

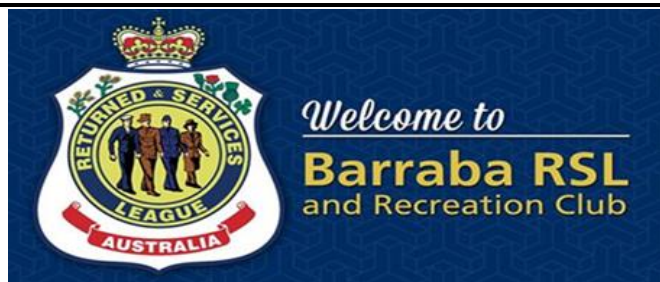


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BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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For the information of members and guests

THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY: 11AM-

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES

MULTISCREEN DRAW-THIS WEEK \$7,200

FRIDAY: 11AM-

MEAT/FRUIT/VEG RAFFLES 6PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW-THIS WEEK \$1,600.00

SATURDAY: 10AM-

SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 1PM-3PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW-THIS WEEK \$2,000 (6 draws)

MONDAY: CLOSED

TUESDAY: 11AM-5.30PM

BINGO 11.30AM

WEDNESDAY: 11AM-5.30PM

HAPPY HOUR: 11am-1pm Wed & Fri

BISTRO HOURS Phone 0427330808

CLOSED MON/TUES

WEDNESDAY: LUNCH 12-2PM

THURS/FRI/SAT: LUNCH 12-2PM

DINNER 6-8.30PM

SUNDAY: LUNCH 12-2PM

DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Barraba Artwork to Commence

After several weather delays and changes the Barraba Public Art Committee are excited to announce that artist Jenny McCracken has arrived from Newcastle to commence the next art project on the southern facing wall of the Alice Street building currently housing the Salvation Army.

It has been a detailed process as the committee has been working closely with the artist to meet the brief as given by the property owner of "community, charity, history". There were many wonderful suggestions that come through the community consultation and one of those that stood out to the artist was our strong connection to Horton Falls. These beautiful falls not only highlight a major tourist destination in our region but the importance of water and how nourishing it is for a community. So many people have swum in the ponds, swung from the tree swing or sat beside and enjoyed picnics in this beautiful landscape and it is this that has resonated with Jenny to begin to create her artwork that will feature Horton Falls and the spectacular nature that surrounds it.

It is expected that the project will be completed within two weeks (weather permitting). The committee hopes the community will enjoy watching the story evolve and come to life with the finished product will bring pride and another jaw dropping artwork inviting visitors to stop and enjoy spending more time in our township.

Many thanks,

KAREN BISHTON

Barraba Public Art Committee



UNITED HOSPITAL AUXILIARIES -

Barraba Branch

Annual General Meeting

Friday 6th August. 10.30am

At The Day Centre. Checking in facilities at the Day Centre.

Joey's News

At St Joseph's we have recently trialled the news Data Ecosystem created by the Catholic Schools Office. The system holds the data of all the students in the Armidale Diocese, which has been collected and submitted by teachers. This allows us to see how St Joseph's compares to other schools in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Religious Education. As a staff of teachers who are very focussed on learning, this is very exciting for us as we are able to use the dashboard to quickly analyse our students' performance across all the areas. This work is crucial in helping us decide on the best next best steps for each student as we work on helping each individual improve their learning outcomes. This will also help us to better communicate information to our school parents. Some current information we found very encouraging is that our Kindergarten students are currently top of the Armidale diocese in Literacy and Numeracy.

In staffing news, Mrs Justine Harris has joined the teaching team at St Joseph's. Justine is teaching 2.5 days a week, covering classes when classroom teachers have 'Release from face to face teaching' time. Justine is also working with small groups of children focusing on literacy and numeracy. Last week the school community celebrated NAIDOC week with different activities. The students enjoyed cooking Johnny cakes, weaving craft, and painting the side of a water tank with pictures and symbols meaningful to the Gomeroi people. We were grateful to have the guidance and help of two Gomeroi staff members, Mrs Amy Phillips and Ms Samantha Rhodes.

Congratulations to last week's Students of the Week. Well done to Stella Mason of K/1 for a fantastic Dreamtime story, Nevaeh Griffiths in Year 2/3/4 for incredible work in class this week and to Lachie Mason in Yr 5/6 for his effort and achievement during mathematics this week. Congratulations as well, to Hamish Mason for receiving the Captains' Award for excellent playground behaviour and being a great sport. Keen readers will observe the Mason family got a trifecta this week!



Students of the week Stella Mason, Hamish Mason, Nevaeh Griffiths and Lachie Mason.



Mrs Amy Phillips helping Christina Eddington with her weaving craft



Jake Turner painting the water tank



Across the desk from the Relieving Principal Kirsty Ebzery

Welcome to Term 3, a term of great opportunities which will also include challenges due to the COVID-19 Delta strain outbreak. While the virus will determine timelines, restrictions and how we are affected, Barraba Central School staff will continue to provide stability to our students by getting on with the job at hand....staff and student learning in a safe and supportive environment.

As a school we are also determined to provide quality communication, so our parents are informed. Communication will continue at this point through School Bytes, BCS Skoolbag App, Facebook page, School Newsletter. We have introduced the SENTRAL Parent and student Portal, this term. This communication platform has many functional capabilities and we are currently investigating on incorporating an attendance note for parents to access and completing canteen orders. We are anticipating decommissioning the School Bag App once SENTRAL Parent Portal is fully functional. Watch this space.

The MultiLit program in infants and Primary has commenced this term, secondary students who have been completing the program in term two have experienced a measurable improvement in Literacy. I encourage Parents of Students who have been targeted for the Literacy program to contact the school if they wish to discuss their child's progress in the program.

We have an extremely busy term ahead. Some of these activities will include Friday Night Rugby, PCYC Boulderling and Touch Gala Day. There will be many extra-curricular events such as Education week, SRC Father's Day Stall, Book Week, Book Parade, Town Library workshops, Subject Selection Evening, Dental and Optical Checks, Trial HSC Exams, Preliminary Exams, Kindergarten Orientation Day and Debating.

The Round 3 Premiers Debating Challenge saw both of our Years 5/6 teams achieve a win this week against Bingara Central School. Both teams demonstrated great public speaking skills and developed strong arguments for the topics posed. Both teams dominated their opponents' arguments throughout the debate. Good luck with Round 4 Team Green and Gold.

The Under 14's Rugby Team are proving to be a force to be reckoned with. Their teamwork on and off the field is to be admired. The home game against Narrabri last week saw the boys win convincingly. They play Scone this week as an away game. Good luck boys, I'm sure you will continue to do yourselves and the school proud.

Congratulations to the newly appointed Primary Class Captains and SRC Representatives for Semester 2. It is important in your new roles to demonstrate positive leadership skills, a strong School 'Spirit', Good organisational skills, a supportive, caring and fair attitude, a respectful conduct towards staff, students and the whole-School community, be responsible, and a good role model.

Congratulations to the Secondary PBL Assembly Dream Awards recipients Isabell Neal, Elle Chandler, Jack Coombes, Will Russell, Chelsey Black, Lilly Turner and Kiah Newell; your commitment to learning and school community is to be celebrated and commended. We certainly appreciate your contribution to the school and its community, thank you.

Secondary staff have been recording uniform non-compliance each day. Students who are compliant and wear their uniform with pride will go into a draw each fortnight to win a \$50 voucher at Lowes, this will be drawn at the Secondary PBL Assembly. The winner for Term 3, week 2 uniform compliance was Kaylee Neal.

Three simple rules in life.

If you do not go after what you want, you'll never have it.

If you do not ask, the answer will always be no.

If you do not step forward, you will always be in the same place. – a quote by Anonymous

Kirsty Ebzery

Relieving Principal


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From Adam Marshall

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS POSTPONED TO 4 DECEMBER

Yesterday the Local Government Minister Shelley Hancock MP announced that local council elections, scheduled for 4 September, would be postponed and now held on Saturday, 4 December 2021, due to the Covid Delta strain outbreak.

While a great many had hoped that rural and regional council elections could still proceed on 4 September, we understand the statewide postponement was the strong recommendation of the NSW Electoral Commissioner - rather than having multiple election days (rural/regional then Greater Sydney).

With the new election date, nominations will open on Monday, 25 October 2021 and close on Wednesday, 3 November 2021.

Prospective candidates can find more information at the Office of Local Government website at www.olg.nsw.gov.au



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Thank you for continuing to produce and sending us your paper. I enjoy it and we always find articles to read to our NOW clients.

I was wondering if could put a notice in your paper re anyone knowing of someone who is visually impaired or isolated who may care to receive our disc.

Thank you again for a great magazine.

Trish Balcombe

Sec NOW



Oxley Community Transport are looking for volunteer drivers with their own cars to transport our clients to appointments. The trips may be local or to Tamworth.

Volunteers will be supplied with a uniform and full training. A per kilometre rate re-imbursement and lunch allowance will be paid (this is tax free)

All vehicles must be fully insured and drivers must have a full licence.

For further information, please call Kylie on 1800 951 770

Tamworth miniature railway runs on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 10 am to 3 pm. Rides are \$2 each for every one between 18 months and 100, and food and drinks are available again. Most items are \$2.00 so an inexpensive family outing.

Trish Balcombe

member of TDME



Salvation Army Store

The Salvation Army Family Store has been in Barraba for over 20 years. During this time, we have truly appreciated the support of the

local community. It is with sadness we will be closing the family store for the foreseeable future while we assess our options. We are no longer able to accept any donations of any kind; please look to donate to other charities. Over the next few weeks, we will be holding a closing down sale. Please come and grab a bargain or two. Our last day of trading is the 30th of July 2021. Thank you for all your support over the years.

Thanks

Tracy Briggs (Major)

Area Officer **The Salvation Army | Northern NSW**

Lots of rules and regulations at present and so the monthly meeting was a phantom meeting last Wednesday. We have not been opening the museum either but there is usually someone there on Friday mornings if anyone wants to call in. The checks on the old newspapers continues and may do so for some time.

This week I have found another old paper donated to the society many years ago – it is a copy of The Barraba and Horton Chronicle, published on 9th July, 1925 – just short of its 100th birthday and was sold for 6 pence each week.

The front page advertising includes Dean & Smith at Barraba and Upper Horton advising that the Great Winter Sale starts on 18th July. T. Jacobs, Commercial Stores has already started his winter sale.

The rabbit population was rapidly increasing and Winchcombe, Carson Ltd advertised that they were turning rabbits' skins into money – just send them to Sydney!! However, there was some opposition from B.P. Redding & Co. Ltd, who had a shop opposite the Commercial Hotel and were buying skins for export for spot cash. They were also looking for fox skins, fur skins, sheepskins, hides and wool.

The paper reports that 'owing to the high price of rabbit skins, trappers will not trap for carcasses and as a result the Barraba Works have closed down'.

Motor cars were still relatively new to Barraba but "White & Howes" were associate dealers with Standardised Motors Limited selling Dodge cars in Barraba.

The Local & General column is always interesting in these old papers and it is here that we find that Cliftons Ltd,

have installed a new bowser on the footpath in front of their garage. There is also a note to say that the Cobbadah Bridge is closed to all traffic – thus all traffic through the creek crossing just upstream from the wooden bridge.

"There was an extra severe frost on Wednesday morning. Frozen taps were the order." We can certainly relate to that this winter!

The Northy family had lost their little boy in the bush at Watson's Creek and several Barraba folk went to help with the search.

It is noted that Mrs C.D. McKechnie died on 5th July, aged 62 years and there is also an obituary for Mr J.S. Tyrell, who died aged 61 years from heart failure. He is buried in Manilla. This is only half of this paper so I will continue next week with the rest of the news and advertising – each page is 45 x 30 centimetres – and hard to handle.



Temporary closure of museum

Tamworth Regional Council has taken the difficult decision to temporarily close the Powerstation Museum in the interest of the health and wellbeing of staff and volunteers.

Council's Director Art Gallery & Museums, Bridget Guthrie, said many museums across regional NSW have already closed under the current COVID-19 public health orders, including in Moonbi and Manilla. "After much consideration we have agreed to temporarily close the museum until further notice," she said.

"The safety and welfare of our staff and volunteers is paramount. Many of our dedicated and hard-working volunteers are older members of our community who are considered by health experts to be among those at increased risk for contracting COVID-19."

Other museums across the region have been closed for weeks, since the public health orders were announced 26 June, 2021.

Volunteers will continue to work behind closed doors at the museum as they continue to perform various documentation and administration tasks. However, the museum will be closed to the public until further notice.

The Visitor Information Centre in Tamworth has now reopened to regular opening hours.

Book club for the whole region

It's One Book One Region time again! Now in its fifth year **The Central Northern Regional Library (CNRL)** community reads promotion aims to encourage literacy and reading by generating discussion and enthusiasm for books in our communities. This year the selected

book is The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman.

The one book program takes the idea of a book discussion group and expands it to cover an entire region; it is like one big book club. 350 copies of The Thursday Murder Club are being distributed amongst all CNRL branches, as well as other locations throughout the region. One hundred of the books will be put onto the library catalogue and will be able to be borrowed – the rest will be dropped to locations across the region including cafes, waiting rooms, local book-clubs and other Council venues for the general public to take, read and pass on. CNRL is also keen to see those who have read The Thursday Murder Club, using the #onebookoneregion on social media to continue the campaigns reach and momentum.

About the Book

Four unlikely friends, a shocking murder. Welcome to The Thursday Murder Club. Set in a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves. Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late? Described as 'compassionate, warm, moving and so very funny', The Thursday Murder Club is not your typical murder mystery.

About the Author

The author, Richard Osman is a British television producer and presenter. The Thursday Murder Club is his first and so far, best novel. The man who died twice is the second novel in the record-breaking, million copy bestselling Thursday Murder Club series and is set to be released in September.

As part of the One Book One Region event Tamworth Library will be hosting various events throughout the campaign. An 'online Read-Along book discussion' starting from July 26, a 'Murder mystery party' held at

Tamworth Library on July 29 and a 'book group and discussion panel' featuring ABC's breakfast radio presenter Kristy Reading which will be held at Tamworth Library on August 19. Audience members will have the opportunity to discuss the book with our panellists.

From Adam Marshall MP QUEENSLAND BORDER RESTRICTIONS – GWYDIR SHIRE INCLUDED IN BORDER ZONE

This weekend I've been asked by many people across the region, so just posting this as a reminder for New South Wales/Queensland border residents to familiarise themselves with new restrictions, after the Queensland Government formally closed its border to regional NSW on Friday 23 July 2021 and re-established a border zone.

The Glen Innes Severn, Gwydir, Inverell and Moree Plains local government areas have thankfully been included in the new border zone, allowing residents to still enter Queensland to conduct essential activities. While ever Queensland deems all of NSW a COVID-19 hotspot, NSW border zone residents cannot travel outside the border zone and then into Queensland. A Queensland Travel Declaration is required for everyone entering the state. You must complete the form in the 3 days before you travel to Queensland.

New South Wales border zone residents can only cross the border to:

- ✓ get food or other goods or services for the personal needs of the household or other household purposes, including for pets, and for vulnerable persons
- ✓ access medical or health care or get medical supplies
- ✓ get a COVID-19 vaccine

- ✓ get a COVID-19 test
 - ✓ work
 - ✓ volunteer
 - ✓ provide assistance, care or support to a family member or to fulfil other caring responsibilities
 - ✓ attend any court or tribunal of Australia or to comply with or give effect to orders of the court or tribunal of Australia
 - ✓ attend a childcare facility, school, university, or other educational institution
 - ✓ take a child attending organised sport
 - ✓ assist with or participate in an investigation or other action by a law enforcement authority
 - ✓ comply with or give effect to the exercise of a power or function of a government agency or entity under a law
 - ✓ to continue existing arrangements for contact between, parents, children and siblings who don't live together
 - ✓ avoid injury or illness
 - ✓ escape a risk of harm
 - ✓ escape an emergency situation.
- You can stay overnight as needed for one of the above reasons.



Funeral Notice George (Herbie) Richard Castledine

The service will be a grave side service at the Barraba lawn cemetery on Friday 30th July at 11:00 am

Uniting Church Notices

Sunday 1st August
Preparation time 10.30am
Service time 10.45am
All Welcome

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

Barraba – 1st & 5th Sunday 5pm
2nd 3rd & 4th Sunday 9am.
Upper Horton – 3rd Sunday – 11am.
Weekday Mass – Wednes - 10am.

Barraba Anglican Parish

Sunday Service Times
**10am St Laurence's
Barraba**

Snippets from St Laurence's

Last week two groups of us watched the film "Against the Tide," a documentary showing Dr John Lennox refuting atheist arguments and showing scenes in modern Palestine but relating them to what is recorded in the Bible.

On Saturday, 31st July, there is a working bee. This will see a tidy up before the Bishop's visit and more work on the Parish Hall. I have been remembering the hall as I have seen it over my years in Barraba: nearly 180 young people in the Youth Fellowship (that was pre-youth Centre); a Sunday school room; our first pre-school; a dressing room for BADsoc extras; early meetings of the Senior Citz - the list keeps growing. What do you remember?

The CMS Mission Encounter which was to be held on 6th and 7th August has been cancelled because of COVID

19, but confirmation is still going ahead on 8th and the AGM on 15th.

This week, consider Paul's words to the Ephesians, chapter 2, verses 4 and 5: "Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved."



Rates notices on their way to mailboxes

A total of 28,676 Tamworth Regional Council rates notices – 48 more than last year - will start to be delivered to local mailboxes this week.

Council's total income from rates and charges for 2021-2022 is \$78.257 million and is part of a budget with a total spend of \$251 million.

"It is our biggest ever budget with a total spend of \$251 million due largely to the \$106.4 million capital works program to improve local facilities and infrastructure," said Tamworth Region Mayor Col Murray. "We are particularly pleased to have a small cash surplus of almost \$150,000."

The rates rise for 2021-2022 was applied after Council adopted the 2 per cent rate cap increase to the General Rate income as set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for all NSW councils. Council will increase water, sewerage and trade waste service by 2.0 per cent and waste management charges by 10.0 per cent. Consumption charges for water use will also increase by 2.0 per cent. Residential and business ratepayers will pay \$18 more for sewer availability, \$6 more for water availability for the year and up to \$32 more for waste collection for the year.

In Barraba, the average residential ratepayer will receive a total annual rates bill of \$2,108, which is about \$72 more than last year. Barraba residential ratepayers will provide for a total of \$377,989.

Across TRC the business rates will return \$6.596 million in income from 1,723 businesses and 3,014 rural properties will return farmland rates of \$6.168 million.

Anyone who needs help to understand their rates notice can call Council on 1300 733625. Rates can be paid in full or by instalment. The first rate instalment is due for payment on August 31, 2021.

Any ratepayer having difficulty paying should call Council on 1300 733 625 and ask to discuss entering a special arrangement to pay their rates. Council has a Ratepayers Hardship Policy which can be accessed confidentially by anyone experiencing financial hardship.

Rates facts and figures

- There are 24,325 notices mailed to Tamworth region postcodes. There are 4,351 notices mailed to postcodes outside the Tamworth region – to more than 817 different postcodes, including overseas.
- A total of 4,567 properties in the Tamworth Region Council area will receive pensioner rebates worth a total of \$1,784,221.82.
- The largest rates bill this year is \$118,053.65 for a Tamworth business property. The smallest notice issued is \$173.32 for a residential block at Kootingal.
- The average Barraba residential notice (including services) is \$2,108.
- The average business rate notice in Barraba is \$2,558.
- A total of 3,014 farmland rate notices are issued and the average notice is \$2,164.

From The Conversation

No, we can't treat COVID-19 like the flu. We have to consider the lasting health problems it causes

Zoë Hyde, Epidemiologist, The University of Western Australia

Earlier this month, the Australian government announced a four-phase plan to return us to something resembling normality. Under this plan, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said, we will eventually treat COVID-19 "like the flu".

The hope is vaccines will allow us to live with some transmission without many people getting seriously ill or dying.

But death and hospitalisation aren't the only outcomes of COVID-19 we need to prevent. New research shows even young people can be left with chronic health problems after infection.

COVID-19 will always be a very different disease to the flu. We should aim to stamp it out like measles, not let it spread.

A common misconception

Many people think only the elderly are at risk from COVID-19. Looking at the statistics, it's easy to see why that misconception came about.

A study of people who tested positive for COVID-19 during the second wave in the United Kingdom found only around 1% of children and 2-3% of young adults had to be hospitalised. In contrast, more than 10% of those aged over 60 needed to go to hospital.

The risk of dying from COVID-19 follows a similar pattern. Only one in 20,000 children who become infected are likely to die, compared to more than one in 100 adults over 60.

But these figures don't tell the whole story. Many people who have had COVID-19 and survived haven't returned to their previous state of health.

COVID-19 can cause lasting health problems.

A study of people who were hospitalised for COVID-19 during the first wave in the UK found these patients were four times more likely to be readmitted to hospital and eight times more likely to die than a matched control group over an average follow-up period of four to five months.

The researchers found these people were particularly likely to develop diabetes, heart disease and kidney disease.

People can also experience complications after having the flu, but we're seeing this more frequently with COVID-19, and the complications are more serious.

Even people who aren't unwell enough to go to hospital with COVID-19 can experience complications.

A Sydney study found one-third of people with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 were left with persistent symptoms lasting at least two months, including fatigue and shortness of breath. More than 10% had impaired lung function.

This potentially life-altering condition has a name: long COVID.

Long COVID affects young people too. The UK's Office for National Statistics has calculated about one in seven people who contract COVID-19 will experience persistent symptoms lasting at least 12 weeks.

They estimate nearly one million people are currently living with long COVID in the UK, and 40% of them have been living with the condition for over one year. Two-thirds report being adversely affected in their day-to-day activities as a result of long

COVID, and 18% report they are limited a lot.

While children are very unlikely to die from COVID-19, the Office for National Statistics estimate 7-8% of children and adolescents who get infected will develop long COVID.

They estimate 10,000 children and 16,000 adolescents in the UK have been living with long COVID for at least 12 weeks.

The condition is so common that the UK's National Health Service is opening 15 long COVID clinics for children.

What does this mean for Australia?

COVID-19 is a very different disease to influenza, and our reopening plan should ensure it doesn't get a foothold in Australia. The alternative would have huge economic and social costs, owing to the large number of people likely to be left with chronic health problems.

We can work towards reopening safely by first reaching herd immunity through vaccination.

With the emergence of more transmissible variants such as the Delta variant, we'll likely need to vaccinate more than 90% of the population to achieve herd immunity. This is an ambitious goal, but we already achieve it as part of routine vaccination for measles in childhood.

To reach that target, we'll need to offer vaccination to children and adolescents, who also need protection from long COVID.

Some have suggested vaccinating adults may be sufficient to reach herd immunity, but Israel has shown us this isn't the case. New outbreaks linked to schools have forced the country to bring back a mask mandate and step up vaccination in adolescents.

What else do we need to do?

It will take time to achieve herd immunity in Australia. So we'll need to keep a strong quarantine system in place until we've got the job done.

We'll also need to closely watch the situation overseas and be prepared to roll out a third booster dose in response to emerging variants.

We should also be prepared to give people who have received the AstraZeneca vaccine a third booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine, when supplies are available.

While both the AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines are more than 90% effective at preventing severe disease, the AstraZeneca vaccine is slightly less effective at preventing infection overall.

We don't know how well either vaccine prevents long COVID, but again, the best defence will be to have a high level of vaccination in the community.

Inevitably, Australia will experience future outbreaks of COVID-19, just as we sometimes do with measles. But we should have a very low tolerance for the degree of transmission we're prepared to accept.

The coronavirus is an airborne virus that's more transmissible than influenza, and causes more severe disease. It's not a flu-like illness and never will be.



BOOSTING MOBILE COVERAGE IN NEW ENGLAND

The New England is to benefit from new and improved mobile coverage thanks to Round 5A of the Australian Government's highly successful Mobile Black Spot Program.

Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce

welcomed the news that six mobile black spots in New England are set to be addressed under this round of the Program.

"Macrocells will be constructed at Glen Elgin, Mole River Exchange, Tenterfield, Watsons Creek and Woods Reef Exchange with a further Small Cell at Bukkulla, north of Inverell," Mr Joyce said.

"These new installations are in addition to 45 new and upgraded towers which have already been installed in New England, following strong lobbying on your behalf – and I will continue to work hard for improved services across the New England.

The six new sites are set to provide improved mobile coverage for the local community, allowing visitors and locals alike to stay connected, access education services, conduct business and remain in contact with family and friends," Mr Joyce said.

"I look forward to working with Telstra so that building the new infrastructure can get underway and the community can benefit from improved coverage."

Minister for Regionalisation, Regional Communications and Regional Education, Senator Bridget McKenzie, announced the Government has committed \$20.5 million to fund 67 new mobile base stations across Australia.

"This announcement brings the total number of base stations being funded under our Mobile Black Spot Program to over 1,270, representing a total investment of over \$875 million," Senator McKenzie said.

"These base stations will improve coverage in disaster prone areas, along major transport corridors and trial new approaches to delivering coverage.

The 67 base stations funded under Round 5A across regional and remote

Australia will collectively deliver over 12,000 square kilometres of new and improved handheld coverage. The Government is committed to continuing to work with industry, and state and local governments to improve mobile coverage and connectivity across Australia."

Senator McKenzie said a key priority of Round 5A is to test new approaches to supporting improved mobile coverage.

"The Liberals and Nationals Government encourage mobile network operators to deploy shared mobile infrastructure to reduce cost and provide new coverage from more than one carrier," Senator McKenzie said.

"Round 5A includes funding for a trial solution of seven base stations from Thargomindah to Waihora in Queensland, including at East Thargo, Dynevor Downs, Bulloo, Paroo and Eulo that will allow all mobile network operators to provide services.

Access to 21st century communications is an essential service for all Australians no matter where they live", Senator McKenzie said.

The full list of base stations funded under Round 5A of the MBSP is available on the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications website.

Barraba Civilian & Military Rifle Club AGM

**14th August 11.45am
Barraba Rifle Range**

Sport Report

North West Regional Rugby 14' Boys - Round 7

Friday night saw a welcome return of regional rugby to Barraba for our 14's boys after delays for wet weather and school holidays.

In a dominant display featuring some hard running the Barraba team scored 4 good team tries in the first 10 minutes against the visitors from Narrabri to quickly put the result of the game beyond doubt. Further points continued to come regularly throughout the game resulting in a lop-sided score line in Barraba's favour.

All 11 of our representatives contributed as did our 2 mates from Manilla. In the front row 'Brockinator' Phillips put in his usual wholehearted effort and was well supported by Will Russell, who scored a typical front rower's barge over try. 'Jackal' Thomson playing his first game as hooker also played well with some nice runs and work at the breakdown.

'Deano' Myers terrorised the opposition from Lock and was well supported by Jack 'Get out of my way' Coombes who impressed with his high work-rate and multiple carries of the ball. Harvey Tooth in the second row along with Brandon 'The blonde assassin' Newell and Michael 'I don't care how big they are' Walker at breakaway also worked hard. Brandon stood out for his effective running game and Michael for defusing the high balls from the kick-offs and for his darting runs into the opposing forwards.

In the backline our Manilla mates Logan Northey at half and 'Sully' Taber at inside centre both played well with Sully in particular running through opponents at will. The side was well-Captained by Cooper Chapman at fullback, whilst Dalton Chapman at five-eight monstered the opposition in both defence and attack. One of the best performances of the night was produced by Dustin 'Chopper' Hiscock with his impressive chasing game.



Thanks to the family, friends, staff and classmates who supported the boys on the night. Thankyou also to Barraba rugby club members Shayne Middlemiss, Jenny Middlemiss and Simon Koopman for their help on the night and Scrum coach Ben Freeman for his work at training. Thank you in

particular to Mr Melville for scoring and to Mr Davis for stepping up as referee.

Boys let's not get too far ahead of ourselves because of this performance against an outclassed opposition who deserve our respect for continuing to try.

In a very difficult night for highlighting individual performances points were awarded to: 3 to Jack 'Get out of my way' Coombes who was everywhere on the night, 2 to Dustin 'Chopper' Hiscock and 1 to Michael 'I don't care how big they are' Walker.

See you at training.....

Mr Maloney



Ladies Golf

The 1st round of the Ladies Championships got under way on Saturday. By the weather reports, it was expected to be a miserable day with rain and wind, however this wasn't the case. Four ladies only were willing to take on this supposed cold day! Crows were busy once again, taking Lyn's ball on the 10th and Mandy's on the 9th. Lucky our eyes were on Lyn's ball as it was a perfect drive down the middle of the 10th and we were able to place the ball where it was taken from. Lib was on fire with 3 pars in a row but this wasn't good enough to win Amanda Koopmans trophy.

Kerrie Smith took out the trophy with a 74 nett and Lib runner up with 75. The 2nd shot on the 18th went to Mandy landing on the green. The first round we had Amanda with 89 off the stick with Lib 10 shots behind on 99. The 2nd round was played yesterday, Sunday, in similar conditions. With the wind coming up after lunch, it was difficult to keep your ball straight. The second round was Lib Thompson's trophy and with the new rule being you can win your own trophy, Lib took this out with a 77 nett. The 3rd and 4th rounds of ladies championships are set down for the 28th and 29th of August. Hoping for a nice spring day (only a few days off) it would be nice to see all ladies out playing for Gail's trophy day !!!!



Golf Notes

A good field of players braved cooler conditions on Sunday to play a 4BBB Multiplier for the David Kelly and Bill McKid trophy. The event is played in pairs and meant to be a fun format however it is a great test of friendships. One player can score four points on a hole that counts for nothing if their partner takes a miss, it sure adds to the pressure and the banter.

The overall winners were Fermin Allan and Mike Artis just ahead of the pairings of Mandy Koopman and Kerrie Smith and Will Sedgwick and Campbell Tonkin both on 47 points. It was great to see one of our junior players Brock Phillips out playing with his Dad Jesse and pleasing to see him throwing the ball up to the tricky greens.

In match play results Will Sedgwick and Campbell Tonkin defeated Dave Capes and Ian Cabot 2 Up in what was a tight match with plenty of friendly banter.

Next Sunday 1st Aug we will play an Individual Stableford for Dave McMurtries trophy and the following week Sunday 8th is a 2 person Ambrose for the Turning Heads Beauty Salon trophy.

Around the district next Sunday is the Boggabri Open and the Quirindi Ladies Open. The ladies Narrabri Open is Wed 11th whilst the Mens Veterans Werris Creek Open is Friday 13th.

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Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology

Wednesday 28 July

Summary Max 20

Rain developing

Chance of rain: 50%



Thursday 29 July

Summary Min 5 Max 15

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 20%



Friday 30 July

Summary Min -3 Max 17

Morning frost, sunny

Chance of any rain: 0%



Saturday 31 July

Summary Min 3 Max 20

Mostly sunny

Chance of rain: 0%



Sunday 1 Aug

Summary Min 9 Max 23

Sunny

Chance of any rain: 10%



Monday 2 Aug

Summary Min 9 Max 20

Shower or two

Chance of any rain: 40%



Tuesday 3 Aug

Summary Min 7 Max 17

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 30%



Regional Dam Levels from Water NSW

Chaffey 98.3%

Copeton 63.7%

Keepit 97.3%

Split Rock 36.8%

From the 1937 CWA Coronation Cookbook
The Country Women's Association Mountain Home



"Owned by the whole Association, and managed by the Glen Innes Branch, it is situated in Glen Innes on the Northern Tableland; built for the purpose of giving Mothers and Children from the Coast and Hot Inlands Parts a Beneficial Holiday. The climate is ideal in Summer, and although cold in Winter, healthy and bracing. No mosquitos. A kindly Matron is in-charge."

Did anyone from Barraba, the "Hot Inland Parts", ever go there? Has anyone heard of this home in Glen Innes? It appears it existed into at least the 1950s. Let us know – write a letter to the Editor.

When I travel around NSW, all country towns, big and small, seem to have a CWA branch; did Barraba ever have a CWA Branch? If not, why not? We would love to hear from you if you can clear up this mystery. Write to The Editor, Barraba Community News, today.

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