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## Walcha Council Postpone remaining 2020 Events

Walcha Council will postpone their remaining major events on the 2020 Walcha Event Calendar. This decision has been made after thorough consideration was given to the dynamic risks and social welfare concerns regarding COVID-19. This includes both the Walcha Mountain Festival (October) and the Walcha Motorcycle Rally (November). Both events will be postponed until 2021.

Walcha Mayor, CIr Eric Noakes said, "The decision to postpone these events has not been made lightly. It has been made at this early stage to ensure we don't let our visitors, community or event partners down. We care about the health and wellbeing of our community and all of our visitors, and will plan to hold these events in 2021 when it is safe and responsible to do so."

"The Walcha Motorcycle Rally is a special event on our calendar and will return better than ever in 2021. The already established Walcha Council Motorcycle Rally Committee will continue their hard work to prepare for the 2021 event, led by Council's Tourism team."

The Walcha Motorcycle Rally 2021 webpage is already live. Anyone interested in the event can go to the site and register their interest to receive updates and information about the event to make sure that they do not miss out on any news.

Access it here: <a href="https://walchamotorcyclerally.com.au/">https://walchamotorcyclerally.com.au/</a>. You can also follow the event on Facebook via this link: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/walchamotorcyclerally/">https://www.facebook.com/walchamotorcyclerally/</a>

"We understand how important tourism and events are to our local businesses. Even while considering COVID-19 restrictions, Walcha offers many safe activities and attractions for visitors to see and enjoy. We are surrounded by National Parks, nature trails, mountain bike trails, nationally renowned motorcycle rides, as well as our internationally known Open Air Gallery of sculptures and artworks, which now includes a new "Soundtrail" for visitors to listen to as they walk our streets and beautiful levee banks."

"Many of our attractions are suited to families and small groups which can be enjoyed every day, not just during large events. Slow and consistent tourism supports our covid aware culture, and can provide our businesses with a steady flow of activity."

Details of Walcha Tourism attractions are available on the Walcha Tourism website at <a href="https://walchansw.com.au/">https://walchansw.com.au/</a> and new Instagram page <a href="Walcha Tourism Instagram">Walcha Tourism Instagram</a>

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