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BARRABA MEDICAL CENTRE

We would like to remind the community if you are experiencing ANY cold or flu-like symptoms, respiratory illness, fever, ear, nose, throat or chest symptoms, please inform medical staff BEFORE presenting to the Medical Centre or the Emergency Dept at Barraba Hospital. Thank you for your vigilance.

STAY AT HOME RULES

The rules apply to:

People who live in or are temporarily staying in regional and rural NSW.

Start date: 5pm, Saturday 14 August 2021

End date: 12.01am, Sunday 22 August 2021.



You must stay home. Only leave your home if you have a reasonable excuse.

If you must leave home, stay within your local area. Do not travel outside your local area if you can avoid it.

Limit your physical contact with people you do not live with. See the restrictions for [visitors to a residence](#).

You must carry a face mask with you at all times and [wear a face mask](#) when required when you leave your home.

Reasonable excuse to leave home

A reasonable excuse is if you need to

- obtain food or other goods and services locally
- leave home to go to work if
 - you cannot reasonably [work from home](#) and
 - the business is allowed to be open
- leave home for education if it is not possible to do it at home
- exercise and take outdoor recreation in the local government area you live in or if you need to cross into another local government area, stay within 10km of your home (limited to 5km from Monday, 16 August 2021)
- go out for medical or caring reasons, including obtaining a COVID-19 vaccination.

Rules for when you leave your home

Shopping

- Stay within 10km of your home, or within your local government area. You can cross into another local government area if it is within 10km of your home (limited to 5km from Monday 16 August 2021) and it is not a [local government area of concern](#) (unless the food or goods or services or their equivalent are not reasonably available locally).
- If travelling by a private vehicle (car), do not share a car with other people you do not live with.
- Only 1 person per household may leave their home to shop for food or other goods and services (you may take a dependent person with you if that person cannot be left at home on their own).
- You may take a dependent person with you if that person cannot be left at home on their own.
- Go directly to and from the shops to get what you need. Do not spend time looking at other things.

Exercise and outdoor recreation

- Stay within your local government area or, if you need to cross into another local government area,

stay within 10km of your home (limited to 5km from Monday, 16 August 2021).

- If travelling by a private vehicle (car), do not share a car with people you do not live with, except your [nominated visitor](#) ("singles bubble").
 - A nominated visitor in a regional or rural area must reside in your LGA.
- You can exercise with 1 other person that you do not live with, or your [nominated visitor](#) ("singles bubble").
- If you live with more than 2 other people, you can all go out together for exercise.

Travelling by car

You may only travel in a car with other people that you live with, unless it is for

- an emergency
- a compassionate reason
- to provide care or assistance to a vulnerable person
- the car is being used as a taxi or rideshare.

You are allowed to share the car with a person you do not live with (carpool) if you are

- required to use a vehicle for your work (for example, if you are a police officer working in a team of 2 people)
- travelling with your [nominated visitor](#) ("singles bubble") to exercise outdoors
 - a nominated visitor in a regional or rural area must reside in your LGA.

Proof of address

You must carry proof of your address if you are exercising outdoors or have left your home for recreation.

You must show your proof of address if asked by the NSW Police.

Other reasonable excuses

It is also considered a reasonable excuse to leave your home if you need to

- donate blood
- access childcare
- continue existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children
- attend a funeral or memorial service that complies with the rules for [funerals and memorial services](#)
- provide care or assistance (including personal care) to a vulnerable person or to provide emergency assistance
 - only one person may visit a residence to provide care at any one time
- access social services, employment services, services provided to victims (including as victims of

crime), domestic violence services, and mental health services

- move to a new place of residence, or between your different places of residence or inspecting a potential new place of residence within regional or rural NSW
- undertake legal obligations
- avoid injury or illness or to escape the risk of harm
- in case of emergencies
- for compassionate reasons, including where 2 people are in a relationship but do not necessarily live together
- to provide pastoral care if you are a priest, minister of religion or member of a religious order
- gathering at Parliament for the purpose of its normal operations.

Taking a holiday is not a reasonable excuse.

Working from home

In local government areas where the stay at home rules apply, employers must allow an employee to work from home if the employee is reasonably able to do so.

Businesses that do not require employees to work from home if they are reasonably able to do so face a fine of up to

- \$10,000 for corporations and
- \$2,000 for individuals.

If you cannot work from home and you go to your workplace that is allowed to be open, you must wear a [face mask](#) (unless an exemption applies).

If you cannot work from home and you go to your workplace, follow the rules for wearing a [face mask](#).

Face masks

In local government areas where the stay at home rules apply, when you leave home you must carry a face mask with you at all times.

You must wear a face mask

- in all indoor areas of non-residential premises
- at certain [outdoor gatherings](#)
- if you are on public transport
- in a major recreation facility such as a stadium
- if you are working in a hospitality venue
- in indoor and outdoor areas of construction sites, except when an exemption applies such as when
 - wearing a face mask creates a safety issue or
 - there is a worksite emergency
- when working in an outdoor area.

Face masks must be worn at indoor or outdoor areas of a fresh food market.

Barraba Poetry Month Challenge

Let's lighten the mood after all that 'lockdown' info.

Here's a couple more poems to enjoy and let's keep celebrating Australian Poetry Month (1–31 August) a new initiative to increase the profile of Australian poetry, poets and publishers.

RAIN

I wake to hear the drumming rain
As it falls down from the sky
And nourishes the earth below
That once was brown and dry

The gutters soon are flowing
They make a gurgling sound
And puddles soon are forming
In the hollows in the ground

The people scurry here and there
Umbrellas held up high
And try to find a sheltered spot
To keep them warm and dry

Though it can be dismal
Its needed to survive
For we would die without it
It keeps all life alive

So when the rain comes tumbling down
Embrace it healing powers
For the rainbow will return again
When the sun shines through the shower

Beryl Henshaw

The Weather Forecaster

Terry Threlfall 2015

1. The common theme for any group,
In the pub, on the bus, on the train,
On farm, in city, or the bush,
"Tell me: is it going to rain?"
2. Many years ago I worked it out,
As I travelled to different parts.
I had studied meteorology,
And could read those synoptic charts.
3. I'd get the paper every day,
And study, with great insight
Those arrows, circles, lines and wavy bits,
My forecast was absolutely right.
4. Clockwise winds went left (or was it right?)
Across the map, drawing moisture down,
From way up north (or from out to sea?)
Most certainly to bring us rain.
5. I'd assure my doubting companions,
Getting ready: "We'll be right mate",
It's clear we will reach our destination,
Well before the conditions deteriorate.
6. I'll tell them, with confidence and charm,
As I demonstrate the complex reasoning,
"The wind won't change till after dark,
And we'll be safe inside, by any reasoning."
7. But alas, so often it would happen,
With the lunch we'd brought from town,
When it's all laid out, the wind would change,
And rain (yes, the rain!) would tumble down.
8. So, back to nature's classroom,
To sharpen up the tone,
Of predicting rain, forecasting change,

Foreseeing disaster, flood, and cyclone.

9. Fortunately things have changed as well.

From weatherman or Weatherzone I learn,

"We'll cross to the Bureau (or Weatherchannel)"

Computer models dominate at every turn.

10. My computer goes into overdrive,

I bookmark all the sites,

I tune to all the TV channels,

And programme all the times.

11. ABC and SBS, Channels Seven, Nine and Ten,

Sport forecasts and track alerts, is cricket on? hooray!

Nature channel and weather channel, forecasts long and short,
We'll amass the information, dead accurate today.

12. I watch the men and woman, experts to be sure,
Maps and charts and graphs, percentages quite vigorous.

The websites, blogs, tweets and chatrooms,

Fills my head and screen, information most rigorous.

13. After days and months I feel depressed.

All that detail, too much information.
In all of this, I begin to think,
There is a single clue, on some station.

14. So I watch TV, all with great attention,

All those smart forecasters, watch them every session,

There has to be a clue I'm surely missing,

Be it gesture, word, emotion, or expression.

15. A gorgeous blonde on Channel Seven,

All teeth and hair, with legs at ten feet tall,

Her words of wisdom quite lost to glamour,
Clothes and shoes and cleavage,
overwhelming all.

16. I then decide, try channel Ten,
Some crazy clown called Tim, or Jim,
or Ron.

His silly walks, and squawks, and
antics I can't stand,
I turn him off - that fool is then way gone.

17. Turning to the ABC, there's
Graham Cread.

He tells us straight, simple, serious
but tight.

The words I hear make lots of sense,
"Rain is due, the sun shines here,
clear and bright."

18. So I watch him closely, day by
day,

And then, I swear without a lie,
The code is there, it's easy to get right
- The answer is - the colour of his tie!

THE ALLIGATOR by John Williams

One day I saw an alligator,
He said, "May I take a bite?
Your fingers look real juicy
And your legs will fill my appetite."

I said, "No way Al baby,
My fingers are so handy,
My legs I need for walking
In your swamp where it's so sandy."

I said, "What about you alligator
Can you do without your skin?
You see I want an alligator bag
To put my school things in."

He said, "You must be joking
My skin's a very vital part,
It keeps the mossies and the snakes
From acting far too smart."

After that we were good friends,
Sometimes around the swamp I ride,
Although my seat is very knobbly
Al makes a great swamp guide.



HART RURAL
AGENCIES

WEEKLY SPECIALS

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Barraba Shotgun Club
Annual General Meeting
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ARMIDALE**

BUILDING FOR SALE

Tenders are invited for the sale of
the building formerly Rocky Creek
Anglican Church.

For further information, & Tender
Documents please call Rev Gordon
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MEETING POSTPONED

Please be advised that the AGM of
the Barraba Showground
Management Committee has been
postponed until WEDNESDAY 1st
SEPTEMBER 6p.m. at the BOWLING
CLUB

Don Roberts Secretary



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when in lockdown:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8176347316>
God bless Daniel Avenell



Public toilet upgrade at Barraba's Rotary Park delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions

The planned refurbishment of the public amenities at Rotary Park Barraba, originally scheduled for September 2021, has been delayed due to current NSW Public Health Orders. The contractors employed to carry out the refurbishment of this and six other facilities have been unable to travel to the Tamworth region due to lockdowns enforced in various parts of the state over the past two months including Greater Sydney, Newcastle and the Hunter Valley. Work upgrading the seven facilities across the region will begin once these restrictions are lifted.

This project is fully funded by the Australian Government. Representing an investment of \$300,000, improving the identified public amenities at Split Rock Dam, Moonbi, Kootingal, Barraba, Woolomin, Attunga and Somerton has been funded by the Australian Government's recent Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

To keep up to date with this project, please visit haveyoursay.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/public-toilet-upgrades

Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council on Tuesday 10th August:

1. Councillors supported a Mayoral Minute to write and express "extreme disappointment with the

lack of consultation" by a NSW Government decision which will result in a \$270,000 loss of revenue for Tamworth Regional Council. The Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Compliance Fees) Regulation 2021 removes the ability for local government to charge a compliance levy on development applications. Councillors want the decision made by the State Government to be reversed and a minimum two-year moratorium on the removal of the Compliance levy for all Councils, to enable a transition into any new scheme. Support for the request will be sought from partnering Councils on the Namoi Joint Organisation and State Member for Tamworth, Kevin Anderson. If the decision is not reversed the loss in Council revenue will make it necessary to revise its current compliance services.

2. In a move aimed at allowing international and interstate workers to temporarily use International Flight Training Tamworth accommodation, Councillors resolved to seek a change to current zoning rules. The facility at Tamworth Regional Airport is currently zoned SP1 – Special Activities which means the site's long-term use is restricted to "airport related activities". This is the case when the facility accommodates student pilots but the current workers are only permitted to stay for a maximum 182 days within a 12-month period. Councillors supported a recommendation to seek an amendment to the Tamworth Regional Local Environmental Plan 2010 to allow the workers to continue to live in the accommodation. In April this year Council agreed to provide temporary housing for local food manufacturing

business workers. It was seen to be a solution to what was thought to be a short-term low availability of suitable local rental accommodation for the workers. However, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic led to Council reassessing the arrangement.

3. Expressions of Interest will soon be called for the short-term use of 'The Ranch, 266 Oxley Lane, Westdale' and '284 Gidley-Appleby Lane' following Council's endorsement tonight. 'The Ranch', which could provide some exciting future use opportunities by Council, will be offered for a 12-month lease with a 12-month extension option while the Gidley-Appleby Lane land, the site for the new Tamworth Organics Recycling Facility, will be offered for a six-month lease with a six-month extension option.

4. Due to the postponement of the 2021 NSW Local Government Elections to December 4, the meeting schedule has been changed for Tamworth Regional Council. Councillors agreed that an Ordinary Meeting could now be held on Tuesday 14 September. It was not scheduled when the election was to take place on 4 September. With the election now on 4 December, the Ordinary Meeting which was planned for 14 December, 2021 is not able to be held. It is not expected the Declaration of the Poll will be made until after that date. The date of Council meetings can only be changed by a resolution of the Council.

For more information, see the full reports at www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/business-papers

Watch the video report at www.facebook.com/TamworthRegionalCouncil

Yeah, nah: Aussie slang hasn't carked it, but we do want to know more about it

Kate Burridge, Professor of Linguistics, Monash University

Dylan Hughes, PhD Student, Monash University

Howard Manns, Senior Lecturer in Linguistics, Monash University

Isabelle Burke, Research fellow in Linguistics, Monash University

Keith Allan, Emeritus Professor of Linguistics, Monash University

Simon Musgrave, Lecturer in Linguistics, Monash University

Writer C.R Read cautioned in 1853 "that Englishmen going to the Australian digging should search their souls and ask themselves 'if they can stand a little colonial slang'".

This slang – our Australian slang – has been a lightning rod for pride, prejudice and confusion. "Dustbin language" writes one (not a huge fan), "people's poetry" writes another (we'd agree).

Expressions like budgie smugglers, fair suck of the Siberian sandshoe or flat out like a lizard drinking may not be the stuff of great literature and poetry, but they draw on the same devices: metaphor, irony and features of sound such as alliteration.

We know what you're thinking: "Yeah, nah. Aussie slang's carked it. When was the last time you heard someone say "cobber" or "dinkum"? Fairly recently, actually — we're starting to collect these terms, and rest assured, we're finding them.

What's interesting about Australian slang?

What's interesting about Australian slang — as far as "slang" goes — is the mere fact that some of these words stick around for so long, and that we still call them slang. They may not be part of your everyday lingo, but they can have a special place in your heart.

And heaps of grouse Aussie words have been doing the hard yakka for decades—grouse is around 100 years old. Mate is even older, even though since the 1930s people have been worrying about its well-being. First it was the arrival of digger, then the threat of buddy or pal. Now we worry mate will die at the hands of dude.

But which words go, and which words stay, and which ones stay slangy? And why do we love this language so much?



'Flat out like a ...' well, you know the one.

Getting to the bottom of Australian slang

We could try to answer these questions by collecting data in a survey — and we are doing just that. We can also look at the results others have gathered. We're doing that, too. And we can give you a teaser of what we've found.

ABC radio stations around the country have asked their listeners: "What do you think is the greatest Aussie slang word or phrase?". Out of more than 1,000 unique phrases, the answer is (drum roll please!) — various versions of mate, followed by yeah, nah (though mate gets unfairly boosted because it's tagged onto so many favourites like g'day mate).

Another place to look is in contexts where our knowledge about slang is made explicit. We're fortunate to have such a data source: The Age newspaper runs a daily quiz on its puzzles page, and questions about slang appear occasionally. A sample from April 2006 until March 2021 contains 109 such questions (that's about one slang question every six weeks).

Of those 109 questions, 26 explicitly mention Australian slang and another two mention Australian rhyming slang. Three expressions are repeated (furphy and spit the dummy each occur four times, and daks twice). This means there are 19 expressions identified as Australian, plus the two rhyming slang expressions— actually another of the 19 (cheese and kisses "missus") is rhyming slang too, but not identified as such. Here's the full list:

sanger
dunny
bogan
daks
strides
spit the dummy
shoot through like a Bondi tram
sparky
drongo
thunderbox

gum sucker
mozzie
furphy
mandarin
pineapple
have a gander
ratbag
snag
cheese and kisses
illywhacker
dead horse
Noah's Ark

A cabinet of linguistic wonders

A curious collection, you might well be thinking. And you'd be right.

It has a few staples of you-beaut Aussie lingo, some minted in this country (sanger, snag, drongo). Many are part of everyday language (furphy, bogan), and some we've even gifted to the rest of the world (ratbag and its offspring ratbaggery, spitting the dummy). Shortenings like mozzie are also being exported (and let's not forget the global Aussie rockstar selfie). These shortenings are thriving, as any sparky or garbo could tell you.

There are also a few lexical zombies on this list. When did you last use like a Bondi tram, or pineapple for that matter, unless you're getting the rough end of it. This pineapple, though, is the A\$50 note (compare the \$5 prawn, \$10 blue (swimmer), \$20 lobster and \$100 avo). They're slang curiosities – rarely heard but still loved.

There are those on this list that (wait for it) were originally American English. True, pinpointing the origins of slang is notoriously difficult, but have a gander "to look" does make its first appearance in early 1900s American criminal slang. Even illywhacker takes its inspiration from American spieler "con-man" (it needs some fossicking to track down illy's origin in the word "eeler-spee", a transposition of spieler).

Others on this quiz list were once British English, but we've given them an Aussie makeover. Strides originally referred to pantaloons with plenty of stride. And daks, a blend of Dad and slack(s), was the exclusive label of Simpson's of Piccadilly; it lives on in our beloved trackie daks (these days our pandemic pants) and newly minted dack "to steal something" (presumably by shoving it down your daks).

Dunny comes from dunnakin underworld slang for what was known euphemistically as "the necessary" (danna "dung" + ken "house"). Even the thunderbox isn't our own. Its origin is unquestionably British, as is the mandarin "senior public servant", though we see its potential as Aussie rhyming slang mandarin duck.

Looking for the good oil on Aussie slang

"Who gives a mandarin"? We do, because there's a special place in our cabinet of lexical wonders for slang and we want to know more about it. You'll find long lists on the internet, and it features large in these quizzes. However, people disagree about what is or isn't slang, whether or not something is Aussie, whether slang is dying, and what any of this means to us Aussies.

Slang is different things to different people. There are some contexts in which it can be presumed, and others in which it requires a lot more discussion, and a lot more sleuthing. Don't leave us on our Pat Malone. We'd be happy as Larry if you could share some of your knowledge of Aussie slang with us.



Golf Notes

The golfing gods smiled on us on Sunday as we played the 3rd round of our Club Championships for Sam Faint's trophy. With Covid lockdown

rules in place limiting playing groups to two it was not lost on golfers how fortunate they were to be out and about on a beautiful spring like day. The winner of Sam's trophy was Club Captain Ian Cabot who carded a good round of 81 off the stick to finish with a net 67 and finish 2 shots ahead of Craig Ruttley on net 69. Balls went to Firmen Allan 70, Des Kelaher 74, Kevin Kelaher 74 and Mike Artis 74.

NTP went to Paul "Down the Middle" Grigg on the 3rd and Kevin Kelaher on the 18th.

In single match play results Firmen Allen proved too strong for Peter York whilst Kevin Kelaher just got over Will Sedgwick on the 18th.

With the Club championships format now allowing players to take their 2 best scores over the first 3 rounds Kevin Kelaher presently holds a six shot lead over Firmen Allan and Peter York going into the compulsory 4th and final round on September 5th.

In the Men's Club Championship overall net event Ian Cabot after his great round this week has moved to a 2 shot lead over Firman Allen. Ian sits on 138, Firmen Allan 140, Liam Johnston 143, Kevin Kelaher 146, and Daniel Anderson on 147 all in striking distance.

Next week Sunday 22nd there is a slight change to our golf program. We will play an Individual Stableford for Rodger Fisher's trophy and at this stage defer our 4BBB Stableford to the following weekend to meet Covid playing group rules.



COLLEGE CHAT

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

Community College is closed for this week and hopefully we will come out of lockdown next week. We will be back to normal face to face classes at the end of lockdown so please stay home, stay safe and we will get through this trying time as a community.

Karin Thurston ran a wonderful Beginners Pottery class that was held over 2 Saturday's which resulted in students showing their creative skills and below is some of the ladies who had a fun few days bringing that creativity to fruition.



Karin will be running another Pottery class in November for anyone that would like to come along for an enjoyable day and you never know you might discover you have a hidden talent.

Thought for the day: Be thankful for your food and the people who made it possible.

Any queries give me a call on **1800 952 264** Or go to our website communitycollegenl.nsw.edu.au RTO90027

COVID-19 Disaster Payments available for Tamworth and Armidale lockdowns

The Government has confirmed eligible workers in Commonwealth-declared pandemic hotspots of Tamworth and Armidale in New South Wales can apply for the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

Claims for the COVID-19 Disaster Payment for people in Tamworth and Armidale can be made now.

Those eligible will receive \$750 per week if they have lost 20 or more hours of work, and \$450 per week if they have lost between 8 and less than 20 hours of work, or a full day of work.

More information about the COVID-19 Disaster Payment and how to claim is online at: servicesaustralia.gov.au/covid19disasterpayment

Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology



Wednesday 18 Aug

Summary Max 19

Partly cloudy

Chance of rain: 0%



Thursday 19 Aug

Summary Min 3 Max 20

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 20%



Friday 20 Aug

Summary Min 4 Max 22

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 10%



Saturday 21 Aug

Summary Min 6 Max 23

Mostly sunny

Chance of rain: 5%



Sunday 22 Aug

Summary Min 5 Max 24

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%



Monday 23 Aug

Summary Min 7 Max 23

Shower or two

Chance of any rain: 30%



Tuesday 24 Aug

Summary Min 4 Max 18

Sunny

Chance of any rain: 20%

Regional Dam Levels from Water NSW

Chaffey 100.3%
Copeton 72.2%
Keepit 94.4%
Split Rock 39.0%