learning.

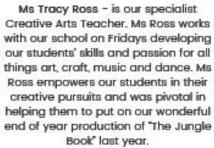


Ms Catherine Walmsley - is the 3-6 classroom teacher. Ms Walmsley supports the Garuu learning group of students through their Maths and English as well as the whole 3-6 class in other key learning areas. Ms Walmsley enjoys helping students make the transition from the junior school into the senior school.

#### BOOK A SCHOOL TOUR FOR KINDERGARTEN

Parents of students who are getting ready to commence school in 2025 or 2026 are warmly invited to book a time for a school tour and register their interest for our comprehensive transition to school program commencing in Term 3.

Please telephone, email, or simply drop by the office to make an appointment.



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