

BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Wednesday 29th September 2021



The Barraba Community is well known for its generosity in supporting a worthy cause and Sunday's Breast Cancer Research Golf Day again showed what a wonderful town we live in. Close to \$5000 was raised for research as 4 person golf teams, many wearing something pink, battled it out over 9 holes.

President Will Sedgwick thanked everyone for supporting the annual day. He thanked the trophy and auction prize donors and made special mention of Ken Faulkner who has kindly donated a Perpetual Breast Cancer Research trophy that will be played for each year.







Across the Desk from the Relieving Principal Kirsty Ebzery

The announcement by the NSW State Government to lift the Tamworth LGA

Stay-at-Home-Orders transpired into enormous smiles and laughter at Barraba Central School on Monday. It was truly inspiring to witness the sheer joy of our students returning onsite. It also reminded me how fortunate we are as educators to be surrounded by such positive resilient minds. I hope the easing of restrictions has brought some relief to your family. While times are certainly challenging, I trust your children returning to learn at Barraba Central School has offered some light in what has been a dark tunnel.

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 roadmap, NSW Health has advised that by 8 November all NSW public school staff will be required to be fully vaccinated. I would like to affirm, while on school sites, both indoors and outdoors under Level 3 Schools protocols, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and students in Year 7 and above.

HSC exams will be delayed until 9 November 2021 with a revised timetable and guidelines for a COVID-safe HSC which has been released by NESA. Please visit HSC Advice online for more information: https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families/hsc-exam-advice

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; Joe Johnson, Hugh Crowley, William Fitzgerald, Lachie Rodger and Chelsea Inwards.

Due to the COVID Restrictions 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 was drawn on Friday 3 September 2021. Congratulations to the lucky fathers of the following students; Max Sawyer, Xavier Kalemusic, Cooper Hartwig, Finlae Brighton, Charlie Denyer, Mylee Groth, Laura Russell, Sophie Watkins-Wilson, Rory Chapman and Eleanor Ross.



Week 10 Wednesday Wellbeing - Sip and Crunch Creatures

Wellbeing Wednesday continued into week 10 for students K-6. This included five fun activities such as: Collage Art with Mrs Sweeney, Fitness Fun- Obstacle course Mrs Lowe, Extreme Read with Mrs Ormiston, Furry Friends/Pets Mr Teunis, Mindfulness Colouring Mrs Middlemiss, Mr Squiggle Drawing with Mrs King, Favourite Tunes with Mr Sweatman, Random Acts of Kindness with Mrs Sing, Crunch and Sip Creatures with Mrs Ebzery and Yoga poses with Miss Hook. I trust as parents you enjoyed the uploaded post the BCS Facebook page; it was wonderful to see students engaged in the lovely activities.

Year 11 yearly exams will commence Monday 11 October 2021, Term 4 Week 2.

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/stayhealthy-hsc/resources/practical-wellbeing-tips-for-seniorstudents

Kirsty Ebzery Relieving Principal



School Garden Project

The School Garden Projects have been continuing during the lockdown. Our native gardens are looking great with the wattles in full bloom.

The aquaponics shed has basil and lettuce planted out and we will order fish once the lockdown is over. Students will also be asked to bring in yabbies for the 'Yabbie Farm' when school resumes.

Tomato plants are thriving in the school glasshouse and are nearly ready to be planted out into our newly top-dressed raised garden beds. Cucumber, zucchini and corn seeds have been sown in seed raising mix - so bring on Spring!

A big thank you to Mr Frost for his work maintaining the grounds.

Mr Maloney

Semi-retired truck driver seeking part time driving work in the Barraba/Bingara/Manilla area, no job too small. Contact Graham Jones 0423286606



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For the information of members and guests

WE ARE A COVID-19 SAFE CLUB
ALL NSW HEALTH REGULATIONS APPLY

THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY: 11AM-RIFLE CLUB RAFFLES

MULTISCREEN DRAW-THIS WEEK \$7,700

FRIDAY: 11AM-

MEAT/FRUIT/VEG RAFFLES 6PM Membership Draw \$1,900

SATURDAY: 10am-

SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 1PM-3PM

Membership Draw-this week \$2000 (9 Draws)

MONDAY: CLOSED

TUESDAY: 11AM-5.30PM

BINGO 11.30AM

WEDNESDAY: 11AM-5.30PM

HAPPY HOUR: 11am-1pm Wed & Fri

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WEDNESDAY: LUNCH ONLY 12-2PM
THURSDAY/FRIDAY/SAT: LUNCH 12-2PM

DINNER 6-8.30PM

SUNDAY: LUNCH 12-2PM

DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

OctoberFrost postponed

The Frost Over Barraba have with great reluctance made the decision to postpone the planned OctoberFrost Arts Fair planned for next month.

Frost Over Barraba, the well-known regional arts event of almost 50 years standing, had planned a springtime one-day Arts Fair event this year. Even though the Tamworth LGA is currently out of lockdown, circumstances can change at any time. The committee also feel it is not the best time to be encouraging visitors to move around the region.

If possible, the event will go ahead in Autumn in 2022.



Chance to be involved in historic festival

Applications are now open to volunteer at the 2022 Toyota Country Music Festival, Tamworth and be part of history as the festival celebrates its 50th birthday.

'Festival Ambassadors' are an essential part of the festival experience, helping both visitors and locals with vital directions, advice and assistance throughout the 10-day event.

Coordinator Volunteer Service, Eleze Drew said that it is a great opportunity to be part of an iconic event and meet new people.

"This is a great opportunity for experienced volunteers and for new volunteers, particularly school leavers who could gain valuable experience and add this to their resumes. The Toyota Country Music Festival, Tamworth is Australia's largest music festival and is celebrating a significant milestone which makes it extra special."

There are 3-4 hour shifts available across four different venues: Tamworth Visitor Information Centre, Peel Street, Festival HQ at Ray Walsh House and Bicentennial Park.

Ambassadors will work in teams of two or three during each shift and at each location.

Training and shirts will be provided to successful applicants. It is encouraged that applicants be available for at least 3 shifts throughout the festival.

People under the age of 18 can apply and will be partnered up with ambassadors over the age of 18.

Applications close 21 October, 2021. Applicants must register with 'RU Volunteering' at: https://bit.ly/festival-ambassador-2022

Vaccination pop-up clinics Pfizer for 12 years + this week

Tamworth Youthie Thurs 29 Sept
Barraba Bicentennial Hall Fri 1 Oct
Manilla Soldiers Memorial Hall Sat 2 Oct



FINAL DRAFT OF VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL TRIGGERS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Community consultation has begun on the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 after Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson received the final draft from Independent Member for Sydney Alex Greenwich.

"The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill covers a very important issue and the community deserves the opportunity to drive the decision making on this," Mr Anderson said.

"I have just been handed the final draft version of the bill from the Independent Member for Sydney Alex Greenwich.

Significant changes have been made since early drafts of the bill were distributed which is why I wanted to ensure the final draft, which will be presented in parliament, went to the public for consultation.

It is critical that the community has all the information available to them when making their decision and now that the final draft of the bill has been completed, I am making all of that information available.

Members of Parliament will be given a free vote and the majority view of the electorate will be the view that I take to the NSW Parliament. That's why I am encouraging anyone who has an interest in this issue to have their say.

To ensure the community has that opportunity, I have initiated an electorate wide campaign that includes a survey on my website, an electorate-wide mail out, an email blast, and an extensive media campaign. Copies of the bill, frequently asked questions and a flow chart will be available online as well as in my electorate office.

Time permitting the bill may be introduced into the NSW Parliament later this year.

Thank you to all those in our community who have already contacted my office on this important issue. Please be assured that your voice will be heard."

Tamworth snake expert warns that mice-fed snakes are bigger, more venomous than ever.

By Andrew Messenger

Snakes are already waking up and they're more venomous than ever, according to a local conservationist. Chair of the local WIRES and trained snake relocator, David McKinnon, said Tamworth's snakes are going to be better-fed and bigger than ever before, after munching their way through this year's mice plague. With numbers booming, juvenile snakes will be looking for new territory to colonise, he said.

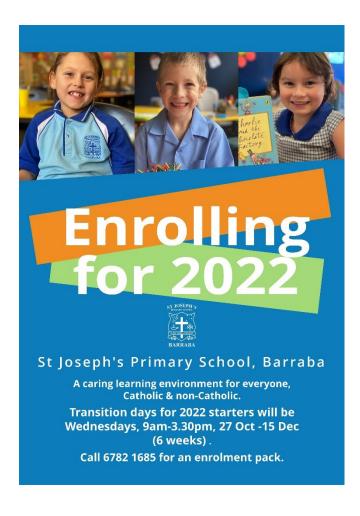
Mr McKinnon advised locals to take steps to make sure their yard isn't the most attractive new home. "They normally find some sort of hollow, whether it's logs or old metal or whatever [to have kids]. They don't like the cleared [areas] because they have no protection," he said. "Clean up your land, manage your mice. If you're particularly concerned snake deterrents do seem to work. The Better quality snake deterrents do seem to work. The most important thing is to be very vigilant, because they will be carrying more poison than in previous years."

Mr McKinnon said snakes almost always keep to themselves - 99.9 per cent of the time they will avoid people. Almost all interactions happen when they're moving into a new home, or if you're near where they keep their young. "They're coming out of hibernation at the moment, and coming out of hibernation makes them travel. And that travelling has them in people's yards, where they won't normally be. With the season we've had, we've had massive growth of grasses and shrubs. That really needs to managed and maintained. That's a great way to be surprised about a snake is when they're actually where you can't see them."

The safest bet when encountering a snake is to just leave it alone and go on with your day. But if it's in a place that will pose a danger, the safest way to get a snake relocated is to call Fire and Rescue NSW and ask for a snake handler. Locals can also contact Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers on 0408 555 719 to seek a reptile handler.



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Recent Anniversaries

- Chris the Sheep breaking the world record for biggest shorn fleece 40kg near Canberra (2015)
- English astronomer Edmond Halley first observing the comet named after him (1682)
- Britain ending its policy of penal transportation to NSW (1884)
- English author Beatrix Potter first writing the story of Peter Rabbit for a 5yo boy (1893)
- the First Opium War beginning in China (1839)
- Christine Hardt patenting the first modern brassiere (1889)
- the premieres of The Huckleberry Hound Show featuring
 Yogi Bear (1958) and The Muppet Show (1976)
- 9-month-old Mary Stuart being crowned Queen of Scots (1543)
- Congress officially renaming the United Colonies the United States of America (1776)
- the birthdays of explorer William Bligh (1754), the death of Mao Zedong (1976)
- Queen Elizabeth II becoming our longest-reigning monarch at 63 years and 7 months, beating the previous record set by her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria (2015)
- the debut of the Looney Tunes characters Wile E Coyote and Road Runner in the cartoon *Fast and Furry-ous* (1949)
- the release of the film *A Streetcar Named Desire* starring Marlon Brando and Vivien Leigh (1951)
- New Zealand becoming the first country to grant all women the right to vote (1893)
- the death of Slim Dusty (2003)
- the Battle of the Sexes tennis showdown between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs (1973)
- students from 185 countries stage the world's largestever protest on climate change culminating in Manhattan rally led by Greta Thunberg (2019)
- the birthdays of F Scott Fitzgerald (1896), Sir John Kerr (1914), Jim Henson (1936) and Linda McCartney (1941)
- Kentucky Fried Chicken opening its first franchise in Salt Lake City, Utah (1952)
- the release of Elvis Presley's Jailhouse Rock (1957)
- the release of Nirvana's album Nevermind (1991)
- the death of Dr Seuss (1991)
- the release of the BBC series *Pride and Prejudice* starring Jennifer Ehle and Colin Firth (1995)
- the Mars Orbiter Mission making India the first Asian nation to reach Mars' orbit, and the first nation in the world to do so in its first attempt (2014)
- the birth of the remote control after engineer Leonardo Torres Quevedo successfully guided a boat (1906)
- Henry Ford announcing an 8 hour, 5-day work week (1926)
- Cathy Freeman's famous 400m Olympic win (2000)



History Notes

The historical society's annual general meeting will be held with the October ordinary meeting on the third Wednesday next month – the advertisement will appear next week. There is also a street stall coming up after that, so do watch out for that date as well.

Several queries have arrived including one about a British soldier who visited Mayvale in 1958. His name was Lt Col. Russell French and we have searched the newspapers, the history of Mayvale and the Wilson family without success. If someone remembers something about this visitor to our district please let us know so that we can pass the information on to the inquirer.

While searching the 1958 newspapers for any trace of Russell French I was lucky enough to find a small article re the Licensing Court granting permission to the Barraba Bowling Club for the erection of a new weatherboard Clubhouse and bar at a total estimated cost of 4,000 pounds (\$8,000). It seems that the 1959 date was close to the actual opening date and hopefully that may turn up in the 1959 newspapers.

Also in the 1958 newspapers there is a small article taken from an earlier publication which throws more light on one of the very early hotels. We know that the McKid store was the first in Barraba being on the block opposite the present Museum in the early 1840's.

Another early settler was James Salter. He and his wife came to Barraba in 1868. They had married in the Hawkesbury district in 1865 and came north to Armidale where their

first child, Elizabeth was born. The second child, James, was born in Bingara in 1867 and they moved to Barraba in 1868. They lived in a house where George Collins butchery shop was — it is now a fabric shop with lots of lovely handmade articles for sale.

Mrs Salter was wonderful lady and I imagine very busy helping to run the Inn as well as being mother to seven children, five of them born in Barraba. James was apparently a horse breeder as he won a cup for a Draft Stallion "Confidence" in the over three years at the Liverpool Plains 1877 Exhibition.

It seems that the Salters sold the Inn about 1876 and James is listed as a farmer in the 1877 directory. The children were Elizabeth Maria, who married Ken Garland and later Walter Francis, James George who married and moved away from Barraba. Mary Ann who married Fred Pearson, Charles who married Sarah Elliott, Joseph who married Melba Maud Elliott, Alfred and then Caroline who married R.J Farrell.

Maria Salter died on the 11th May, 1920 at Windsor and is buried there. James had died in Barraba two and a half years earlier and is buried here. A note at the bottom of the sheet notes that the Salter family came from Lincolnshire.

Uniting Church Notices

Sunday 3rd October
Preparation time 8.30am
Service time 8.45am
All welcome

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

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

Snippets from St Laurence's

Did you catch up with Ben Hur on Sunday afternoon? It was interesting to note the different approach to film making and the historical sidelights on life in the first century. None of the biblical accounts mentions a downpour, just complete darkness over the earth for three hours, but a blackout of that dimension would be hard to portray dramatically, and it did give us the picture of Christ's blood shed for the sins of the world. We still hold our breath each day waiting for the next lockdown to be announced, but from next Sunday, 3rd October, our weekly service will revert to 9am for the summer months, either in person or on Zoom. On Saturday 9th there will be a working bee from 8am and our youth group meets at 7pm. On Sunday 10th there will be a service at Woodsreef at 11.30am and Parish Council will meet after our service on 17th.

This week, consider these works from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 1, verse 7: "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."

Barraba Anglican Parish

Sunday Service Times

St Laurence's Barraba 9 am (Weekly)

St John's Woodsreef 11.30 am (2nd Sunday)

St Mark's Bereen 11.30 am (4th Sunday)

The Rotary Club of Barraba (Inc) Burindi Campdraft Friday 29th and Saturday 30th October 2021, (subject to cattle availability and Covid regulations). Entries will open Friday 8th October (entries not accepted prior) and close Friday 22nd October 2021.

In line with NSW Public Health orders we can only accept attendees who are Covid fully vaccinated (applicable to 16 yrs and over). Email completed entry forms and signed waivers together with proof of vaccinations

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Macquarie Dictionary celebrates 40 years of 'unashamedly' Australian English Dictionary's publication symbolised the ditching of colonial English and cultural cringe



Arthur Delbridge, seated with the Macquarie Dictionary, and, from left, David Blair, John Bernard and Susan Butler in 1981. Photograph: National Library of Australia Obj.137986763

Today marks 40 years since the first edition of the Macquarie Dictionary — the first complete and truly Australian publication of its type — was launched.

Publication of the Macquarie was a symbolic ditching of colonial English and cultural cringe. (The word "bludger" made it in from the start – but "bogan" had to wait until the second edition.)

Historian Manning Clark wrote in the introduction to that 1981 book that it was "evidence of the Australian contribution to the conversation of humanity".

Author Thomas Keneally wrote shortly after it was published that the dictionary would "for the first time, declare that Australian English is not a bastard convict but a legitimate heir".

Alison Moore – now the dictionary's chief editor – was there on 21 September as the crowd raised their glasses to the grand enterprise at Macquarie University.

"There was a cocktail created – the Macquarie Cocktail – it has champagne, mango juice, Grand Marnier and a strawberry with the green left on, for the green, and the room was full of wattle [for the gold]," said Moore, who was then working in phonetics. (Unfortunately the vice-chancellor at the time, Edwin Webb, was allergic, and left in a "fairly dreadful state".)

Moore said it was a "terribly important moment" because it was the first dictionary of "unashamedly Australian English".

"There were other dictionaries that had Australianisms, English dictionaries with 'bonzer' and 'dinkum' and 'sheila', but there hadn't been a dictionary from the viewpoint of the Australian English speaker. It was a first," she said.

"People loved it. They loved looking up all these words. They loved looking up 'lay-by' and finding it wasn't just a bit on the side of the road as it is in British dictionaries but buying something on timed payments. Our meanings for different words were there. People were very proud of it. It was lovely."

The process wasn't easy. Moore said the "cultural cringe was very real". Even the ABC had British-sounding presenters. Then there was the funding and the publishing model. For 11 years the project bounced around until it ended up at Macquarie University. Now in its eighth edition, it's published by Pan Macmillan.

Words reflect changing times. Poet Les Murray was a contributor and editor who searched for new words to add – and submitted "poddledonk" (for a frog) and kiddy-fiddler (for a paedophile).

In 2012, in the wake of former prime minister Julia Gillard's speech in parliament on misogyny, then editor Sue Butler decided to broaden the definition of the word.

Last year's word of the year was "doomscrolling": the practice of continuing to read news feeds online or on social media, despite the fact that the news is predominantly negative and often upsetting. ("Karen" got an honourable mention).

Choices in years gone by have included robodebt, muffin top, fake news, and mansplain.

Moore says the pandemic has brought out Australians' "playfulness" with words – coming up with expressions including "covidiot", "Rona", "quarantini" and "locky d".

Then there are the important words that make it in, particularly Aboriginal terms like "nangkari" (an Indigenous practitioner of bush medicine; healer), she says.

Butler, meanwhile, has written a book about words, Rebel Without A Clause, in which she veers "from tolerance to outrage". She traverses complicated terrain such as "irregardless", "unconceivable", "flaunt" versus "flout", and so on.

Her argument is that words and meanings change, but they must only change "from a solid base of care for language and avoidance of unnecessary errors and confusions that blur our writing and make our meanings opaque".



Golf Charity Day Results

4 person teams, many wearing something pink, battled it out over 9 holes.

The winning team of Julie Trotter, Trent Taylor, Christine Shuttleworth and Tayla King carded a very good 2 under off the stick to finish just ahead of the team of Lincoln Brown, Tom Mellor, Jock Mallise and Shane visiting from Tamworth.

Players soon forgot their "near misses" and "if only's" out on the course with a BBQ lunch and Auctioneer Simon Koopman ensuring Breast Cancer Research were the real winners on the day. President Will Sedgwick thanked everyone for supporting the annual day and thanked the Golf Club volunteers who work behind the scenes to ensure the success of these days and also made special mention of the refreshment truck drivers Lachie Smith and Banjo Robinson who were kept busy during the afternoon. All in all, a wonderful day.

Rifle Club

Saturday was a great day weather wise for shooting and we had four shooters for Centrefire in the morning and six for the afternoon Benchrest. I would like to welcome John to the club and we hope that he enjoyed his day. Not sure what happen with a few of the scores, whether it was the guns or the nuts at the buts.

Congratulations to Brendan for scoring another possible in the 50m and the 100m Benchrest. Other than a few hiccups for some there were some good scores shot on the day.

Thank you to Ronnie and Helen for their hard work in making the range look pretty good.

Just a reminder that our AGM is on the 9th October, 11.30 @ the rifle range.

Unlimited 50m

B.McIlrick 94.2, 9.3, 100.6 = 287.11 D.McIlrick 86.3, 93.4, 89 = 268.7

AA Grade 50m

G.Urquhart 83, 87.2, 89.1 = 259.3

R.Bridges 90.2, 82, 81.1 = 253.3 D.Dewson 45, 92.1, 90.3 = 227.4 **B Grade 50m**

J.Moloney 68, 80, 85 = 233 Unlimited 100m

B.McIlrick 97.4, 98.3, 100.5 = 295.12 D.McIlrick 92.2, 92.2, 97.3 = 281.7

AA Grade 100m

R.Bridges 98.2, 95.4, 97.3 = 290.9 D.Dewson 95.3, 97.3, 98.2 = 290.8 G.Urquhart 92.1, 91.2, 93.3 = 276.6 **B Grade 100m**

J.Moloney 98.4, 93.2, 91 = 282.6 **Centrefire**

B.McIlrick 95.4, 97.2, 98.4 = 290.10 D.McIlrick 90, 96.3, 99.2 = 285.5 D.Dewson 92.1, 95.4, 94.2 = 281.5 R.Clark 88, 96.2, 97.2 = 281.4

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Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology

Wednesday 29 Sept Summary Max 16 Rain, possible storm Chance of rain: 100%

Thursday 30 Sept
Summary Min 8 Max 20
Showers, possible storm
Chance of any rain: 95%

Friday 1 Oct
Summary Min 9 Max 22
Showers, possible storm
Chance of any rain: 95%

Saturday 2 Oct
Summary Min 6 Max 21
Shower or 2, clearing
Chance of rain: 60%

Sunday 3 Oct
Summary Min 5 Max 25
Mostly sunny
Chance of any rain: 5%

Monday 4 Oct
Summary Min 9 Max 24
Sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%

Tuesday 5 Oct
Summary Min 5 Max 21
Sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%

Regional Dam Levels from Water NSW

Chaffey 100.1% Copeton 83.2% Keepit 98.1%

Split Rock 42.4%