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TAMWORTH SPORTSDOME TO HOST MASS VAX HUB

Tamworth's Sports Dome is set to be transformed to become a Super Sunday mass-vaccination hub on the 12th of September.

The Tamworth Sports Dome is an ideal location for the hub with easy access and plenty of parking as well as separate spaces inside which can be set up to ensure the flow of people can be done in a safe way to meet the guidelines of health experts.

The walk-up vaccination hub will operate between 9am and 3pm on Sunday the 12th of September at Tamworth Sports Dome, Jack Smythe Drive, Hillvue.

Plans for a follow up vaccination hub are also progressing with Sunday the 10th of October earmarked as the date.

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**Across the
Desk from the
Relieving
Principal
Kirsty Ebzery**

We are still very unfortunate to be operating in remote-learning mode. The NSW Premier announced that stay-at-home rules are extended for Regional NSW until at least 12:01 am Friday 10 September 2021. Parents and carers in these LGAs must keep children – across Primary and Secondary school – at home unless they need to be at school. Vaccinations are a critical part of the COVID-safe return to face-to-face learning plan. To allow for a safe return to face-to-face learning under the road map, NSW Health has advised that by 8 November 2021 all NSW public school staff will be required to be fully vaccinated. Students in Year 12 and those completing their HSC are already able to return in a limited way and this will continue for the remainder of Term 3 2021. HSC exams will be delayed until 9 November 2021 with a revised timetable and guidelines for a COVID-safe HSC to be released by NESA in early September 2021.

NESA has announced a number of changes to the 2021 HSC timetables. For more information, refer to HSC exam advice. Barraba Central School would like to thank the parents of our HSC students for playing a pivotal role in delivering the Trial HSC Examinations during term 3 week 8. Your support and assistance to overcome this hurdle was greatly appreciated by the secondary staff and the NSW Department of Education.

Primary home learning packs will be available for collection at the Kindergarten gate and there will also be a box to drop off completed home learning. Secondary town home

learning packs will be available for collection at the front door of the Secondary office every Monday from 1pm and there will also be a box to drop off completed home learning. Bus home learning packs will be sent out on buses so please meet the driver at your normal bus time.

Due to the COVID-19 Lockdown, the school is operating with minimal staff onsite. This means we have two Teaching staff and one SASS staff member on each site per day. All schools in Regional NSW were strongly urged to reduce the staff numbers to an absolute minimum needed to meet the immediate needs of the school. Staff are currently following a weekly staff rotation roster in line with the current COVID-19 stay-at-home orders.

Stage 5 and 6 2022 Subject Selections booklets were sent home on Monday 23 August 2021 with Home Learning Packs. We would appreciate it if you could return your completed Subject Selection Form at your earliest convenience, particularly if you're intending on selecting a TVET Course as the cut off date for EVET is Friday 10 September 2021.

<https://twitter.com/LeanneNixon/status/1430701088756232192>

Congratulations to the Secondary PBL Virtual Assembly Dream Awards recipients Hannah Walker, Amelia Walker, Hope Dawson, Phoebe Hunter, Michala Princic, Chelsey Black, William Russell, Jack Thomson, Ruby Cheatley, Brianna Wilson, Ethan Black, Georgina Churchill, Abbey Thomson, Isabell Neal, Blythe Stanger and Mia Coombes; your commitment to learning and school community is to be celebrated and commended. We certainly appreciate your contribution to the school and its community, thank you.

The infants and primary teachers have been putting Bullseyes into class tins for every student who has returned completed weekly home learning packs and these students will qualify for the weekly Bullseye draw. We are so impressed by the number of students returning their completed home learning packs. Congratulations to this week's Bullseye winners; Indiah Todd, Noah Lowe, Ali Coombes, Brax Lowe and Hannah Woodhouse.

Due to the COVID Restrictions the Primary staff have decided to do a Father's Day Lucky Draw in lieu of the yearly Father's Day Raffle and store. The Father's Day Lucky Draw will be drawn on Friday 3 September, 10 lucky families will have their prizes available via bus or school pick up. Good luck!

Wellbeing Wednesday Learning is another fabulous idea Mrs Sweeney and the infants/primary staff will be initiating in week 9 and 10 for students learning at home. This will include five fun activities such as; Collage Art with Mrs Sweeney, Fitness Fun - Obstacle course with Mrs Lowe, Extreme Read with Mrs Ormiston, Furry Friends/Pets with Mr Teunis, Mindfulness Colouring with Mrs Middlemiss, Doodle Drawing - Mr Squiggle with Mrs King, Favourite Tunes with Mr Sweatman, Random Acts of Kindness with Ms Sing, Crunch and Sip Creatures with Mrs Ebzery and Yoga poses with Miss Hook.

Being in years 11 and 12 can be stressful, and the situation with coronavirus (COVID-19) has only added to the uncertainty and challenges of senior studies. You might feel worried about what will happen this year, as well as what lies ahead in 2022 and beyond. These emotions, while understandable, can be distracting and draining. So it's important to have some strategies to

manage our worries, re-focus our thinking and look after ourselves. Check out this link for some useful strategies:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/stay-healthy-hsc/resources/practical-wellbeing-tips-for-senior-students>

Kirsty Ebzery
Relieving Principal

Book Week 2021

Week 7 was to be a week of celebrating our love of books alongside the CBCA Book Week celebrations.

VIRTUAL BOOK WEEK PARADE



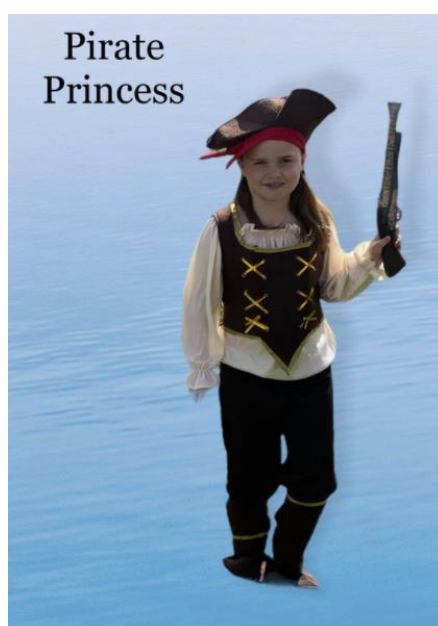
Sadly, due to COVID we were unable to celebrate as we normally do – with a parade of some very creative costumes, from some of our most favourite books!

Instead we went virtual to celebrate this year. There were some very clever and creative costumes, thank you for sharing your photos with us.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our parents and carers in assisting their children in designing these creative costumes and Mrs Lowe for compiling our school video.

Until next time.....

Mrs Ormiston
Librarian



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**CHAD,
Athol Rodney Beath**

**Passed peacefully
Wednesday 25th August, 2021
Aged 88 Years**

Dearly loved husband of Norma (dec'd).
Loved father and father-in-law of
Colleen & Mick, Debbie & John
and Rodney & Connie.
Treasured Pop and Great Grandfather
of their families.

Due to the current Covid Restrictions, a
private cremation service was held for Athol
on Monday 6th September, 2021.

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Asthma Week is on 1-7 September – so get involved

2.7 million of us are living with asthma (1 in 9). With air pollution being a regular thing we breathe in, the risks and impacts for people with asthma are getting harder. But it's not just people with asthma who are impacted. Air pollution, from traffic exhaust to your gas cook-top, can be damaging our lungs and your general health. When we breathe in certain air pollutants, the risk of developing conditions like asthma, heart or lung disease and cancer can increase. Didn't know? That's okay.

This Asthma Week (1-7 September) Asthma Australia has joined forces with key respiratory, health and climate organisations to encourage Aussies like you, to care as much about the air you breathe as the food you eat.

The Asthma Week Collaborative is launching – 'Air Nutrition – you are what you breathe – to educate Australians to think differently about the air we're breathing in and to take simple steps to reduce our intake for a healthier life.



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At Hart Rural Agencies you can explore the many roles and activities of an industry leader in Australian agribusiness. We have a vacancy for the role of Property Manager at our Manilla branch.

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For more information contact Jacob Hawley
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SHUTTER BUG'S STILL CLICKING DURING LOCK-

DOWN

How amazing is the latest public art project in Barraba - "Beyond the Walls" by Jenny McCracken!

Two local photographers; Brenda McColl and Paula McIvor, would like to extend a special thank you to the Barraba Public Art committee for inviting them to contribute their images of local bird and wildlife to provide inspiration for Jenny McCracken's wall mural. They both feel very privileged to be a part of this masterpiece which, along with the silo art, will draw more visitors to our town.

Brenda and Paula are photography enthusiasts and active members of the local Shutter Bugs group. Covid lockdown has meant that the Club's activities, group photography shoots and monthly meetings, have been put on hold. That has not stopped members enjoying their pastime and sharing their images via social media.

Living on rural properties gives both photographers unlimited opportunities to capture images of our beautiful birds and wildlife. We are very fortunate to have such an incredible array of native subjects to photograph. Paula has a vast knowledge of our native birds and their names. Being reasonably new to the Barraba area, Brenda is still learning about the local species. Hopefully the birdlife in Jenny's wall art will encourage others to do the same.



Photo of the Heron by Brenda McColl



Photo of the Parrots by Paula McIvor



History Notes

Nothing to report from the historical society with everything closed. The Annual

General Meeting date is fast approaching but nothing can be done about it at the present moment.

Since last week's notes I have been able to search through some Barraba newspapers and have found several references although I need to find the opening of the club after rebuilding early in 1960 and that will help with the identification of the people in the photos.

The photo in the Back to Barraba booklet, 1946, is actually the original club which was built by the members in 1934. A later report says there were only 25 members in the original club and 15 of them were bowlers. They also built the original green themselves – as stated by "Jack High" in the newspaper.

The open fronted club room held a long wooden table and a few old chairs. A couple of cupboards served as the bowls room and the Bar, such as it was, was unlined. Water for tea was boiled in a copper and there was no china, cutlery or table cloths. It was very basic!

Gradually a few improvements were made and the formation of the women's club introduced a "Few Mod Cons" in 1951. There were then table cloths, china and cutlery and chairs and tables. Some of the walls were lined. In 1959 it was decided to build a new clubhouse rather than patch up the old one. The old shed/clubhouse was demolished and a new club was built on the site in the early 1960's. I have actually spoken to someone who worked on the site and hopefully we will be able to find a record of the building in the newspapers.

There have been more extensions in 1970 and 1974, partly covered by newspapers and of course some smaller upgrades to make the Barraba Bowling Club the club that it is today. Hopefully someone will know some of the people in the photo's when the "Lock-down" finishes and we can safely visit people who may know their names. So far I can name the president in 1960 as his daughter pointed him out – Jack Thompson.

To finish this week, I have found a 'soap advertisement' in last week's school magazine:

*Can I have your PALM OLIVE,
Not on your LIFE BOY
It's too far in the SUNLIGHT
So you're LUX out.*

From the Editor

Thanks to the people who joined the Barraba Poetry Challenge and submitted a poem or 4 for our enjoyment. Following are the last 2 poems we've received. The Editor promised a chocolate Freddo Frog to the winner. Finding a single winner was 'the real challenge', so drum role..... "everyone's a winner". Freddo Frogs will be personally couriered to letter boxes later this week. If you contributed a poem, watch out for your small bundle of Frog and thank you for sharing.

OH! GOD! – I MISS MY MIND!

Just a line to say I'm living
And I'm not among the dead.
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And mixed up in my head.
I've got used to my arthritis,
To my dentures I'm resigned,
I can manage my bi-focals,
But, Oh God! I miss my mind!
Sometimes I can't remember
When I'm standing by the stair,
If I should go up for something,
Or if I've just come down from there.
And before the fridge so often,
My mind is filled with doubt.
Now, did I put some food away?
Or come to take it out?
And sometimes when it's night time,
With my hair-net on my head.
I don't know if I'm retiring,
Or just getting out of bed.
If it's not my turn to write, dear,
I hope you won't get sore.
I may think that I have written,
And don't want to be a bore.
So remember, I do love you,
And wish that you lived near,
But now it's time to post this
And to say goodbye, my dear.
At last, I stood beside the post box,
And my face it sure got red.
When I should have posted this to
you,
I opened it instead!

Written by Gladys Tumbers,
submitted by Carolyn Faint

Fred.

Fred was known as a real 'good bloke'
He liked to yarn or tell a joke,
In the Pub, feeling philanthropic
Fred could talk on any topic.
Politics, Horses, Cats or Flowers
Fred would waffle on for hours.
Buy him a beer and he would start
On the intricacies of the Human heart.
He would explain the cause of War, or
Peace
Or how a con-man could easily fleece
The suckers, and take their cash
On and on your ears he'd bash.
Now Fred was holding forth one day
And boring folk in his usual way,
When through the door, he saw outside
A sight that stopped him in his stride.
His mouth was slack, eyes open wide
The drinkers turned to look outside,
There, standing like a dream
Was the prettiest woman he'd ever seen.
She had long red and silken hair
And Fred could only stand and stare,
Her figure, 'though encased in pants
Kept poor old Fred thoroughly entranced.
Now Fred's Dad had warned of women
folk
How they spend your cash, and keep you
broke,
How they nagged and wanted everything
As soon as they had that wedding ring.
But all Dad's words just drifted away
When Fred met that beautiful girl that
day,
They were quickly wed without much
fuss
And the drinkers said Fred was a "lucky
cuss".
Fred's not at the Pub much these days
His wife has certainly changed his ways
Opinions, he doesn't espouse any more
He hardly shows his face in the door.
Yes, Fred is a broken man of late
Regretting he wed his beautiful mate,
"Dad was right" he says "No joke"
"She drives me mad, and I'm always
broke".

Marjorie Urquhart 2011

Singles Bubble Rule & Compassionate Care Visits Explained

Singles bubble

If you live alone – which means there are no other adults who live in the same home – you can have a nominated visitor.

In regional areas, you do NOT need to register your nominated visitor.

A nominated visitor is one person you can socialise with at your place of residence who:

👉 can only be one person (and their dependent children, if there are no alternative care arrangements);

👉 can visit you on more than one occasion;

👉 is not a nominated visitor for another person; and

👉 lives in a stay at home area in regional NSW (so you can travel between regional LGAs)

Feel free to talk with your nominated person, agree a bubble and then enjoy a visit with that good friend, or a parent or a mate.

Compassionate care

You are allowed to visit a home – and have a person visit your home – for caring and compassionate reasons including:

providing care to vulnerable people; and
visiting a person you are in a relationship with but do not live with.

Only one person may visit a place of residence at any one time to

- provide care or assistance to vulnerable people and/or

- for compassionate reasons.

Two people may visit a place of residence to fulfil carers' responsibilities but only if it is necessary to provide safe care to a person who is resident at the dwelling and they remain at the residence for a minimum time to provide safe care to the person.

You may bring a dependent child with you, if they need supervision and childcare arrangements are not reasonably available.



THE SEARCH FOR OUR LOCAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR BEGINS

The hunt begins to identify the regions outstanding and influential women with nominations now open for the 2022 NSW Women of the Year Awards.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the NSW Women of the Year Awards is a great opportunity to highlight the amazing women of the Tamworth Electorate who rarely expect any sort of recognition.

"We have had some very deserving winners of this award in previous years," Mr Anderson said.

"These awards also remind me of the great Aunty Yvonne Kent, who we all miss dearly. Aunty Yvonne was a steadfast community leader for our First Nation's people and I am so grateful that her work was recognised with this award.

Now we have another opportunity to award an outstanding and influential woman so I am encouraging the community to get their nominations in.

We have had an extraordinary year with community heroes working extraordinarily hard behind the scenes to support their communities. Their hard work and dedication deserves to be recognised."

Categories include the Woman of Excellence, Aboriginal Woman of the Year, Aware Super NSW Community Hero of the Year, Young Woman of the Year and Regional Woman of the Year.

The 2021 program saw a record number of nominations as women stepped up in the face of drought, fire, flood and a global pandemic.

Nominations close on Friday 17 September 2021 and can be submitted here:

<https://facs.smartygrants.com.au/WOTY A2022>

LET'S GO – TAP INTO A \$100 MILLION SPORTS FUND

The rush is on for sporting organisations to upgrade their infrastructure thanks to the NSW Government's \$100 million NSW Sports funding boost.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said in the past this funding program has seen a number of successful projects get off the ground and he hopes to see more of that funding come through in this round of applications.

"The Sports Infrastructure Fund is a fantastic opportunity for local sports organisations and councils to receive funding for great projects that will boost our local facilities and encourage people to get active and get involved," Mr Anderson said.

"We have seen a number of projects funded in our region and I'm looking forward to seeing those projects completed soon.

I'm encourage every organisation to fill out an application as I want our region to get its fair share.

The Fund will provide grants from \$100,000 up to \$1 million to eligible sport and recreation organisations and councils. Eligible projects include lighting, amenity buildings, clubrooms, change rooms and grandstands," Mr Anderson said.

Applications are now open and close on 8 October 2021. For more details, see:

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants>

LEADERSHIP RETURNING TO THE BUSH IN NSW

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson wants the Tamworth Electorate to be at the front of the cue when Senior Government roles are returned to bush. This follows the announcement that 900 senior leadership roles within the NSW Government will be based in regional NSW.

Mr Anderson said this dovetails nicely with our population growth strategy and its important when key government decisions that affect our communities are made, they're made by those who call our region home.

"Earlier this year we announced the Namoi Region as the State's newest Regional Job Precinct which means our livestock industry will be boosted by linking up landholders with experts in land use planning to ensure they have the tools they need to get the most out of their land," Mr Anderson said.

"This will grow our agricultural economy and create a number of senior government jobs based right here in our region.

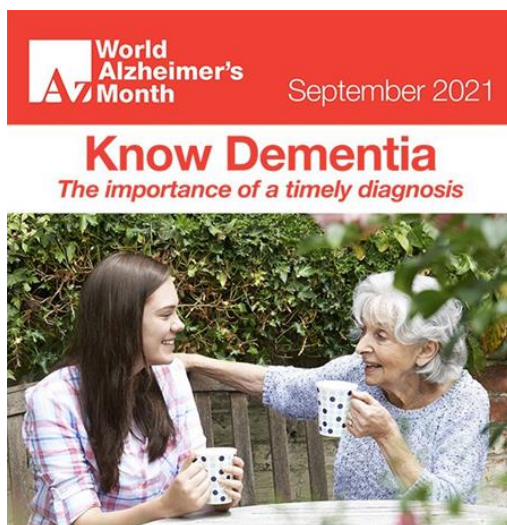
More jobs will be needed when the new Tamworth University gets up and running and ties in with our local industries, emerging and existing."



Future Food Systems CRC Chair Fiona Simpson, Gunnedah Mayor Jamie Chaffey, Walcha Mayor Eric Noakes, Liverpool Plains Mayor Doug Hawkins, Tamworth Region Mayor Col Murray and Kevin Anderson at the announcement of the Regional Jobs Precinct.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/tragic-death-leaves-twins-in-need-of-support?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

Nicole Fawcett was killed in a terrible horse accident on Friday afternoon, she left behind a son and a daughter aged 17(twins). Sandra Collins has set up a go fund me page and has put it out to the public, but not everyone has the internet so if we advertise it here that would be a big help. For those that can't donate on-line the kid's boss will take donations at IGA. They have no family here and do not wish to leave as they have a traineeship with IGA.



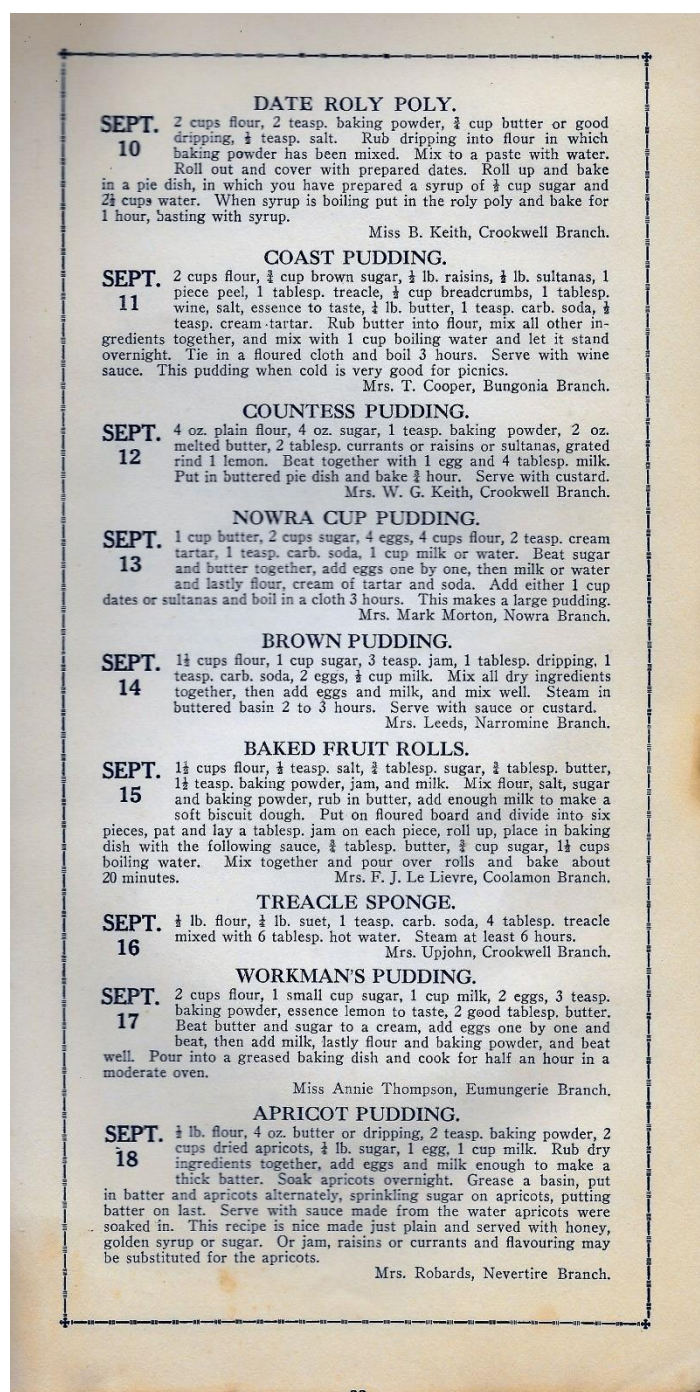
This **World Alzheimer's Month** we are encouraging everyone to **Know Dementia, Know Alzheimers**. By spotting the warning signs of dementia, you can seek out information, advice and support and potentially lead to a timely diagnosis.

Every person is unique and dementia effects every individual differently, with no two people experiencing symptoms in exactly the same way. Symptoms also vary by type of dementia. Alzheimer's disease is the most common type of dementia. 10 of the most common warning signs are shown below:

Memory loss, difficulty performing familiar tasks, problems with language, disorientation to time and place, poor or decreased judgement, problems keeping track of things, misplacing things, changes in mood and behaviour, trouble with images and spatial relationships, withdrawal from work or social activities

If these signs are new, they may be a sign of dementia. Dementia is not a part of normal aging. If you think that these problems are affecting your daily life, or the life of someone you know, you should talk to your doctor or seek out more information from your national dementia of Alzheimer's association.

From the NSW CWA 1932 Calendar of Puddings



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Making Rural and Regional Road Safety Everyone's Business

Australians are being urged to put safety first on regional and rural roads as Rural Road Safety Month gets underway.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Barnaby Joyce said "Crashes on rural and remote roads account for almost two-thirds of the people who die on our roads each year. People driving on rural and regional roads are also more likely to be seriously injured on a per capita basis than on roads in our major cities. A major factor in this is the higher speeds on rural and regional roads. And it's not just people from out of town or the city who are dying, it's locals too.

In 2019, there were 778 deaths on our regional and remote roads. That's 778 people going about their everyday business – heading to the nearest town for supplies, doing the school drop off, driving to the next farm gate, or heading home.

778 is too many. Even one life lost is one too many, and it is the job of every motorist and rider across Australia to bring these numbers down. Driving to the conditions, taking rest breaks, and choosing the safest vehicle you can afford using the ANCAP safety ratings or the Used Car Safety Rating program are steps all Australians can take now to keep themselves and their loved ones safe on regional roads."

The Australian Government has committed \$3 billion for the nationwide Road Safety Program.

For more information on Australian Government road safety initiatives visit www.officeofroadsafety.gov.au

Keeping The Mouse from The Door in New England

- Mouse numbers could rise again this spring

- Farmers should be alert for signs of increased mouse activity

- State and Australian Government programs can help farmers

Mouse numbers in Australia could rise again, depending on rainfall, as the weather warms in coming months.

Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce said there were several options for farmers impacted by the mouse infestation.

Mr. Joyce said, "Since January this year, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority has issued seven emergency use permits to support mouse control."

"Farmers can also access tax concessions. They may be able to claim an immediate deduction for capital expenditure on fodder storage assets, such as silos and hay sheds," Mr. Joyce said.

"On a broader level, the Farm Household Allowance is available to affected farmers.

I also encourage the use the MouseAlert app which can help notify farmers about changes in mouse activity," Mr. Joyce said.

Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia David Littleproud said following good rain we are looking at a bumper harvest, and unfortunately these conditions are perfect for mice.

"Taking action early will be key in keeping mouse numbers down. It's important that farmers get out into the paddocks to look for damage or other signs such as active burrows, and to act at the first signs of activity.

The Grains Research and Development Corporation also produces material and information to help with mice management, including printable chew cards for monitoring mouse activity," Mr. Littleproud said.

"But remember there is support available for farmers who have had their businesses impacted by mice.

The first port of call for impacted farmers is the relevant state and territory authorities who have been on the frontline of the on-the-ground management of these infestations, and this hasn't changed," Mr. Littleproud said.

To find out more, visit www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/mouse-infestation

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QUEENSLAND BORDER RESTRICTIONS HAVE CAUSED PROBLEMS PREVIOUSLY!

From the Tweed Heads Historical Society December 2006

An effort was soon made to create a form of national quarantine, with Queensland determined to prevent the “flu” from coming north. The Victorian and Queensland borders were closed as of 2 p.m. Thursday 29 January 1919, effectively shutting Tweed Heads off from Coolangatta, two towns which in spite of healthy rivalry were virtually interdependent. People who had gone to Tweed Heads from Coolangatta that morning, perhaps to Greenwood’s new store, to Morley’s or to the bank, were unable to return.

Many Coolangatta men worked in Tweed Heads, or vice versa, and in spite of the proclamation a good number sneaked through the “puzzle gates” in the tick fence. Coolangatta had no doctor, chemist, milkman, butcher, baker or school. The only banks were in Tweed Heads as well as the only full postal facilities, as the Coolangatta (Kirra) Post Office had closed in 1918. Coolangatta also had no undertaker. The Mayor of Coolangatta was resident in Tweed Heads, and had to be granted four months’ leave of absence by the Town Council. He eventually resigned. Initially mail, milk, bread, meat and even fresh laundry were passed across the fence, and the local press made light of the situation.

Attached Photo: Gold Coast City Council, Local Studies Library



“One can imagine the plight of a swimmer in the surf from the Tweed Heads side of the fence being ordered to refrain from returning to his breeks and other wearing apparel on leaving the surf” (Tweed Daily 31 January 1919, p.3)

There were more serious implications however. The very suggestion of quarantine saw hotels in Coolangatta quickly empty (worse still, they no longer could receive New South Wales patrons after 6 pm, a happy source of income since early closing was introduced by the Sydney government in 1916). Queensland’s trains no longer crossed the border, but terminated at Coolangatta with goods shunted across to Tweed Heads and no contact between rail employees.

From The Conversation

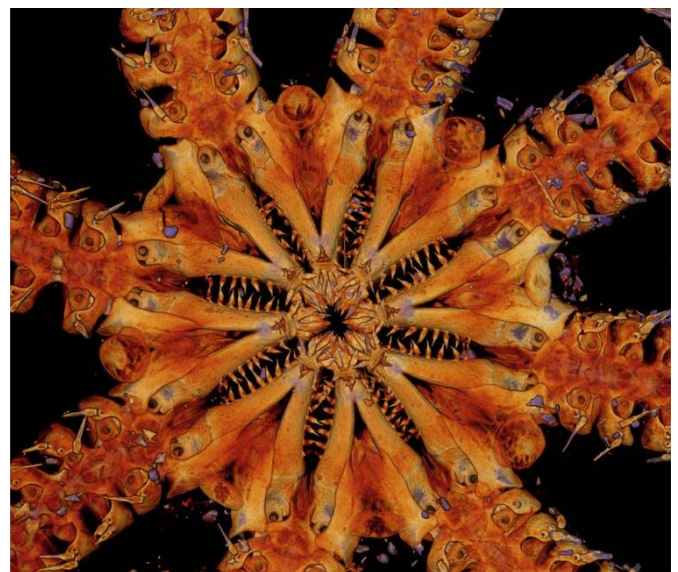
This deep-sea creature is long-armed, bristling with teeth, and the sole survivor of 180 million years of evolution

Tim O'Hara, Senior Curator of Marine Invertebrates, Museums Victoria.

Let me introduce you to Ophiojura, a bizarre deep-sea animal found in 2011 by scientists from the French Natural History Museum, while trawling the summit of a secluded seamount called Banc Durand, 500 metres below the waves and 200 kilometres east of New Caledonia in the southwest Pacific Ocean.

Ophiojura is a type of brittle star, which are distant cousins of starfish, with snake-like arms radiating from their bodies, that live on sea floors around the globe.

Being an expert in deep-sea animals, I knew at a glance that this one was special when I first saw it in 2015. The eight arms, each 10 centimetres long and armed with rows of hooks and spines. And the teeth! A microscopic scan revealed bristling rows of sharp teeth lining every jaw, which I reckon are used to snare and shred its prey.



Bristling teeth poke out from all eight jaws, ready to pierce and shred prey. The colour in this micro-CT scan reflects the density of the skeleton. J. Black/University of Melbourne, Author provided

As my colleagues and I now report in Proceedings of the Royal Society B, Ophiojura does indeed represent a totally unique and previously undescribed type of animal. It is one of a kind — the

last known species of an ancient lineage, like the coelacanth or the tuatara.

We compared DNA from a range of different marine species, and concluded that Ophiojura is separated from its nearest living brittle star relatives by about 180 million years of evolution. This means their most recent common ancestor lived during the Triassic or early Jurassic period, when dinosaurs were just getting going.

Since then, Ophiojura's ancestors continued to evolve, leading ultimately to the situation today, in which it is the only known survivor from an evolutionary lineage stretching back 180 million years.

Amazingly, we have found small fossil bones that look similar to our new species in Jurassic (180 million-year-old) rocks from northern France, which is further evidence of their ancient origin.

Scientists used to call animals like Ophiojura "living fossils", but this isn't quite right. Living organisms don't stay frozen in time for millions of years without changing at all. The ancestors of Ophiojura would have continued evolving, in admittedly very subtle ways, over the past 180 million years.

Perhaps a more accurate way to describe these evolutionary loners is with the term "paleo-endemics" — representatives of a formerly widespread branch of life that is now restricted to just a few small areas and maybe just a single solitary species.

For seafloor life, the centre of palaeo-endemism is on continental margins and seamounts in tropical waters between 200 metres and 1,000 metres deep. This is where we find the "relicts" of ancient marine life — species that have persisted in a relatively primitive form for millions of years.

Seamounts, like the one on which Ophiojura was found, are usually submerged volcanoes that were born millions of years ago. Lava oozes or belches from vents in the seafloor, continually adding layers of basalt rock to the volcano's summit like layers of icing on a cake. The volcano can eventually rise above the sea surface, forming an island volcano such as those in Hawaii, sometimes with coral reefs circling its shoreline.

But eventually the volcano dies, the rock chills, and the heavy basalt causes the seamount to sink into the relatively soft oceanic crust. Given enough time, the seamount will subside hundreds or even thousands of metres below sea level and gradually become covered again in deep-sea fauna. Its sunlit past is remembered in rock as a layer of fossilised reef animals around the summit.

Voyage of discovery

While our new species is from the southwest Pacific, seamounts occur worldwide and we are just beginning to explore those in other oceans. In July and August, I will lead a 45-day voyage of exploration on Australia's oceanic research vessel, the RV Investigator, to seamounts around Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands in the eastern Indian Ocean.

These seamounts are ancient - up to 100 million years old — and almost totally unexplored. We are truly excited at what we may find.

Seamounts are special places in the deep-sea world. Currents swirl around them, bringing nutrients from the depths or trapping plankton from above, which feeds the growth of spectacular fan corals, sea whips, and glass sponges. These in turn host numerous other deep-sea animals. But these fascinating communities are vulnerable to human activities such as deep-sea trawling and mining for precious minerals.



Life on a seamount. Feather stars and brittle stars have evolved multiple arms to reach up into passing currents. S. Samadi/MNHN/KANADEEP2, Author provided

The Australian government recently announced a process to create new marine parks in the Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) regions. Our voyage will provide the data required to manage these parks into the future.

The New Caledonian government has also created a marine park in offshore areas around these islands, including the Durand seamount. These marine parks are beacons of progress in the global drive for better environmental stewardship of our oceans. Who knows what weird and wonderful treasures of the deep are yet to be discovered.



Golf Notes

A four over par closing round of 75 was enough for Kevin Kelaher to be crowned the Barraba Golf Club 2021 Mens Club Champion on Saturday. Kevin had led after each round of the Championships however Peter York carded a great final round of one over par 72 on Saturday to fall just 3 shots short. Kevin finished on 225 for his 3 best rounds whilst Peter sat at 228.

In the Men's Club Championship overall net event Liam Johnston sitting 5 shots back at the start of play carded his best ever round to compile a 3 card net total of 209 to win by 4 shots from Firmen Allan.

Saturdays final Championship round was for Ian Cabot's trophy and the winner was Liam Johnston with a very good net 66 to finish 5 shots ahead of runner up Peter York net 71. Balls went to Kevin Kelaher net 72, Dave Capes net 73 and Campbell Tonkin net 73. Dave McMurtrie claimed an NTP on the 6th.

In singles match play results Kevin Kelaher defeated Daniel Anderson 4 and 3 in the final of the 2021 singles match play to cap off what was a memorable day for Kevin.

Pleasing to see Josh Austin and Chris Oxford playing in the competition on Saturday.

Next week Sunday September 12th is a 4BBB Aggregate Stableford for the Mick Djuric and John Freeman trophy's and the following week Sunday September 19th is an Individual Stableford for the Vera Doyle Memorial trophy.

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**Don't you just hate it when
people answer their own
questions?
I do.**

**Cashier: Would you like the
milk in a bag?
Dad: Just leave it in the
carton thanks.**

Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology

Wednesday 8 Sept
Summary Max 22
Sunny
Chance of rain: 0%



Thursday 9 Sept
Summary Min 2 Max 24
Sunny
Chance of any rain: 0%



Friday 10 Sept
Summary Min 3 Max 25
Sunny
Chance of any rain: 0%



Saturday 11 Sept
Summary Min 4 Max 26
Sunny
Chance of rain: 0%



Sunday 12 Sept
Summary Min 7 Max 26
Sunny
Chance of any rain: 5%



Monday 13 Sept
Summary Min 7 Max 22
Sunny
Chance of any rain: 20%



Tuesday 14 Sept
Summary Min 5 Max 22
Shower or two
Chance of any rain: 50%



Regional Dam Levels from Water NSW

Chaffey 100.8%
Copeton 81.4%
Keepit 94.4%
Split Rock 41.8%