



# BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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## 2022 Barraba Australia Day Awards Honouring Commitment to our Community in 2021 Nominate Now! “CITIZEN”, “FRANK DARLINGTON YOUNG ACHIEVER” and “COMMUNITY EVENT” AWARDS CONDITIONS

A. All residents of Barraba and district are eligible to be nominated, as are events conducted within Barraba and district.

B. The Citizen Award may be presented to an eligible resident who has given outstanding service or achievement to the community in the 2021 calendar year. The service shall be voluntary and not conducted in the course of normal employment.

C. The Frank Darlington Young Achiever Award may be presented to an eligible resident (23 years or under) who has made a contribution to the community or has had an outstanding achievement over a number of years. The service shall be voluntary and not conducted in the course of normal employment.

D. If you are aware that your nominee has made a significant contribution to the community within other organisations please add this to your nomination form.

E. An Award may be presented for a community event held in Barraba and district which had significant community impact or involvement of the community during the past 12 months.

F. Nominees cannot have received a Citizen of the Year, Frank Darlington Young Achiever of the Year Award or Community Event within the past five (5) years.  
G. The Selection Committee and Tamworth Regional Council reserve the right not to present an Award.  
H. Awards will not be granted posthumously.

Forms may be obtained from the Tamworth Regional Council Barraba Office at 108 Queen Street, Council's website [www.tamworth.gov.au/australiaday](http://www.tamworth.gov.au/australiaday) or photocopied.

Nominations can be made online via [www.tamworth.gov.au/australiaday](http://www.tamworth.gov.au/australiaday), emailed to the address below, delivered to the Barraba Office or posted to the below address:

Please return to: The General Manager  
Tamworth Regional Council  
PO Box 555

TAMWORTH NSW 2340

Email: [trc@tamworth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:trc@tamworth.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications close: 4pm Wednesday, 8 December 2021**

REMINDER TONIGHT 6PM

TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

## MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM

**DATE:** Wednesday  
24 November  
**TIME:** 6pm sharp  
**VENUE:** Barraba Bowling Club,  
Crn Bridge & Queen St.

 Tamworth  
Business Chamber

**PREPOLL for the Local Government election**

**Tamworth Regional Council 29/11/2021 - 03/12/2021**

Pre poll for the Local Government election will be held in the **Barraba Council Office**

Mon - Fri: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Pre-poll will be open – 29 Nov 2021 - 03 Dec 2021 only

**PREPOLL for the Local Government election**

**Gwydir Shire Council 22/11/2021 - 03/12/2021**

Pre poll for the Local Government election will be held in the Roxy foyer, Bingara.

- Only during business hours
- Only from Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor

Consultation? The draft Namoi Regional Water Strategy was on public exhibition from 3 March - 16th May 2021 for public submissions.

\* Our State Member has stated that the adoption of the Regional Water Strategy Review has been "paused" to allow for community awareness. How? When?

\*Tamworth Council have had input into these Documents since 2018.

\* Tamworth Councillors received the draft Documents and noted the report and "congratulated" the State Govt and DPIE on these documents - item 8 in the business paper meeting 23 March 2021.

\* A review of water licences and allocations is part of the Strategic Plan.

We need an ironclad guarantee that our water allocation of 365megs/year from Split Rock Dam cannot be reduced. And I believe that the Govt should retain a minimum 20% of water in SRD for environmental- recreational- and town water security.

I understand the need for a cheaper secure water supply than the Peel River pricing for the major developments and industries in Tamworth BUT not to our detriment.

Shirley Close



### **CLEARING SALE**

#### **"TABLE TOP" Barraba**

A/C JJ & CE Hartley (Property Sold)

Saturday 4th December 2021

Commencing 11am

**INCLUDING:** McCormack MB.85HP Tractor (2007 mod) with Falks, hay spikes, bucket, 2545 hrs - 1986 Isuzu SBR T/Top 6 tonne truck. Reg PVV508 - Cattle crate to fit 5.5x2.5 - 1985 Landcruiser unreg - John Shearer 17 tyne Scarifier - Yeamans 9 tyne chisel plow - 5' 3PL Slasher - 3PL single tyne Ripper - MF 3PL Grader Blade - MF Post hole Digger - 3PL Super Spreader - Lincoln tractor pack welder generator - Single reel quick spray - Small fiberglass tank - Molasses tank - 18' Boom spray - 7 large square bale hay feeders - 4 round bale feeders - 4 rubber belting feed troughs - Grain feed out bin for ute - 2 Grain bins - 2x Grain feeder, 1x5 tonne 1x2 tonne - 6 cattle yard gates - Ute crate - 4 Rolls rubber belting - Saw bench - Qty Brown built shelving lockers - Wire cable, Qty netting, Droppers & steel posts - Ling lock - 2 Calf Cradles - Cattle crush - Large tarp, 8m Augar - Weld max SWF Mig welder - 14 lths 4" Gal pipe - 15 lths 6x2 qty steel - 1 tonne chain block - Electric meat saw - Welding table - Butchering equip - Round steel wool table - Wooden wool table - Delta Hyd Wool Press - Oscar spray race - Sunbeam o/h shearing stand - Lamb marking cradle - Rega Jetting pump - 15' Pongrass boat 50HP Mercury Motor - Quantity old railway line - 4 Bay 21' High x 30' wide x 80' long shed frame - Plus lots more, too numerous to mention.

**A/C Other Vendors:** New Holland 658 Round baler has baled 37,000 bales - Husqvarna YTH2042 Ride on lawn mower - Kids Yamaha 110 Motor bike - Bale head - Cattle yard gates and steel - Ford Tip Truck Perkins motor. New starter motor, rebuilt brake cylinder, has grain & gravel bin - Polaris Hawkeye 2x4 Quad Bike

Covid rules will apply

Cash or approved cheque at sale, Number system will apply plus GST

Light luncheon available by Barraba Lions Club

Direction - 10km from Barraba on Bingara Rd. Turn at

Bowen Stud Sign and follow Sale signs for about 10 kms

Further particulars contact selling agent Pollock & Cummins Pty Ltd Barraba & Gunnedah 6742 1008

Leon Cummins 0428 821 661

Vendor John Hartley 0458 489 210





**BARRABA RSL & RECREATIONAL CLUB LTD**

Phone: 67821379

For the information of members and guests

**WE ARE A COVID-19 SAFE CLUB**

**ALL NSW HEALTH REGULATIONS APPLY**

**ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS MUST SHOW PROOF OF  
DOUBLE VACCINATION UPON ENTRY**

**THIS WEEK:**

**ALL MEMBERSHIP DRAWS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL  
AT LEAST THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

**THURSDAY: 11AM-**

MULTISCREEN DRAW-THIS WEEK \$14,500

**FRIDAY: 11AM-**

MEAT/FRUIT/VEG RAFFLES 6PM

**SATURDAY: 10AM-**

SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 1PM-3PM

**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/WED

**THURS/FRI/SAT: LUNCH 12-2PM**

DINNER 6-8.00PM

**SUNDAY: LUNCH 12-2PM**

TAKE-AWAY MEALS STILL AVAILABLE TO THE

UNVAXED

PLEASE RING ORDER THROUGH AND PICK UP AT SIDE  
DOOR OF CLUB

**DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**



## NSW COVID-19 UPDATE

Sunday 21 November 2021

**94.4%**

first dose in  
16+ NSW population

**91.8%**

second dose in  
16+ NSW population

**55,330**

tests in last 24 hours

**81%**

first dose in  
12-15 NSW population

**75.3%**

second dose in  
12-15 NSW population

**176**

total new cases

**192**

in hospital

**32**

in ICU

**2**

deaths



## Storm Cell approaches Bingara on 10 November



Photo by Shelley McDouall

**ATTENTION FARMERS & MANAGERS  
WANT TO MAXIMISE YOUR EARNING POTENTIAL  
FROM ON FARM CARBON?**

## CARBON INFORMATION WORKSHOP

Join Carbon Trade Specialist Louisa Kiely in this 2-Day Workshop  
BINGARA 1st & 2nd December 2021



**YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

Carbon Farming - What is it?

How to Start A Carbon project & How my farm can participate?

The Carbon Markets Explained & Why you should know how they work!

Unlock Carbon Credits on Farm, Support the Environment & Earn Extra Revenue

NSLA Members \$75 Non-Members \$150 Morning Tea & Lunch Provided  
Bookings Via Sticky Tickets <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/DKSZX>





## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### Barraba & District Retirement Homes Inc. 2021

We take this opportunity to reflect on the events of the past year. Once again the impacts of COVID-19 were unexpected, unprecedented and presented a challenge not only to our business but also to each of us individually.

We recognise the effects COVID-19 continues to have upon the community and some things will remain unchanged indefinitely. Nevertheless, it is the positives that we should focus on which came from dealing with adversity in keeping our residents and staff safe while still undertaking the day to day operations of Richardson House.

Richardson House has remained focused on achieving the ideals set out within its strategic plan. Residents have learnt how to communicate with loved ones through the use of technology and our residents continue to care for each other. This has only been achieved as a result of the tireless work and dedication of the staff of Richardson House and for that you are owed a debt of gratitude and I sincerely thank you for your dedication and professionalism.

A significant challenge for Richardson House in the last twelve months was reaccreditation, that decision having been made in June, 2021 after a site audit and performance reports together with follow-up which were collectively utilised by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner informing as to its decision. During the year the Board continued to become more involved with Richardson House in conformity with Standard 8 in Aged Care. This extended to ratification of the strategic plan for Richardson House.

Furthermore, the standard will place greater emphasis on overseeing how the care of residents is undertaken by our facility.

We will ensure that we look to the best outcomes for Richardson House and do what is possible to support our facility manager, Jo Bridges so that the residents of Richardson House receive the best care that our facility can provide, while still maintaining a financially viable operation.

The Board continues to work with the executive team, staff representative groups, consumers and their families as well as volunteers, towards a strategic plan which creates a clear road map for future years. In doing so, considerations continue for the changing needs of those who need Richardson House services, the essential supports they require, the change in work force and the ongoing evolution

of Richardson House as an integral part of the local community.

We have welcomed and farewelled a number of residents whose home was Richardson House. Equally we have welcomed a number of new staff at both frontline and executive level who have brought with them new skills and greater capacity.

The benefits of grants and operational profits have enabled Richardson House to acquire increased information technology capacity which will continue to increase our capacities.

Richardson House has operated with a modest nett income whilst delivering quality care to our residents. At the time of writing this report our occupancy rate has returned to 100% which bodes well for our financial position moving forward.

In closing I would like to acknowledge the expertise of the management, staff, volunteers, all board members and the wonderful community of Richardson House without whom its contribution to the community would not be possible.

Lastly I would like to acknowledge our facility Manager, Jo who has worked tirelessly dealing with the complications associated with COVID-19 to keep our staff and residents safe from harm and with the Commission in reaccreditation.

Sadly, Mike Artis left the Board this year and I particularly wish to thank him for his time, expertise and continual willingness to do what is best for the interests of Richardson House. Furthermore, Bert Graves leaves Richardson House in the position of Financial Administrator. I particularly wish to thank him for his skills, dedication and willingness to do all that is necessary in the continuing successful operation of Richardson House. This is particularly the case with respect to the many grant applications and funding arrangements during COVID-19. I would also like to wish Bert all the best with his new appointment.

Phillip John Kruit Chair

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Three weeks or so ago I needed to visit the emergency department at the Barraba Hospital for a burn, I noticed ambulance and police in the entrance. While being treated I could hear in the next treatment area a young lady crying and saying "I can't go back there while they are still there".

I saw police and ambulance officers but did not see the patient but what I heard was obviously sounding like domestic violence!

I and all of my friends worldwide deeply, deeply condemn such cowardly actions. Physical or emotional abuse are the actions of a spineless coward and not the actions of a real man.

Bill Shillings



## Springtime in Meg Crowley's garden





## ST JOEY'S NEWS

Our Intensive Swimming program started last week. The pool water is a comfortable 25 degrees and the students have been enjoying getting in the water. We are grateful to have the expertise of trained swimming instructors Miss Shani Marshall and Miss Amie Middlemiss to work with the non-swimmers. The program continues for three weeks in total, building the students' swimming and water safety skills and using Barraba's wonderful aquatic facilities.



*Miss Shani Marshall working with young swimmers.*

St Joey's Speedsters is coming up. Year 5/6 children have built billy carts and will race them on December 10. Younger primary students will have a turn of the carts and the infants children will be racing some hobby horses.

Congratulations to the award winners! In Week 6, well done to Chastity Eddington of K/1 for fantastic effort in all Key Learning Areas, Ava Hall from 2/3/4 for reaching her reading goal, and to Henry Groth in Year 5/6 for improvement in English and the Creative Arts. In Week 7, well done to Grace Hall of K/1 for effort and achievement in all Key Learning Areas, Shae Mallise from 2/3/4 for incredible Maths work, and to Miley Turner in Year 5/6 for effort in all Key Learning

Areas. Congratulations to Felix Urquhart on receiving the Captains' Award. Well done to Lucas Turner, for reading for 100 nights, Serenity Ryan for reading for 150 nights and to Mason Hallford and Grace Hall for reading for 175 nights.



*Award winners. Rear: Miley, Henry, Shae, Ava. Front: Serenity, Felix, Grace and Mason*

### Recent Anniversaries

- 140 years since Ned Kelly was hanged at Melbourne Gaol (1880)
- the opening of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra (1941)
- PM Gough Whitlam being removed from office by Governor-General Sir John Kerr (1975)
- the first public trains running under the English Channel (1994)
- the film premiere of *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (2002)
- the first James Bond film starring Daniel Craig, *Casino Royale*, premieres (2006)
- New Zealand officially becoming a separate colony within the British Empire, severing its link to New South Wales (1840)
- the founding of Qantas (1920)
- the founding of UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (1945)
- the opening of the Suez Canal, linking Mediterranean and Red seas (1869)
- the anniversary of the first ship sailing through the Panama Canal, which connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans (1913)
- the start of the Great Emu War. Aussie soldiers were called on to cull emu flocks in Western Oz because of their destruction of crops. Long story short, [the emus won...](#) (1932)

## History Notes

The meeting this week went off well with lots of discussion on a variety of subjects including some family history. Next on our agenda will be the markets in a few weeks' time and then members and friends of the historical may have a small gathering at the museum for Christmas, if they find a suitable date.

The family history query this week came out of the meeting. Quite a few years ago we had a visit from a Mr Russell Harrison re Gulf Creek family histories. He of course has passed on and we had an e-mail requesting information on the books he wrote about the families – does anyone have a copy? As far as we can find out no one has a copy, he may never have put the information into a book, but we would like to know if anyone has one or has seen one.

In the meantime, one of the families he researched was the Oldham family. William Oldham seems to be the original family member. He had a pit saw and cut timber and built houses apparently all over the north and north – west. Some of the towns mentioned were Walgett, Limburner's Creek, Currabubula and Carroll but there were probably more.

William had three wives – Mary Daly who died in 1876 leaving him with three or four children. He then married Cecilia Henry and lastly Mary McPhillamy who had a daughter Elizabeth. We know that several children survived their father when he died in the Barraba Hospital in 1905.

One of his children was his son, Michael John Edmond Oldham, who was always known as John M.E. John took up land, part of the Lindsay division west of Barraba in 1934. Apparently this land was known as Oldhams although Wongala is the name these days. It seems that John lived and worked on this land until he died there in 1941. He was buried at Pallamallawa but we do not know why he was taken there. John was

actually Hilton Oldham's father and it was Hilton who came up with some of this information in 1989.

The details about the other children are rather sketchy – Mary was the eldest, then Sarah who married into the Honess family, then John (died 1941), and James, possibly a William and Elizabeth the youngest. Someone may be able to shed some light on the members of the family as Sarah was the only one we had heard of before this request for a book or books which may not exist.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

Barraba 1st & 5th Sunday 6pm.  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3rd & 4th Sunday 9am.  
Upper Horton 3rd Sunday 11am  
Weekday Mass Wednesday 10am

### Uniting Church Notices

Sunday 8.30am for 8.45am start  
All welcome

### Barraba Anglican Parish

St Laurence's Barraba: Sunday service at 9.00am  
Woodsreef: 2nd Sundays 11.30am  
Bereen: 4th Sundays 6.00pm  
Youth Group at Youth Centre: Friday 7.30-9.30pm

### Snippets from St Laurence's

Synod is over, having completed two days' work in one, and our delegates were, understandably, a little weary on Sunday morning. They reported that rules of debate were strictly enforced and there was no time for the leisurely catching up with friends from other parishes that is usually one of the joys of Synod.

Our CMS adoptees James and Steph (with Elias and Aryana) are with us for a few days as they prepare to go to the mission field in early 2022. Steph mentioned this almost the only parish visit they have not had to reschedule because of Covid. James preached on Sunday morning and they will be joining in various groups through the week.

Please remember that Freed Youth meets on Friday evenings from

7.30pm. All secondary – age youngsters are welcome.

On Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, we shall be thinking and learning about Barnabus Fund at our morning service and there will be a service at Bereen at 6pm. The working bee will be on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December.

This week, consider these words from Hebrews chapter 3, verses 12 and 13: "See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God, but encourage one another daily, as long as called 'Today', so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."

Beth



### Funeral Notice

**MCCUSKER, KENNETH ROY**

**27/02/1937 - 19/11/2021**

Beloved husband to Valerie.

Loving father to Anne-Maree & Peter, Alana & Fred, Kylene & Euan and families.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral to be held at St John's Catholic Church Savoy Street 27th November 10.30am.

The procession will then leave for the Barraba Lawn Cemetery, West Street Barraba

Shaun Hamilton Funerals



**From Queensland Dept of Health  
Website**

**NSW RESIDENTS MAY NOW TRAVEL TO  
QUEENSLAND UNDER STRICT  
CONDITIONS**

As of **Monday 15 November**, 70% of the eligible population is fully vaccinated;

**Arriving from a hotspot**

If you have been in a declared hotspot in the past 14 days you may travel to Queensland provided you:

- are fully vaccinated
- arrive by air only
- have a negative COVID-19 test taken within the 72 hours prior to arrival into Queensland
- undertake 14 days home quarantine subject to conditions set by Queensland Health.

Otherwise, you will need to meet the relevant requirements for entry and will be required to undertake 14 days quarantine in a government-nominated facility.

**Arriving from all other areas of Aust.**

Provided you have not been in a hotspot in the last 14 days:

- No restrictions on entry to Queensland.
- No quarantine required.

Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, is urging locals to get their projects lined up now for the \$150 million first round of the **Preparing Australian Communities Program – Local** ahead of the opening of applications on December 10.

“Grants from \$20,000 to \$10 million will be available for eligible projects that help to assess and plan for disaster risk, increase capacity and raise awareness of disaster risk, or deliver resilient infrastructure for local communities,” Barnaby Joyce said.

**CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY FOR  
COUNCILS IN NEW ENGLAND WITH  
CASH BOOST**

Local governments across New England will soon get their share of \$1 billion flowing to councils nationwide to improve their local road networks and deliver priority community infrastructure projects.

Made possible under the third phase of the Government’s Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program, guidelines for the funding are now online, meaning councils can now start nominating their priority projects.

Gwydir Shire Council \$2,364,448

Tamworth Reg. Council \$5,305,066

**CELEBRATING PEOPLE WITH  
DISABILITY IN NEW ENGLAND**

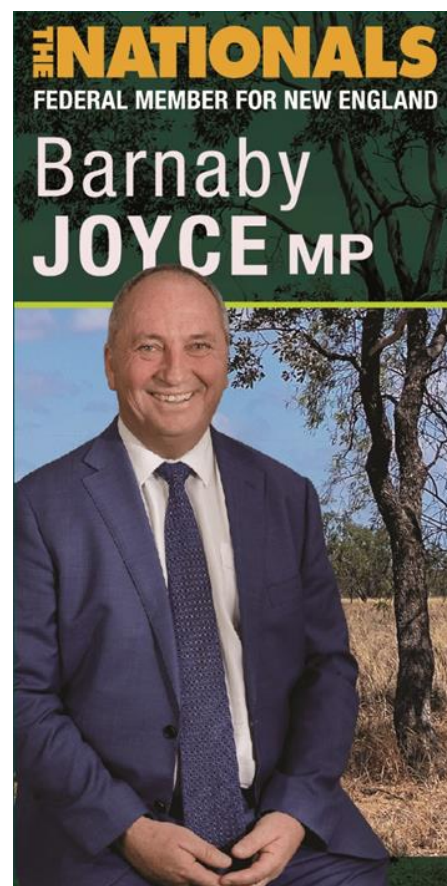
Local schools, community groups and workplaces across New England are being encouraged to celebrate International Day of People with Disability on 3 December this year.

“This year the Grow Inclusion schools competition is back as a way for teachers and students to incorporate conversations about disability in the classroom and showcase what they are doing to help make their school and our community more inclusive,” the Deputy Prime Minister said.

**MORE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR  
STUDENTS IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**

Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce has welcomed funding to support tertiary students to move to the local area next year through the Australian Government’s Destination Australia program.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the funding would enable scholarships to be offered through the University of New England (UNE).



**THE NATIONALS**  
*for Regional Australia*

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4 media releases from Barnaby  
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**GUIDELINES NOW AVAILABLE FOR  
LOCAL GRANTS AS PART OF THE  
PREPARING AUSTRALIA PROGRAM**

A key component of the Australian Government’s \$600 million Preparing Australia Program has been launched, with the guidelines for the first stream of the program now available for communities.



## Why do sloths go slow?

Sloths live in tropical forests in South and Central America, and they actually move so slowly that [algae grows on their fur](#). This can give sloths a green colour that helps them hide in the forest from predators like [nocturnal cats and harpy eagles](#).

This is very lucky, because some sloths often move less than 40 meters a day. They are much slower on the ground than in the trees, some travelling just [four meters every minute](#) on the ground — far too slow to outrun a jaguar!

The reason sloths go slow has a lot to do with what they eat. Let's look at why.



*This is a harpy eagle, one of the animals that eat sloths. Shutterstock*

### Counting sloth toes

Sloths might all look the same to us, but there are actually two main types: sloths with two toes, and sloths with three toes.

[Two-toed sloths are "omnivores"](#), which means they eat both plants and animals.

[Three-toed sloths are "folivores"](#), which means they can only eat leaves and flower buds. Unlike most other plant-eating animals, they stay away from stems or roots.

This type of diet is extremely rare — only [about 100](#) other types of animals that live in trees are folivores, and Australia's cuddly koala is one of them.



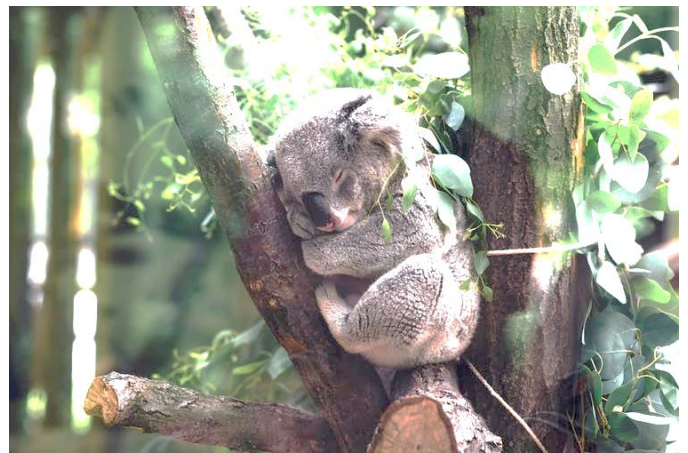
*Sloths move much more slowly on the ground than in the trees. Roger Burkhard/Unsplash*

### Koalas and sloths have a lot in common

Koalas, like sloths, have claws that are good for climbing, are often more active at night and only munch on leaves.

There is a very good reason there are only [very, very few](#) folivores like the three-toed sloth and koala in the world.

Leaves are very low in nutrients, and contain very little energy. This means the koala and sloth have discovered a way to survive on very little energy at all.



*Koalas can sleep up to 20 hours per day. Jordan Whitt/Unsplash*

Imagine how slow you'd move if you were only able to eat leaves instead of all your [high energy fruit and vegetables!](#)

One of the main ways sloths and koalas keep their energy low is by resting lots, and not moving very often. If you have ever seen a koala, you might have noticed they are often resting and sleeping — some say [up to 20 hours a day](#).



*Three-toed sloths eat only leaves and flower buds'.  
Shutterstock*

Compared to sloths, koalas are much more active but often only with a short burst in energy. Koalas move about 190 metres every day, but some have been recorded moving as much as [2,500 meters in one day](#).

In fact, the three-toed sloth uses the least amount of energy of any animal [that doesn't hibernate](#). But when sloths need to travel longer distances, they can use their long legs to swim, which they are much faster at.

#### **Koalas and sloths are losing their homes**

Unfortunately, when trees in forests are chopped down, sloths and koalas must travel further away along the ground to find food and mates. This [exposes these rare animals to](#) dangers, like cats and jaguars, or busy roads where they could get hurt.



*Sloths are under threat when their trees get chopped down. Sebastian Molinares/Unsplash*

Losing their tree homes has led to a [big drop in the number of sloths](#) left in the world, particularly the pygmy three-toed sloth

which is "critically endangered". This means we don't have long left to save it from going extinct.

Koalas are in similar danger. Because so many trees are getting chopped down in Australia, scientists think there might be no koalas left in the wild in New South Wales [by the year 2050](#).

To look after sloths and koalas, scientists and the community need to work together to protect these incredible animals and their homes.



#### **VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021 UPDATE**

This week, the debate regarding the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 will

conclude and a vote will be held in the NSW Parliament. I want to thank the 4877 people right across the Tamworth Electorate who have let me know their thoughts on the bill.

My vote will reflect the views of the electorate and so far, 78.3% of the electorate have voted in favour of the bill. As happens with the legislative process, there may be amendments to the bill and I will be sure to update everyone who has voted on what those changes may be.

Thank you again to the almost 5,000 people who have let me know their thoughts so far.



#### **Entrance Strategy**

We need your help to design town signage and entrances

#### **How to get involved**

Are you interested in helping shape the plans for future town signage and entrances across the region?

We are seeking invested community members to take part in our focus groups.

- Join in a [community workshops](#) - **RSVP is a must as limited spots available**
- Submit privately on an online form before Friday 10 December, 2021.

After this round of community consultation a draft strategy will be produced and available for comment from the community early in 2022.

#### **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP**

Barraba Bowling Club

Tuesday 7 December - 5.30pm to 6.30pm

[Register Now](#)

Zoom workshops

Thursday 9 December 12pm - 1pm or

Thursday 9 December 7.30pm - 8.30pm



## Rifle Club

Saturday 13th November at the range was cold and windy but saw five shooters take part in the Centrefire morning event with Darren coming close to a perfect score of 299 and others were all up in the high 90's.

In the afternoon for the .22 Benchrest we had seven shooters, both Brendan and Ron scored possibles, congratulations to you both.

Other shooters were up there also shooting in the 90's.

The boys decided that it would be a good idea to make the last shoot of the year a bit of fun, so last Saturday they just shot six rounds at the 100m for the .22 Benchrest and the normal three in the Centrefire. They had the winner of each round then handicapped for the next round, banter was thrown back and forth between them and they all enjoyed the day. 😊

There were quite a few possible scored, Dallas - 1, John - 3, Brendan - 3, Andrew - 3, Darren - 3 and Ron close with a 99. Royce join in for his first shoot and he enjoyed the afternoon and his scores weren't too bad.

We all enjoyed a bbq lunch in the middle of it all and the rain held off until after the last round.

Shooting will resume on 5th February 2022 and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Saturday 13th November

#### Unlimited 50m

B. McIlrick 98.5, 95.1, 98.6 = 291.12

D. McIlrick 92, 89, 88 = 269

#### AA Grade 50m

D. Dewson 96.3, 92.1, 97.2 = 285.6

R. Bridges 97.3, 91.3, 89.1 = 277.7

G. Urquhart 86.2, 87.1, 83 = 256.3

#### A Grade 50m

A. White 93.2, 95.3, 96.3 = 284.8

C. Wells 86.2, 94.1, 91.3 = 271.6

#### Unlimited 100m

B. McIlrick 100.2, 95.3, 98.4 = 293.8

D. McIlrick 94.2, 88.1, 95.1 = 277.4

## AA Grade 100m

R. Bridges 100.3, 96.3, 95.1 = 291.7

D. Dewson 98.4, 97.4, 95.1 = 290.9

G. Urquhart 93.2, 97.3, 91.1 = 281.6

## A Grade 100m

A. White 98.3, 89, 96.5 = 283.8

C. Wells 91.1, 89, 93.1 = 273.2

## Centrefire

D. Dewson 100.5, 99.6, 100.5 = 299.16

R. Clark 97.3, 95.1, 95.3 = 287.7

D. McIlrick 97.4, 95, 94.2 = 286.6

B. McIlrick 92.1, 94.3, 98.1 = 284.5

A. White 95.2, 95.4, 90 = 280.6



## Golf Notes

Tom Mellor had a warmup on Thursday before heading to Nyngan for the NSW Sandgreens with Josh Austin to card a big 24 points, probably thinking he had a chook in the keeping on his return. However, Will Sedgwick equalled that score with a one under par best ever 9 hole performance. Well done both!

Geriatric Paul Grigg was next with 23, Pigger Craig Rutley 22, Bill Simpson, Josh Layton and Lyn Simpson all with 21 and Karen York and Campbell Tonkin 20 all won balls. Dusty Kelly made a brief triumphant return and considered the best of the 5 holers to also claim one.

Yellow Stone Fever (201) is a strong leader with the handicapper having trouble keeping them on a leash with Geriatrics 192, Lotta Piggins 187, Hackers 185 and Golf Creek and Burglars on 181 vying for second. At the other end it seems Yeah-Nah have turned into Nah-Nah and have missed a couple of weeks while the Wouldbe's and Unreliables are struggling to get enough cards in.

Bill Simpson won the meat.

In late news, Tom Mellor had rounds of net 73 and 77 at Nyngan while Josh had a 69 and what must have been a hard day 86. I imagine you had a great weekend and thank you for representing us.

## One Pot Chicken & Rice

From The Free Range Butcher



We all love a dish that uses just one pot and saves on the washing up which is always a bonus.

### Ingredients:

- 5 [chicken thighs](#), cut in half
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, chopped
- 1 large celery stick, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2/3 cup frozen peas
- 1 heaped teaspoon oregano leaves
- 1 teaspoon thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 teaspoon cracked pepper
- 1 cup rice
- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock or water
- 1 tin crushed tomatoes

### Method:

- Brown chicken thighs and set aside
- Sauté vegetables until soft
- Add rice and herbs, sauté further 5 mins
- Add stock, tomatoes, peas and garlic and stir to combine
- Add your brown chicken thighs
- Put the lid on or cover tightly with foil
- Bake at 190c for 15-20min or until rice has absorbed the liquid
- Serve in a bowl with a big spoon!



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## Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology

**Wednesday 24 Nov**

**Summary** Max 26  
**Shower or 2 developing**  
Chance of rain: 70%



**Thursday 25 Nov**

**Summary** Min 15 Max 24  
**Rain, possible storm**  
Chance of any rain: 95%



**Friday 26 Nov**

**Summary** Min 16 Max 25  
**Possible storm, heavy falls**  
Chance of any rain: 95%



**Saturday 27 Nov**

**Summary** Min 14 Max 25  
**Showers increasing**  
Chance of rain: 80%



**Sunday 28 Nov**

**Summary** Min 13 Max 25  
**Showers**  
Chance of any rain: 80%



**Monday 29 Nov**

**Summary** Min 14 Max 24  
**Shower or two**  
Chance of any rain: 70%



**Tuesday 30 Nov**

**Summary** Min 14 Max 27  
**Shower or two**  
Chance of any rain: 50%



## **Watch for our Tamworth Regional Council Election feature next week.**

'News' emailed the following four questions to all TRC candidates last Friday asking for responses by this Friday for inclusion in the *Barraba Community News* on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December to assist the community in making decisions about who they will vote for.

1) Looking at TRC region, as a whole, what do you consider are the 3 most important priorities?

2) If someone mentions "Barraba" what are the 3 things you immediately associate with our town and district?

3) Since you nominated for Council, how many times have you visited Barraba?

4) Based on your knowledge of Barraba, what are the 3 things you think TRC should prioritise to improve the services and amenity of our town?

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