



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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The Community Achievement Awards for Regional NSW and the ACT have been launched for 2021 and the state-wide search has begun.

Our local Community College has been nominated under the category of 'Australia Connecting Communities Award' for the work they do, not only in Barraba but across the region in all the towns they offer a service.

Alison Heagney the College Executive officer said "Our community support often takes creative forms, for example, with the closure of our local newspaper, the College is supporting a social enterprise initiative of the Barraba Community News, run by volunteers. In Inverell we recently donated an old campus for the new Women's Cottage, a meeting place for women. The College also facilitates RAMHP a programme for mental health first aid, which teaches adults how to recognise the signs of mental health and how to provide the initial support to other adults, who are developing a mental illness and experiencing a mental health crisis."

The Community Achievement Awards started in 2002 as the NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards, with the purpose of encouraging, acknowledging, and rewarding the valuable contributions individuals, communities and businesses are making throughout regional New South Wales and the ACT. The Awards create the opportunity to recognise their hard work and dedication and their contribution to the future of regional New South Wales.

The Australia Connecting Communities Award recognises grass-roots, 'real life' initiatives (led by local community groups or not-for-profits) that demonstrate genuine involvement, long-term value and add to the life of their community.

These initiatives may meet a specific need or simply be a 'fun' way to celebrate being part of a community. These initiatives foster a strong sense of community spirit, which plays a vital role in enhancing the way people connect in their community.

Our local Community College serves its communities whole-heartedly by providing meaningful and valuable life and job skills, in communities where it is much needed. Employment skills are a key driver of regional economic prosperity, with flow-on effects for the overall social wellbeing of residents.

Alison went on to say "We adapt to current and long-term situations in our rural and remote communities and planning for economic diversification. For example, during the drought we began providing subsidised courses for local farmers and small businesses to stimulate learning and community involvement during a challenging time. Another example is that the College is a Network partner to Be Connected, which brings together community members, old and young to strengthen digital literacy."



Olympics Unleashed

Students from Years 4 to 9 were involved in a program taking Olympians into New South Wales schools to inspire and motivate young Australians ahead of the Tokyo Olympic Games. Olympic swimmer David McKeon was our presenter where he discussed his own experiences and gave us some insight on the life of an athlete.

Olympics Unleashed is all about the Olympic spirit demonstrating friendship, respect and striving to just be yourself! Students were encouraged to set their own goals on their own personal endeavours.

Teachers will now be on the look out to recognise students who are demonstrating the Olympic Spirit at our school.

Mrs Lowe

Multicultural Public Speaking

This term all students in Years 3-6 prepared and presented a class speech. Congratulations to the following Year 3/4 and 5/6 students who selected to compete in the school Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Four students were then selected to compete at the Local Finals in Warialda on Thursday 17 June 2021. Well done to Ali Coombes and Holli Thomson in the 3/4 division. Well done to Jasmine Coombes and Sienna Hain in the 5/6 division.



Holli Thomson, Ali Coombes, Jasmine Coombes and Sienna Hain



Pictured above Barraba Central School Primary students with Olympic swimmer David McKeon



Pictured above Barraba Central School Secondary students with Olympic swimmer David McKeon



Congratulations to Hope Dawson who placed 6th at Tamworth Zone Cross Country and will now be going to State in Sydney at Motor Sport Park on Friday 16 July 2021. Good luck Hope!





Joey's News

St Joseph's students and staff have all enjoyed the start of third term. We are all grateful to be able to learn together at school, unlike our fellow schools in Sydney. Mr Hocquard resumed his weekly visits from the Regional Conservatorium of Music to teach music to individuals and small groups. Year 2/3/4 are learning Djembe drums this term with Mr Hocquard. The class had a wonderful time learning about the West African drum and learning the basics of playing one.



Children concentrating hard on playing the Djembe

Congratulations to the week's Students of the Week. Well done to Jax Mallise of K/1 for effort and improvement in English, Arley Crowley in Year 2/3/4 for being a peacemaker in the playground and to Becky Lott in Year 5/6 for being a helpful and respectful member of our school community. Congratulations as well, to Grace Hall for receiving the Captains' Award for excellent playground behaviour and being a great sport.



Jax, Becky and Grace.



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



D J Kelly & Co Chartered Accountants

SMALL BUSINESS COVID ASSISTANCE

As the impact of the COVID virus continues to effect small business further Government assistance packages have been made available to assist small business through this crisis.

The following table outlines assistance measures available together with the eligibility requirements for each of the grants.

Links to the relevant Government departments are also provided for your convenience.

The table outlines the taxation consequences in relation to each of these grants but small business operators should check with their accountant or financial advisor to ensure the taxation consequences have not changed prior to the lodgement of their income tax return.

The table below has been provided by D J Kelly & Co Chartered Accountants together with the National Tax Agents and Accountants Association.

If you wish to discuss your eligibility in relation to any of these financial assistance packages please do not hesitate to contact us on 02 67821403 or kelly@djkelley.com.au

See further information on pages 4 and 5



Snapshot of NSW COVID-19 assistance

On 13 July 2021, the NSW and Federal Governments announced their economic support package aimed at supporting businesses and residents to deal with the recent COVID-19 lockdown.

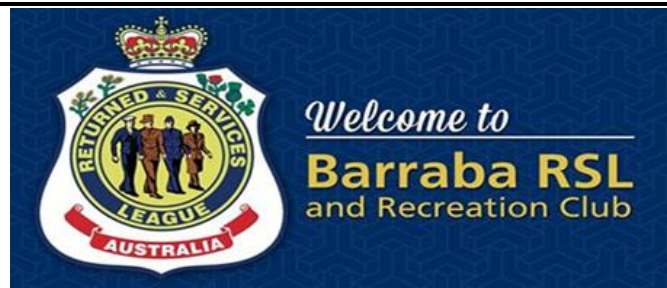
Outlined below is a snapshot of the key economic support measures being offered to those dealing with the economic ramifications of the health and safety requirements currently being experienced by the community. Please refer to the relevant administering body for the specific eligibility criteria and application process as applicable.

Businesses can register their interest in the key business support measures that are administered by Service NSW [here](#).

Economic support measure	Summary of Government assistance
<p>NSW 2021 business grant</p> <p>Administered by Service NSW at service.nsw.gov.au with registrations open from 19 July 2021.</p> <p>The Federal Government has indicated that these payments will not be taxable.</p>	<p>Eligible NSW businesses (including sole traders and not-for-profit organisations) with Australian wages below \$10 million can claim grants between \$7,500 and \$15,000 as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Three different grant amounts will be available depending on the decline in turnover experienced during the restrictions, being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$7,500 for a decline of 30% or more;• \$10,500 for a decline of 50% or more; or• \$15,000 for a decline of 70% or more.
<p>Saving Jobs – NSW small and medium business support payments</p> <p>Administered by Service NSW at service.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>The Federal Government has indicated that these payments will not be taxable.</p>	<p>Eligible NSW businesses with an annual turnover of between \$75,000 and \$50 million that can demonstrate a 30% reduction in turnover (compared to an equivalent two-week period in 2019) will be entitled to business support payments from week four of the lockdown.</p> <p>Eligible entities will receive 40% of their NSW payroll payments, at a minimum of \$1,500 and a maximum of \$10,000 per week.</p> <p>Assistance will cease when the current lockdown restrictions are eased, or when the Commonwealth hotspot declaration is removed.</p> <p>To receive the payment, entities will be required to maintain their full time, part time and long-term casual staffing level as of 13 July 2021.</p> <p>For non-employing businesses (e.g., eligible sole traders) the payment will be set at \$1,000 per week.</p>
<p>Micro business grants</p> <p>Administered by Service NSW at service.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>The Federal Government has indicated that these payments may not be taxable.</p>	<p>Eligible 'micro businesses' (including sole traders) with a turnover of between \$30,000 and \$75,000 that have experienced a decline in turnover of at least 30% will be eligible for payments of \$1,500 per fortnight of restrictions from late July 2021.</p>

Snapshot of NSW COVID-19 assistance

<p>NSW Payroll concessions</p> <p>Administered by Revenue NSW at revenue.nsw.gov.au</p>	<p>NSW payroll tax concessions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payroll tax waivers of 25% for businesses with grouped Australian wages of between \$1.2 million and \$10 million that have experienced a 30% decline in turnover. Payment deferrals and interest-free repayments.
<p>NSW Land tax concessions</p> <p>Administered by Revenue NSW at revenue.nsw.gov.au</p>	<p>NSW Land tax relief concessions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land tax relief equal to the value of rent reductions provided by commercial, retail and residential landlords to financially-distressed tenants is available for up to 100% of the 2021 NSW land tax year liability. A capped grant up to \$1,500 for residential landlords who are not liable to pay land tax who reduce rent for tenants.
<p>Short-term eviction moratorium and other tenant safeguards</p> <p>More information available at Fair Trading NSW at fairtrading.nsw.gov.au</p>	<p>The NSW Government will introduce a short-term eviction moratorium for rental arrears where a residential tenant suffers loss of income of 25% due to COVID-19 and meets other eligibility criteria.</p> <p>In addition, it will restrict recovery of security bonds, lockouts or evictions of impacted retail and commercial tenants prior to mediation.</p>
<p>Targeted industry support</p>	<p>Other targeted industry support measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deferral of gaming tax assessments for clubs until 21 December 2021 and hotels until 21 January 2021. A \$75 million support package for the performing arts sector (administered by Create NSW). A \$26 million package for the accommodation sector.
<p>COVID-19 Disaster Payment Support for individuals</p> <p>Administered by Services Australia at servicesaustralia.gov.au</p> <p>This payment is assessable income to the individual recipient.</p>	<p>The COVID-19 Disaster Payment was originally introduced in response to the previous two-week Victorian lockdown (and was made applicable to all future Commonwealth-declared COVID-19 hotspots). The payment is not applicable for the first seven days of an eligible lockdown (i.e., it is payable to eligible recipients from the second week) and now, in response to the current NSW lockdown, the Federal Government has extended this support for individuals who have lost work (and pay) as a result of the COVID-19 lockdowns.</p> <p>Specifically, from week four of the lockdown, the COVID-19 Disaster Payment will increase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> from \$500 to \$600 each week if a person has lost 20 hours or more of work a week; or from \$325 to \$375 each week if a person has lost between 8 and 20 hours of work (or a full day of their usual work hours per week). <p>This will be a recurring payment for approved recipients for as long as the Commonwealth-declared hotspot and lockdown restrictions remain in place. Furthermore, from 18 July 2021, this payment will be available to eligible NSW residents outside Commonwealth-declared hotspots (which will be funded directly by the NSW Government).</p>



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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 \$1,500.00

SATURDAY: 10AM-

SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 1PM-3PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW-THIS WEEK \$2,000 (5 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



AND THE WINNER IS DRUM ROLL

The 'Most Interesting and Creative Beanie Competition' has been judged and a winner has been announced.

Our judge, Hugh McKid, is in lockdown in Sydney but thanks to the technical genius of a phone camera and email remote judging has been completed. Three photos of each beanie (aka wearable art) were sent to Hugh, who donned his special Canadian beanie for the serious business of judging the entries.

Hugh said "I gave considerable thought to the task, and I have a reputation for harshness. I awarded points based on a stringent set of criteria and I assure the members of the Guild and the Beanie makers I was sober whilst undertaking the judging duties but also took into account 'The Pub Test' – would you be seen in the front bar of the Commercial Hotel on a cold Friday night wearing it!"

Senior Category



First Prize

Marilyn Anderson



Second Prize

Ann Smith

Open Category



First Prize

Andrea McGregor



Second prize

Brenda McColl

Enquiry???? Does anyone know?



This photo was taken at Woodsreef School. Don't know what year the photo was taken nor who the teacher and students are. Does anyone recognise any of these people? If so, could you contact either Carolyn Faint or Margaret Currell at the Historical Society.

History Notes

After some "chopping and changing" the markets did go ahead in the IGA hall and

it was the right decision in the end, due to the cold wind and the muddy museum grounds. Good decision Jenny.

The Woodsreef race track has raised some interest and it seems that it was out in the vicinity of the Nangarah gate. The big wooden gate has long gone and been replaced by a modern ramp but we would still like to find out more about its exact site – was it up the hill from the gate?

This week we have been faced with another problem. A collection of Busby photos has arrived in town, mostly without names on the back and apart from a few well known family members, identification has been difficult.

There is a photo titled "Souvenir of Our Trip to Jenolan Caves" in the collection and it has been reproduced in The Barraba News for everyone to enjoy. The Jenolan Caves was a popular spot for Barraba couples to honeymoon in past years and Julie has used her Busby/Williams connections to do some research.



Well known townsman, C.G. Williams, lived at Roxton with his wife, Emily, for many years. They raised six children – sons Gordon, Geoff and Guy who grew to become landowners in the district and three daughters – Dulcie, May and Nellie. The Williams and Spencer boys played a lot of tennis and travelled to tournaments in other towns and then players from across NSW came to Barraba tournaments. Some Barraba players also had success in Sydney at Country week. We knew that May Williams married Dick Busby so Julie set to work to find out the exact date – 22nd March, 1922 and the only clue we had was "sat 1/4/2" on the back of the photo. It turned out that the 1st April, 1922 was a Saturday and thus the Busbys could have gone to Katoomba for their honeymoon. A search on the internet turned up an almost identical photo of another group outside Hartley Court House in 1922 described as "Hector Benassai's Cadillac Service to the Caves". So the photo is probably taken in the

caves area and May and Dick Busby would be in the car although we have not identified them as yet.

Now to the make of the car. Lots of ideas were also aired on the internet it seems that the most likely it is a Hudson Super Six 7 seater from around this 1918 – 20 period. The hubcaps look to be Hudson.

This example proves that some photos can be identified so long as we are prepared to put some work into it. Perhaps there are other examples around that could be identified – the society has a homestead and a group of women somewhere in the collection which need to be identified!



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

A big thank you to those who braved the cold to attend the Barraba Show information meeting last week. Another huge thank you to all the many hard working volunteers who already give of their time to make the show happen each year.

We have a number of critical jobs we need people for, please. Although we have lots of helpers, they cannot add more and more to what they already do. The sad fact of life is that unless we have more people, the Barraba Show will have to close – probably not next year or the year after, but no one is getting younger and a number of us have health challenges.

We need help for secretarial work with the show and the rodeo, assistant treasurer, stable bookings, safety officer, ringmaster, gate officials, help with the poultry pavilion... and more. If you can help, please contact President Dave Penna on 0400 821 899 or Secretary Julie Williams on 0447 222 347. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Julie Williams, Current Secretary.



Hi, I am Tanya and I am the Community College Coordinator for Barraba.

If you haven't noticed, we have moved up to the Old Council Building which now offers our students a much bigger and brighter training room.

The College would like to welcome a new member of staff to our Barraba office with the appointment of Sonia Simpson. Sonia is a local girl with strong ties to the community and we welcome her to Barraba Campus.



Barraba Coordinator Tanya Clarke and new Administration Assistant Sonia Simpson

If you're an adult and you want to improve your digital skills, then our Technology Skills Centres are for you. Our Centres provide access to safe, supportive and subsidised digital skills training for:

- Adult learners who have a low level of confidence or who lack the digital literacy skills required to successfully complete their training
- School leavers who need to broaden their range of digital skills for work or further study
- Unemployed or retrenched workers who wish to learn new digital skills to increase their chances of getting a job
- Seniors who wish to become connected for social, health and business purposes
- Adults living in rural areas who have a low level of digital literacy as a result of reduced or poor-quality access to technology
- Mums and dads who want to learn the skills required to better manage and support the family's use of technology

Watch this space for more exciting courses that we will be offering the Barraba Community.

Any queries give me a call on **1800 952 264**

Or go to our website communitycollegeninw.edu.au
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National Firearms Amnesty

If you have an unregistered or unwanted firearm, this is an opportunity to hand it in without penalty.

In New South Wales, you can surrender your firearm at your nearest police station or participating licensed firearm dealer.

Please do not turn up unexpectedly with a firearm. Contact the police station or dealership in advance to arrange a drop off time.

Contact your nearest police station or licensed firearm dealer (only available in some states) prior to surrendering your firearm, firearm part or ammunition.

When surrendering a firearm, make sure the firearm is unloaded and where possible, remove the bolt or other method to render the firearm safe.

Your firearm should be placed in a gun bag or be wrapped in a blanket prior to taking it to a participating licensed dealer or to a police station.

Ammunition can be taken to a participating licensed dealer or to a police station at the same time as your firearm but should be in a separate bag, box or container.

The Amnesty indemnifies anyone from prosecution who is surrendering an unlawful possession of a firearm, firearm parts and ammunition. FACT: The amnesty does not protect people found in possession of an unregistered firearm.

www.crimestoppers.com.au/firearmamnesty/nsw



SALVO SHOP SAYS GOODBYE

NO MORE DONATIONS PLEASE

Salvos in Barraba is coming to an end. We will be closing in August. Everything is now 1/2 marked price. I do thank the community for all their support and the building owner for her generosity and patience. I am so blessed to have worked with volunteers who are tireless in presenting the shop and serving the community. Thank you all and may God richly bless and keep you as I have been in my time as a member of this dedicated team.

Yours in Christ

Dale

Uniting Church Notices

Sunday 25th July
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.

Snippets from St Laurence's

Well, we have had our first service at winter time – I wonder if anyone turned up at 9? It is odd, queuing up to check in. No doubt we shall get used to it in time, but I doubt if I shall ever get used to wearing a mask. As for not singing!

On Tuesday, 27th July, our fortnightly prayer service will be held in the vestry from 1pm. It will be followed

by Holy Communion for those who wish to stay. There will be a working bee on Saturday, 31st July. 8th August is Confirmation Day for some of our people and the AGM will follow the service on 15th August.

Please continue to pray for our candidates for confirmation; for Bishop Rod settling in in Armidale but with such a diverse diocese to manage; and for the work being done on the Parish Hall.

As you go through this week remember Paul's advice in Philippians chapter 4 verse 4: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Barraba Anglican Parish

Sunday Service Times

**10am St Laurence's
Barraba**

Barraba Anglican Church is screening the movie: *Against The Tide: Finding God in an Age of Science*. The movie is the incredible story of one man's daring stand against the tide of contemporary atheism and its drive to relegate belief in God to society's catalogue of dead ideas. Join the conversation between Dr. John Lennox—esteemed Oxford professor, mathematician, and philosopher of science—and veteran Hollywood actor and director Kevin Sorbo as they journey from Oxford to Jerusalem and explore the evidence on which Lennox's Christian faith stands firm. Screening is at the Youth Centre from 7 pm on Friday evening (23 July). Join us from 6 pm and bring a plate if you wish. Movie is free, donations welcomed.



Pottery for Adult Beginners

Sat 31st July and 7th Aug

Book through the Community College

Phone 67821662 and talk to Tania

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Rifle Club

Despite the gale force winds and the freezing conditions on Saturday we had four shooters at the Centrefire event and four in the afternoon for .22 Benchrest. The scores that were recorded are great considering they had to contend with the wind. Brendan scored a possible in the 50m and the other shooters Garry, Darren and Ron were all up in the high 90's. Centrefire had some great scores recorded in that event as well.

Just a reminder to all shooters Longarm and Handguns that you must have completed your mandatory attendances by the 31st December 2021, these shoots are for the 2020 shooting calendar and they must be done under a competition status and also the Firearms Registry will be contacting you if you have not completed them.

Unlimited 100m

B. McIlrick 98.5, 97.5, 93.4 = 288.14

AA Grade 100m

D. Dewson 98.4, 96.1, 98.4 = 292.9

R. Bridges 97.2, 95.3, 95.4 = 287.9

G. Urquhart 94.3, 93, 92.1 = 279.4

Unlimited 50m

B. McIlrick 97.2, 95.3, 100.6 = 292.11

AA Grade 50m

D. Dewson 93, 88.1, 93.2 = 274.3

R. Bridges 92.2, 89.1, 91.2 = 272.5

G. Urquhart 90, 90.1, 91 = 271.1

Centrefire

B. McIlrick 99.4, 98.2, 95.1 = 292.7

R. Clark 97.3, 96.1, 96 = 289.4

D. Dewson 94, 91, 92.2 = 277.2

A. White 85.1, 79, 86.1 = 250.2

winner of the trophy for best net score on the day was Firmen Allan with a net 70 from Ian Cabot on 71, Will Sedgwick 72, Kevin Kelaher 72, Gary Allen 73 and Campbell Tonkin 73. NTPs went to Graham Bowman on the 3rd and Peter Summerell on the 18th.

Steady opening rounds of 76 and 74 by Kevin Kelaher in the first two rounds of the club championship provide a small buffer in his quest for back to back club championship titles. Sunday's 3 over par round of 74 was the best gross score of the day ahead of Firmen Allan who carded a 78 whilst Will Sedgwick carded an 82. Whilst the course is playing harder at present one can't help but think by the upcoming 3rd round of the Championships on the 15th August we could start to see some par rounds being recorded as the golfers adjust to the conditions.

The championships format now allows players to take their 2 best scores over the first 3 rounds whilst the 4th and final round on September 5th must be played and counted in their overall 54-hole championship score.

In the Mens Club Champions overall net event Firman Allen on 145 currently sits 1 shot ahead of Kevin Kelaher with Ian Cabot a further 2 shots back. Only 6 shots separate the best 7 net scores after two rounds.

Next week we will play a 4BBB Stableford Multiplier for the D Kelly and W McKid trophy and on Sunday August 1st we will play an Individual Stableford for Dave McMurtrie's trophy.

Message from the Editor

At *Barraba Community News* we welcome local news and stories from our community members about activities, events and news of interest to the Barraba community.

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BINGARA RESIDENT TURNS 107!

Happy Birthday to Bingara's Avie Egan who turned 107 on 12 July. Avie has celebrated the day with her friends and family at Tourandi Lodge.



Golf Notes

On Sunday a good field of players contested the second round of the Club Championships for Campbell Tonkin's trophy. The

Barraba 7 day Forecast from
the Bureau of Meteorology



Wednesday 21 July

Summary Max 12

Possible shower

Chance of rain: 10%



Thursday 22 July

Summary Min -5 Max 15

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 10%



Friday 23 July

Summary Min 3 Max 13

Showers

Chance of any rain: 80%



Saturday 24 July

Summary Min 5 Max 15

Shower or two

Chance of rain: 40%



Sunday 25 July

Summary Min 4 Max 14

Possible shower

Chance of any rain: 10%



Monday 26 July

Summary Min 0 Max 15

Morning frost, mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%



Tuesday 27 July

Summary Min 0 Max 17

Morning frost, mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%



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RECENT ANNIVERSARIES

- women being allowed to drive for the first time in Saudi Arabia after the ban was lifted (2018)
- Catherine the Great declaring herself sovereign ruler of Russia (1762)
- the last stand of the Kelly Gang at Glenrowan (1880)
- the assassination of Franz Ferdinand, Archduke of Austria (1914)
- the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, ending WWI and establishing the League of Nations (1919)
- the WHO announcing the containment of SARS after affecting 26 countries and resulting in 774 deaths (2003)

- Missouri becoming the first place sliced bread is sold (1928)
- the death of Sherlock author Arthur Conan Doyle (1930)
- Nelson Mandela stepping down as President of South Africa (1996)
- the first Wimbledon tennis championship (1877)
- the engagement of Britain's Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten (1947)
- Lady Godiva riding naked on horseback through Coventry to force her husband, the Earl of Mercia, to lower taxes. According to the legend, anyway... (1040)
- the beginning of the Battle of Britain during WWII (1940)
- the swearing-in of Boris Yeltsin as the first elected President of the Russian Federation (1991)
- British tabloid News of the World publishing its last edition after 168 years in the wake of a phone-hacking scandal (2011)
- the publication of To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee (1960)
- the death of actor Laurence Olivier (1989)
- the marriage of King Henry VIII to his 6th and final wife, Catherine Parr (1543)
- Britain's King Charles II ratifying the Habeas Corpus Act giving those under arrest the right to be brought before a judge or into court (1679)
- legislation passed giving women 21yo and older the vote in Aussie federal elections (1902)
- the Live Aid charity concerts, which raised money for African famine relief (1985)
- the founding of #BlackLivesMatter (2013)
- the election of former UK PM Theresa May (2016)

National Lamington Day

Every year on July 21st, National Lamington Day celebrates Australia's most famous culinary icon, the Aussie Lamington.

The day also encourages people to eat a Lamington while spreading the word about this tasty cake.

So, what is this delicious treat? It is essentially an Australian cake that is made from squares of sponge cake or butter cake, which is then coated in a layer of chocolate sauce, and finally rolled in desiccated coconut.

Is your mouth watering yet?

The thin mixture is absorbed into the sponge cake's outside layer, and it is then left to set. This creates the distinctive texture of the cake. There have been a number of different variations of this cake that have been created over the years.

Where did it all begin?

This Australian cake was first invented in Queensland, with a recipe appearing in the Queensland Country Life newspaper in 1900.

One account suggests that the Lamington was first served in Toowoomba, when Lord Lamington (Governor of Queensland) took his entourage to Harlaxton House to escape the steamy heat of Brisbane whereas another claims that it was created by Chef Armand Galland at Queensland's Government House in Brisbane during the busy period leading up to Federation in 1901. A further alternative claim is that Lord Lamington's cook, presumably Galland, accidentally dropped a block of sponge cake into a dish of chocolate. It was later discovered that desiccated coconut, sprinkled over the top, made the cakes more appealing.

The first known mention of "Lamington cake" appears in an 1896 newspaper account of a "Lamington Function" at Laidley in Queensland.

The event was in honour of Lord Lamington (although it appears he did not attend) and also featured "Lamington Tea", "Lamington Soup" etc, so, in the absence of any description of the cake, the name of the cake might signify nothing more than the name of the event.

A 1900 recipe for Lamington Cakes has been found in the Queensland Country Life newspaper.

While the recipe originated in Queensland, it spread quickly, appearing in a Sydney newspaper in 1901 and a New Zealand newspaper in 1902.



Let's bake - easy homemade Lamingtons

YIELD makes 12 lamingtons

INGREDIENTS

Sponge cake

70 grams (1/2 cup) plain flour or all purpose flour

35 grams (1/4 cup) cornflour or cornstarch

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

3 large eggs, room temperature

50 grams (1/4 cup) caster sugar

2 tablespoons milk

1 tablespoon butter

Chocolate icing

40 grams (1/2 cup) cocoa powder

250 grams (2 cups) icing or powdered sugar

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

120 ml (1/2 cup) milk

120 grams (2 cups) shredded

coconut

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 180 C (350 F) standard / 160 C (320 F) fan-forced. Grease and line an 8 inch baking square tin with baking paper. Lightly grease the inside of the paper with a little butter as well.

Sift flour, cornflour and baking powder twice into a large mixing bowl. Set aside.

In a separate mixing bowl, add eggs and start to beat using an electric whisk. Once the eggs start to go thick and foamy, add sugar, one tablespoon at a time.

Continue to beat the eggs until they are thick and voluminous – this can take 5-8 minutes. You'll know the eggs are ready, when you can draw the number 8 on top and it stays for 1-2 seconds.

Meanwhile, add milk and butter to a small microwave-safe bowl and heat for 30 seconds or until butter is melted. Leave to cool slightly.

When the eggs are ready, gently add the sifted flour mixture, pour butter mixture down the side of the bowl and gently fold until flour is JUST combined. Do not over mix or you'll mix all the air out of the eggs.

Add mixture to prepared cake tin. Bake for 20-23 minutes or until cake gently springs back when lightly touched on top. Leave to cool completely.

To make the chocolate icing, sift cocoa powder and icing sugar. Add melted butter and milk and stir until chocolate is smooth.

Cut sponge cake into 12 squares. Carefully and quickly dip each piece of cake into chocolate, let the extra chocolate dip off and then cover in coconut. Transfer to a cake rack to dry.

Repeat with remaining cake squares.