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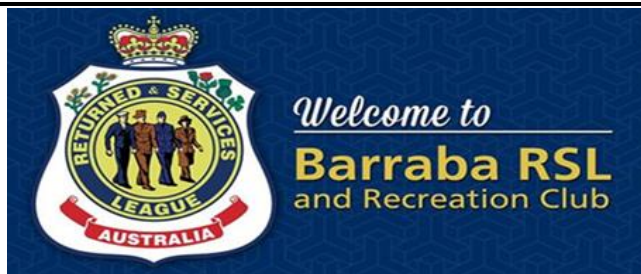
# BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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## BARRABA STREET ART TAKES SHAPE





**BARRABA RSL & RECREATIONAL CLUB LTD**

Phone: 67821379

For the information of members and guests

**THIS WEEK:**

**THURSDAY: 11AM-**

RIFLE CLUB RAFFLES

MULTISCREEN DRAW-THIS WEEK \$7,800

**FRIDAY: 11AM-**

MEAT/FRUIT/VEG RAFFLES 6PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW-THIS WEEK \$1,700.00

**SATURDAY: 10AM-**

**SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM**

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 1PM-3PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW-THIS WEEK \$2,000 (7 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**



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

**HART RURAL AGENCIES**

**WEEKLY SPECIALS**

**BLOCK & LOOSE LICK RUNOUT SALE!**

CALCIFORT 10% 40KG BLOCK **NOW \$52**  
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**SAVE \$15.70**

**PBA FEED** HYLYCK SHEEP LICK 4% 25KG **NOW \$22**  
**SAVE \$4.24**

Barraba: 6782 1006 Manilla: 6785 1911  
Offer ends 13/08/2021. While stocks last.

**Barraba Civilian & Military Rifle Club**

**AGM**

14<sup>th</sup> August 11.45am  
Barraba Rifle Range

Cobbadah Flowers  
Marnie Crowley  
0267822045  
0429878788

**Queen Street CAFE**

Queen Street Café  
82a Queen St. Barraba  
Ph 0267822106

Dine in or takeaway.  
Open 7 days



## Geoffrey and Anne Irwin

will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August.

They were married on 5/08/1961 at St. Laurence's  
Church of England by the Rev. Brian Thomas.  
Such a wonderful milestone.



## NOW contacts

Last week Trish Balcombe asked if anyone knows of  
someone who is visually impaired or isolated who may care  
to receive the NOW disc with *Barraba Community News* in  
audio format to contact her. Details below  
Trish Balcombe. Mobile 0447670234  
Sec NOW



Barraba Branch of the United Hospital Auxiliaries

## AGM

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2021  
10.30am**

**at**

**Day Centre  
Gotha Street end of Barraba Hospital**

All Executive positions will be open

**New members are most welcome.**

We Fundraise for the hospital to provide additional equipment and  
services for the benefit of patients comfort

Current COVID-19 restrictions will be adhered to in line with NSW  
Restrictions

## Recent Anniversaries

- the birthdays of Beatrix Potter (1866) and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (1929)
- the invention of the hamburger in Connecticut (1900)
- Austria-Hungary declaring war on Serbia, starting WWI (1914)
- the release of Walt Disney's animated film Alice In Wonderland (1951)
- the Provisional Irish Republican Army calling an end to their 30-year armed campaign in Northern Ireland (2005)
- the Irish Famine Rebellion (1848)
- the death of Vincent Van Gogh (1890)
- Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer's wedding (1981)
- the birthdays of Emily Brontë (1818) and Henry Ford (1863)
- the publication of the first Penguin book, starting the paperback revolution (1935)
- the sinking of the USS Indianapolis and the deaths of 880 crew. Many were attacked by sharks, inspiring the 1975 movie Jaws (1945)
- Chelsea Manning convicted of 17 espionage charges (2013)
- New Zealand's Christchurch becoming chartered as a city (1856)
- Germany's adoption of the Weimar Constitution (1919)
- the end of Operation Banner, the presence of the British Army in Northern Ireland. It was the British Army's longest-running operation (2007)
- English chemist Joseph Priestley discovering oxygen by isolating it in its gaseous state (1774)
- the publication of the first Michelin Guide by the brothers Édouard and André Michelin (1900)
- 100th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi founding the Non-Cooperation Movement aiming to end British rule in India (1920)
- the production of the first Jeep car (1941)
- te reo Māori becoming an official language of New Zealand (1987)
- the formal signing of the US Declaration of Independence (1776)
- the publication of Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (1865)
- The Beatles performing their first gig at Liverpool's Cavern Club (1961)
- rubber bullets used for the first time in Northern Ireland during 'The Troubles' (1970)

## Joey's News

The Joey's annual Athletics Carnival was a great success even though it had to be a bit different this year. The Carnival couldn't be attended by parents this year, who normally provide great moral and practical support. There was perfect winter weather for the day which started with running the sprints at the local sports ground. The Carnival then used the school grounds for the field events, including the new long jump pit established for the occasion. Thank you to the Fletcher family for your expertise and help in creating the new facility.



*Staff dressed in house colours at the end of a wonderful Athletics Carnival. L-R: Amy Phillips, Maria Wilson, Shani Marshall, Eleisha Outridge, Natalie Anderson, Rachel Caskey.*

Teachers and students spent time celebrating and investigating Marriage and Family Week recently. Students made cards and gifts and delivered them to various local people in some walking excursions around town. This included Richardson House residents, who received some gifts of biscuits and colourful drink coasters from Miss Outridge and her Year 2/3/4 students. If there is anyone in the community you think would appreciate something from our students please let the School Office know.



*Ava Hall wrote some thoughts down about her grandparents for Marriage and Family Week celebrations.*

Last week the resignation was announced of Rachel Caskey as Principal of St Joseph's Primary School Barraba. Rachel will continue to be Principal until the end of the 2021 school year. Rachel and her family are relocating to Ellerston, near Scone. Rachel began as a teacher at St Joseph's in 2007 before being appointed to the role of Principal in 2017. Joey's is very grateful to Mrs Caskey for her contribution to the school community and the system of schools in the Diocese of Armidale. There will be opportunities towards the end of the year to acknowledge and give thanks for her many contributions to Catholic Education. In the meantime the Catholic Schools Office will work in partnership with Father Curran and the school community to begin recruitment for a new principal at St Joseph's Barraba.

### NOTICE OF AGM

Please be advised that the AGM of **The Barraba Showground Management Committee** is to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> August at the Barraba Bowling Club commencing at 6 p.m.

ALL WELCOME

**Volunteers wanted** – if you can drive a tractor or large ride on-mower (or would like to learn) and you have a few hours to spare each week amongst mates please contact Des Brittain on 0459 471 513 or Don Roberts on 0419 116 261

Don Roberts  
Secretary



## History Notes

The back page photo last week started a search of both recipe books and history folders. No I have not heard of anyone visiting the C.W.A. home in Glen Innes – it may have been more for those down on the coast. However, I knew we did have a branch of the C.W.A. in Barraba.

The Barraba and Horton Chronicle dated the 5<sup>th</sup> August, 1926, published a report of the first meeting of the C.W.A. The meeting was held in the Mechanic's Institute (next to the old fire station in Maude Street) and was chaired by the Mayoress, Mrs McArdle.

Mrs Studdy, president of the C.W.A. was in attendance and after some discussion it was decided to form a branch in Barraba. Mrs McArdle was elected president and her committee included, Mesdames Wallace, McIlrick, Pearce, Fiddes, Miss Thompson and Miss C.K.Parker.

It was decided to meet on the second Saturday each month and that the membership fee be four shillings per year or 5 pounds 5 shillings for life membership.

The branch seems to have functioned well through the next ten years or so as the meeting notices and advertisement's for street stall are scattered through the newspapers. Several full reports are published in 1930, 1932, 1935 and make interesting reading as they discussed donations to the hospital, formation of a Baby Health Centre in Manilla, the Annual Blue and Gold Ball which was held annually in Clifton Hall and of course conferences, some of which were held in Barraba, in the Masonic Supper Room.

The C.W.A. seems to have closed down in the 1940's possibly due to the war and the extra activity that was put into the Red Cross at that time. It was revived again later in the 20<sup>th</sup> century – about the time when the asbestos mine was functioning but died out after a short while.

I wonder how many people have a C.W.A. cook book. Early in 1932 the C.W.A. put out several long (28cm x 15cm) with a with a recipe for every day of the year – Luncheon/Tea/dishes, Biscuits & Cakes, and Puddings – there may have been more. Then there was the Coronation Cookery Book put out in 1937 and a second edition in November, 1938. These early books were much more than recipes with all sorts of remedies for illness, first aid, when babies should start solids etc. My last one is dated 1976 and contains more recipes and less hints. Only Barraba people can answer why we do not have a branch now – not enough people to support all the organizations we have now! Back to the newspapers next week.

Note from the Editor

See page 12 for recipes from the  
CWA Nov 1930 Calendar of Puddings

### Uniting Church Notices

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Snippets from St Laurence's

Wasn't life a lot simpler before Covid? I doubt if I shall ever get used to taking a mask when I go out, but I must admit the hardest bit is not singing in church, particularly when the words are great and the tune is stirring.

That was brought on by the cancellation of the Mission Encounter in Tamworth next weekend. As far as we know at the moment the New Life Women's Conference at the beginning of September is still on.

Meanwhile 8<sup>th</sup> August is Confirmation Sunday. Please keep praying for our confirmees and for Bishop Rod. At 1pm on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup>, we meet in the vestry for prayer and Holy Communion and on 15<sup>th</sup> we have our AGM. Please thank our Father for the service of our outgoing Parish Council and ask his guidance and blessing for our new one.

There is a street stall to prepare for on 16<sup>th</sup> September and Synod is on 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>.

This week consider Paul's words from his first letter to Corinthians, chapter 1, verses 23 and 24: **"We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."**

Beth

### Barraba Anglican Parish

#### Sunday Service Times

**10am St Laurence's  
Barraba**





## COLLEGE CHAT

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



*Barraba Coordinator Tanya Clarke*

Classes have started at the College for Term 3 with our Technology Skills Centre courses.

The Get Digital class was well attended with 10 new enrolments. This class is aimed at helping with every aspect of the skills that are needed for seniors to navigate the modern digital environment. The seniors who attended thoroughly enjoyed their morning under the guidance of Tina Simpson and were keen to go home and practice their new computer skills.



*Get Digital class. Peter & Adrienne Hancock, Trevor Mullins*

Barraba Campus is running the below courses on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

- Provide responsible service of alcohol
- Provide responsible gambling services

Wonderful opportunity for local business's or Community Organisations to enrol staff or volunteers.

Lizzie Horne from Armidale is holding a Drypoint Etching class on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Lizzie is an award winning artist and we are very lucky to have her coming to Barraba. Please contact the College for further information on the class or to enrol in this amazing class.

**Thought for the day:** Ask someone how they feel and really listen to their reply.

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

Or go to our website  
**communitycollegeninsw.edu.au**  
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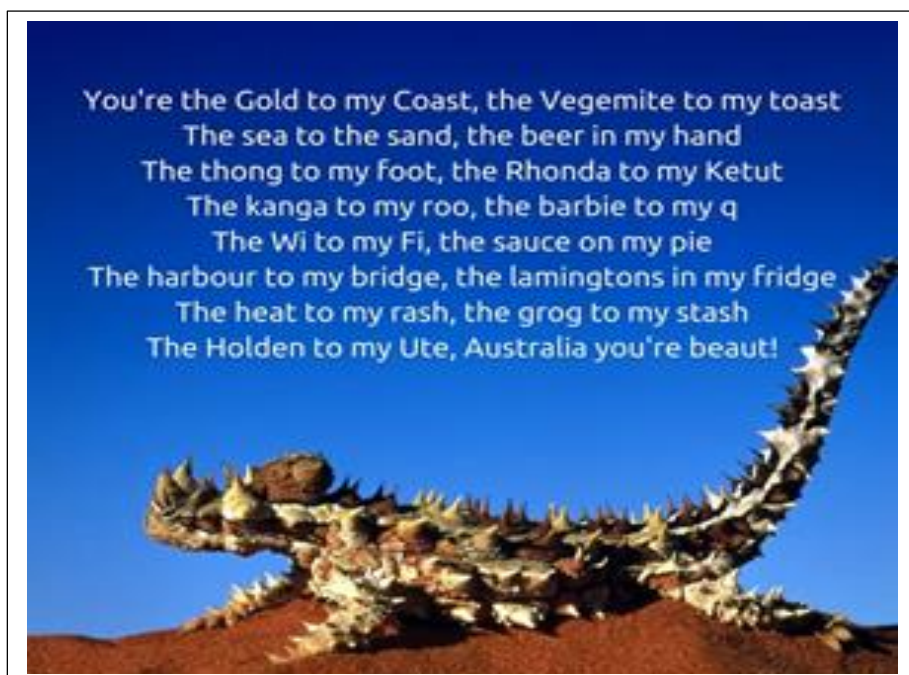
## Australian Poetry Month

**(1–31 August)** is a new initiative to increase the profile of Australian poetry, poets and publishers. The goal is to increase access, awareness, value and visibility of poetry in all its forms and for all audiences. The inaugural Poetry Month will be held during August 2021 as an ongoing annual celebration.

Can the readers of *Barraba Community News* meet the challenge and submit a poem or 2 for printing each week this month.

Com'on Barraba, we know there are many locals who write, read and enjoy poetry so submit your favourite poem for all of us to enjoy.

The News Editor will award a chocolate Freddo Frog to the person who submits the best poem each week. The Editors decision is final and cannot be disputed.





## 1. **Why is Council digging up Queen Street near O'Meara Park?**



They say: "Work on replacing the water main along Queen Street in Barraba (between Cooper and Rodney streets) is coming along nicely and is expected to be complete in the next few weeks!"

## 2. **A helpful tip when planting a tree – from Council's Urban Street Tree Advisory Group**

Watch how close you are planting to overhead power lines, and possible impact on nearby services.

Council has put together a Street Tree Species List and a Feature Park List. This is a list of recommended tree species that are proven to survive in our climate.

## **Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> July:**

➤ Councillors took an important step towards ensuring a strong future for the Tamworth Country Music Festival beyond its 50th year by approving the formation

of a Tamworth Country Music Advisory Group. They agreed the move would "contribute in a meaningful way to ensure the Festival remains Australia's biggest and foremost music festival". Tamworth Region Mayor Col Murray said the new group was a form of "succession planning" for the Festival. "There is a core group of people in our community who have helped to grow and develop the Festival but the years have moved on and they won't be around forever – it's important we prepare for generational change and this group is a way to help that happen," he said. "The cultural and historic elements which have defined Tamworth as the Country Music Capital must not be lost or allowed to diminish." Councillors decided the new group will have at its core the "Mayor of the day", one other Councillor, the Director of the Festival and other relevant Council staff. The group will appoint and co-opt willing and "suitably qualified individuals" including from organisations such as the Country Music Association of Australia and the local community who "reflect the diversity of the City's country music assets and events". It was agreed the group's charter will be to "advise, comment and make recommendations to Council to protect, preserve and grow the City's country music festival, country music assets and to explore other opportunities to enhance the city's music credentials".

➤ Despite recent rainfall, flowing rivers and dams nearing capacity, Councillors tonight agreed that exploring further avenues to increase water security for the Tamworth, Moonbi and Kootingal water supply is of extreme importance. The next step in this process will entail drilling two test

boreholes at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre after investigative works undertaken by contractor SMEC, as part of Council's Emergency Water Supply Plan, identified parts of the site as having good groundwater potential. The test bores, which will be funded by Council's Water Reserve, will be assessed on water location, quality, flowrates, recharge rates, and aquifer impact. If the test bores are drilled and found to be able to provide a significant flow at suitable quality, then Council would be able to consider this when the draft Drought Management/Water Management Plan is reviewed later this year.

➤ A plan to guide the ongoing maintenance, improvement and expansion of the local footpath and shared pathway network, the draft Active Transport Strategy 2021, was tonight adopted by Councillors. A report to Council said the draft plan drew wide support from the community when feedback was sought earlier this year. The draft plan - put together in consultation with the community and discussions with key groups - followed best practices on a national, state and local level. The plan will guide Council staff over the next 10 years in providing a safe, inclusive and connected network for the community. Across the Tamworth region, there are about 36km of shared pathways and 118km of footpaths. Council staff will continue to seek funding from the Federal and State Government programs to undertake works proposed in the strategy. At this stage, with all current available funding, an additional 7.7km of shared pathway and 2.2km of footpath will be constructed across the region by 2023.

➤ Councillors have tonight adopted the Northern Inland Centre of Sporting Excellence 2021 Master Plan, a plan to expand and diversify Tamworth's sporting facilities. They also agreed to continue to work with State sporting organisation to ensure the precinct "is developed as the premier sporting hub for North West NSW" and to explore funding sources for proposed works. The precinct centred around Jack Smyth Drive on the southern side of Tamworth currently includes the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre (AELEC), Tamworth Sports Dome, Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre, Tamworth Regional Hockey Complex, Tamworth Regional Gymnastics Centre, Tamworth Regional Athletics Centre and Tamworth Regional Cycling Centre. The master plan identifies possible future works in three categories: Sport, AELEC and support infrastructure. The possible new facilities may include an aquatics and leisure centre, construction of a new multipurpose oval and grandstand, gymnastics centre extension and establishing a new dressage arena and a polocrosse field at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre. The precinct is recognised as a significant regional sports hub and has successfully secured and has hosted a number of local, state, and national sporting events.

For more information, see the full reports at [www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/business-papers](http://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/business-papers)  
Watch the video report at [www.facebook.com/TamworthRegionalCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/TamworthRegionalCouncil)



### **Future Drought Fund opens grants for \$34.2 million to deliver innovation in drought resilience**

- A \$34.2 million (GST exclusive) competitive grants process for innovative projects to manage and prepare for the impacts of drought has opened today.
- The Drought Resilience Innovation Grants are a key element of the Future Drought Fund's Research and Adoption program. Expressions of interest are invited for projects to manage and prepare for the impacts of drought through the Federal Government's \$5 billion Future Drought Fund (FDF). Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce said the Government is looking to support a range of activities with the grants split into three categories: an ideas grant, a proof-of-concept grant and an innovation grant. "Ideas grants and proof-of-concept grants are for good ideas that need further development while innovation grants are for more mature ideas," Mr Joyce said. "Whether you're from an innovation organisation, the private sector, industry, not-for-profit organisation, community group or a consortium – now is the time to get involved." Mr Joyce said, "If you have a great idea that needs some dollars behind it, then I encourage you to participate in the Future Drought Fund's Drought Resilience Innovation Grants, which has over \$34 million available to support drought resilience innovation projects." Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia, David Littleproud said the Drought Resilience Innovation Grants

would drive development, extension, adoption and commercialisation of drought resilience practices and technologies.

"If we want our Australian farmers – and the communities and businesses that depend on them – to thrive through future droughts, we need new ideas, practices, technologies and ways of doing business," Mr Littleproud said.

"Innovation is critical to our agriculture sector. We are looking for those bright sparks out there with ideas that could transform agricultural practices, technologies and business models to make Australian farmers and communities more resilient to droughts."

For more information about the FDF Innovation Grants and to apply please visit: [www.communitygrants.gov.au](http://www.communitygrants.gov.au) and for more information about the FDF Research and Adoption Program, visit:

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/future-drought-fund/research-adoption-program>

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## Community Announcement



Please be advised that the Bingara Council office located at 33 Maitland St Bingara office will be closed until further notice due to a mould contamination in the building.

Customer service has been relocated to the old Bingara Courthouse at 24 Maitland St as of Monday 2 August 2021.

For all phone enquiries please call 02 67242000

**All deliveries to be made to Bingara Depot in Cunningham Street**

Max Eastcott  
General Manager

## Helping farmers combat mice

APPLICATIONS  
NOW OPEN



50% rebate for eligible primary producers up to \$10,000 on zinc phosphide purchases



MEMBER for Northern Tablelands and Minister for Agriculture Adam Marshall has today announced the opening of the zinc phosphide rebate program for farmers as part of the NSW Government's \$150 million mice support package. Mr Marshall said primary producers intending to lay defences against a spring surge in mice numbers were encouraged to apply for the 50 per cent rebate, of up to \$10,000.

"These rodents pose a serious threat to the upcoming harvest so we want to ensure farmers have the support they need to bait their paddocks and protect their crops," Mr Marshall said. "We have made \$100 million available for zinc phosphide rebates which means farmers can apply for a one-off rebate of 50 per cent of the cost of purchasing zinc phosphide-based baits, up to \$10,000. We have worked closely with NSW Farmers to ensure the eligibility requirements are fit for purpose and provide support to farmers who need it most."

Mr Marshall said. "I urge farmers to start monitoring mice numbers on their farms right now and start planning how they will manage the impacts as the population increases as we approach harvest."

Eligible zinc phosphide based bait purchased from 1 January 2021 until 17 December 2021 will be eligible for the rebate scheme with final invoices to be submitted by 28 January 2022. The program is being administered by the NSW Rural Assistance Authority. For more information about the zinc phosphide rebate program, and to apply, visit [www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au)

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## How rain, wind, heat and other heavy weather can affect your internet connection

James Jin Kang, Lecturer, Computing and Security, Edith Cowan University

Paul Haskell-Dowland, Associate Dean (Computing and Security), Edith Cowan University

When your Netflix stream drops out in the middle of a rainstorm, can you blame the wild weather?

Quite possibly. The weather can affect the performance of your internet connection in a variety of ways.

This can include issues such as physical damage to the network, water getting into electrical connections, and wireless signal interference. Some types of connection are more vulnerable to weather than others.

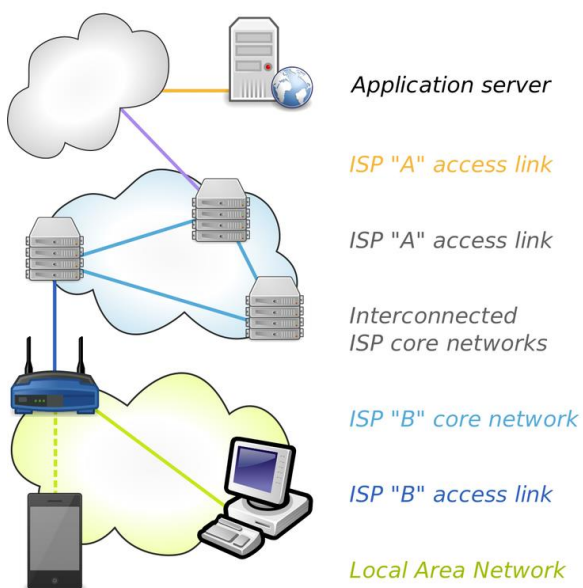
The behaviour of other humans in response to the weather can also have an effect on your connection.

### How rain can affect your internet connection

Internet connections are much more complicated than the router and cables in our homes. There are many networking devices and cables and connections (of a variety of types and ages) between our homes and the websites we are browsing.

An internet connection may involve different kinds of physical link, including the copper wiring used in the old phone network and more modern fibre optic connections. There may also be wireless connections involved, such as WiFi, microwave and satellite radio.

### Typical path to an Internet service



Rain can cause physical damage to cables, particularly where telecommunication networks are using old infrastructure.

ADSL-style connections, which use the old phone network, are particularly vulnerable to this type of interference.

Although many Australians may be connected to the National Broadband Network (NBN), this can still run (in part) through pre-existing copper wires (in the case of "fibre to the node" or "fibre to the cabinet" connections) rather than modern optical fibres ("fibre to the home").

Much of the internet's cabling is underground, so if there is flooding, moisture can get into the cables or their connectors. This can significantly interfere with signals or even block them entirely, by reducing the bandwidth or causing an electrical short-circuit.

But it isn't just your home connection that can be impacted. Wireless signals outside the home or building can be affected by rainfall as water droplets can partially absorb the signal, which may result in a lower level of coverage.

Even once the rain stops, the effects can still be felt. High humidity can continue to affect the strength of wireless signals and may cause slower connection speeds.

### Copper cables and changed behaviour

If you are using ADSL or NBN for your internet connection, it is likely copper phone cables are used for at least some of the journey. These cables were designed to carry voice signals rather than data, and on average they are now more than 35 years old.

Only around 18% of Australian homes have the faster and more reliable optical-fibre connections.

There is also a behaviour factor. When it rains, more people might decide to stay indoors or work from home. This inevitably leads to an increase in the network usage. When a large number of people increase their internet usage, the limited bandwidth available is rapidly consumed, resulting in apparent slowdowns.

This is not only within your home, but is also aggregated further up the network as your traffic is joined by that from other homes and eventually entire cities and countries.

### Heatwaves and high winds

In Australia, extreme cold is not usually a great concern. Heat is perhaps a more common problem. Our networking devices are likely to perform more slowly when exposed to extreme heat. Even cables can suffer physical damage that may affect the connection.

Imagine your computer fan is not running and the device overheats — it will eventually fail. While the device itself may be fine, it is likely the power supply will struggle in extremes. This same issue can affect the networking equipment that controls our internet connection.

Satellite internet services for rural users can be susceptible to extreme weather, as the satellite signals have to travel long distances in the air. Radio signals are not usually affected by wind, but hardware such as satellite dishes can be swayed, vibrated, flexed or moved by the wind.

### Most of the time, human behaviour is the main cause

For most users, the impact of rain will be slight – unless they are physically affected by a significant issue such as submerged cables, or they are trying to use WiFi outside during a storm.

So, can weather affect your internet connection? Absolutely.

### Will most users be affected? Unlikely.

So if your favourite Netflix show is running slow during in rainy weather, it's most likely that the behaviour of other humans is to blame — holed up indoors and hitting the internet, just like you.



### Ladies Golf

4 Ladies travelled to the Quirindi Open Sunday 1st August. Barraba was represented by Lyn Groth, Lib Thompson, Amanda Koopman and Kerrie Smith. It was an absolutely beautiful spring day, however the wind did play a part in the scores with the winners only coming in with 42 pts. Lyn and Lib finished with 35 points with Lib winning the longest drive in Div 2. Kerrie and Amanda played well until they reached the greens, very hard to lob your ball close to the pin and finished with 26 stableford points. Mandy won NTP on the 4th. NARRABRI ladies open has been changed to the 27th October not the 11th August as previously advertised. Also the N&NWDLGA Vets has changed venues from Moree to Quirindi on the 23rd August.

Tamworth Ladies 2 day tournament is this Thursday and Friday.

Happy Golfing Ladies

### Mens Golf Notes

Golfers were blessed with a glorious day Sunday as we contested an Individual Stableford for Dave McMurtries trophy. The winner with a good score of 37 points was Will Sedgwick just ahead of Ian Cabot on 36 points with balls going to Sam Faint on 33, Campbell Tonkin 33, Gary Allen 32 and Des Kelaher 31. There was definitely a bit more run on the course Sunday however of the twenty odd players again only two could match their handicaps. NTP to Bill "Gator" Simpson with a great shot into the 18th. In match play results

Will Sedgwick just got over Campbell Tonkin 3 and 1 after a very even match.

Next Sunday 8th is a 2 person Ambrose for the Turning Heads Beauty Salon trophy whilst the following week Sunday 15th is the third round of our Men's Club Championships. The 3rd and 4th round of the Ladies Club Championships is the 28th and 29th of August.

Around the district the Werris Creek Veterans is on Friday 13th whilst the Ladies Narrabri Open previously scheduled for Wednesday August 11th is now postponed until October 27th.

An invitation is extended to all in our Barraba community to come and use our Golf Club facilities and course. Maybe you're planning a work Xmas party event, a social golf day coming into Spring or whatever, we would love to see you. Phone 0419606280 for bookings.

### PHIL DENYER

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### RAISIN ROLL.

**JULY 30** 2 cups flour, 2 teasp. baking powder, pinch salt, 4 tablesp. butter, 4 tablesp. sugar, a little milk to bind. Sift flour, baking powder and salt. Rub in half the butter and pour in enough milk to mix. Roll out about half an inch thick—keeping it as square as possible. Cover well with seeded raisins and a squeeze of lemon juice, cream sugar and the rest of the butter and dot half of this over the raisins and roll up like a jam roll. Put in baking dish and spread with the rest of the butter and sugar mixture. Pour half cup boiling water into the baking dish and bake in a moderate oven from 30 to 45 minutes. Serve with lemon sauce.

Mrs. E. Mitchell, Bowral Branch.

### EXHIBITION PUDDING.

**JULY 31**  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. currants,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. sultanas, raisins or dates, some nutmeg, 2 cups flour, 1 large tablesp. baking powder,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. butter, 1 piece lemon peel,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup treacle. Sift flour and baking powder and rub in butter, add other ingredients and mix with milk. Boil 3 hours.

Mrs. A. J. Rowlands, Neville Branch.

### EGGLESS PLUM PUDDING.

**AUG. 1** 1 cup jam, 1 cup sweet milk, 3 tablesp. butter or dripping, 2 cups crumbled cake,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup lemon peel, 1 lb. stoned plums,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups flour, 2 teasp. carb. soda, little ess. Mix jam, milk, butter, plums, lemon peel, essence, cake crumbs together. Lastly sift flour and soda into other ingredients. Tie up quickly and put into boiling water. Double quantity of butter makes a richer pudding.

Mrs. J. Clark, Cobo-corn Branch.

### FELIXTOWE TART.

**AUG. 2** Rub 1 good tablesp. butter into 2 good tablesp. each of flour and maizena, pinch salt and 1 teasp. baking powder. Beat yolk of egg and about 1 tablesp. milk and mix all to a stiff paste. Roll out, line a tart plate and bake in moderate oven. Beat white of egg with 1 tablesp. sugar till stiff. Fill tart with jam or preserve, cover with white of egg, put back in oven to brown slightly.

Mrs. C. A. Lamont, Wagga Branch.

### RED CAPS.

**AUG. 3** 1 tablesp. butter,  $\frac{1}{2}$  small cup soft sugar, 1 small cup flour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teasp. baking powder, pinch salt, 4 tablesp. jam, 2 eggs. Soften the butter in a basin, add the sugar and beat well, break in the egg and beat well again. Mix the flour, baking powder and salt together and stir into the mixture. Have 4 large cups buttered, put a tablesp. of bright colored jam in each (apricot is very nice). Half fill the cups with the mixture, place them in a saucepan with about an inch of water (boiling) and steam for  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour. Serve at once.

Mrs. Hanstock, Quandialla Branch.

### HASTY PUDDING (2).

**AUG. 4** Put 3 cups milk in double saucepan, when boiling stir in quickly 3 heaped tablesp. flour which has first been blended with a little cold milk. Boil 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Serve hot, dotted with small pieces of butter. Brown sugar may also be added.

Mrs. F. C. Thomas, Wagga Branch.

### STEAMED JAM PUDDING (2).

**AUG. 5** 5 large tablesp. flour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teasp. baking powder, 1 tablesp. butter, 3 tablesp. sugar, 1 egg,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk. Beat butter and sugar to a cream, add egg, beat well, add milk and essence to taste. Lastly add flour to which has been added the baking powder. Spread a layer of jam or golden syrup at the bottom of a greased mould, add mixture. Steam  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 hours.

Mrs. W. R. Hill, Brewarrina Branch.

### BROKEN HILL LEMON TART.

**AUG. 6** 1 egg, 1 lemon chopped fine and rind grated, 1 large grated apple, 1 teacup sugar, 1 dessertsp. butter. Mix all together and boil till apple is cooked; put into tins lined with pastry (see Jan. 16th), and bake a nice brown.

Mrs. H. A. Woolcock, Broken Hill Branch.



**Wednesday 4 Aug**

**Summary** Max 13

**Partly cloudy**

Chance of rain: 0%



**Thursday 5 Aug**

**Summary** Min 2 Max 15

**Cloudy**

Chance of any rain: 0%



**Friday 6 Aug**

**Summary** Min 1 Max 16

**Partly cloudy**

Chance of any rain: 0%



**Saturday 7 Aug**

**Summary** Min 1 Max 17

**Mostly sunny**

Chance of rain: 0%



**Sunday 8 Aug**

**Summary** Min 1 Max 18

**Morning frost. Sunny**

Chance of any rain: 5%



**Monday 9 Aug**

**Summary** Min 1 Max 19

**Morning frost. Sunny**

Chance of any rain: 10%



**Tuesday 10 Aug**

**Summary** Min 2 Max 20

**Morning frost. Sunny**

Chance of any rain: 10%

#### Regional Dam Levels from Water NSW

Chaffey 100.3%

Copeton 65.4%

Keepit 96.5%

Split Rock 37.2%