



FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER

BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Wednesday 8th December 2021

REINVENTING THE SHUTTER BUGS IN 2022

The Barraba Shutter Bugs have held their last gathering for 2021. It was celebrated in style with a Christmas Lunch Party at The Playhouse Hotel. A group of thirteen (members and partners) had a relaxing Sunday afternoon enjoying Shelley's scrumptious cooking, professionally waited on by Andrew and Glenda.



It was generally agreed that 2021 wasn't the best year for our group with planned outings becoming casualties of either Covid or floods. In a brief meeting at the end of lunch we decided to take a different approach in 2022. Every second month will be a photo shoot "meeting" and alternate months will be a relaxed meeting over morning tea or lunch at different venues. Our first casual meeting will be at **10:30am on Monday 24th January 2022 (for morning tea) at The Playhouse Hotel, Barraba**. As always we welcome any new members to join us, regardless of photography experience.

Cranky Rock Reserve, Warialda has been selected as our first photo shoot location in February 2022. A date and further details will be confirmed following our January meeting. There will be heaps of photo opportunities as well as bushwalking for those who are interested.

New and interesting photo shoot locations will be discussed at each meeting to bring the enthusiasm back into our small

club. As we already have several members from Manilla it is planned that some meetings and photo shoots will be in and around Manilla.

Barraba Shutter Bug members are also members of the Barraba Potters and Craft Guild Inc. Our photography works are displayed and sold at the Fuller Gallery (Claypan). When we are not having meetings "out in the field" we will meet at The Claypan for educational videos and discussions to further our knowledge.

INTERESTED?? Why not like and follow our **Facebook page – Barraba Shutter Bugs** to see what we are up to. We look forward to seeing you in 2022!

BARRABA SHOW SOCIETY WE'RE HIRING!

Explore this fantastic opportunity to join the Barraba Show Society in an honorarium administrative position.

SECRETARY: Barraba Show Society

Casual position

This position is responsible for the day to day management of the Show Office and required to attend show meetings. This role is based in Barraba, NSW and we are looking for a community minded person who will be dedicated to the future success of the Barraba Show.

The successful applicant will demonstrate the following skills and attributes:

- ✚ High level of customer service
- ✚ Advanced administration skills
- ✚ Exemplary organisational skills
- ✚ Positive and friendly demeanour
- ✚ Professional presentation
- ✚ Ability to work unsupervised and as part of a team
- ✚ Good problem solving skills
- ✚ Be available before, during and after the show and at various times throughout the year.

Sound like you? For a copy of the full job description and enquiries please contact Dave Penna, President P: 0400 821 899. Applications close 17.12.21.



Dear Editor,

Writing on behalf of the members of Barraba Men's Shed I would like to acknowledge and thank Mervyn and Janice Lavender for organising, preparing and serving the Christmas lunch held at the Men's Shed.

Also I wish to thank the ladies who attended the Christmas lunch, who beautifully boosted our numbers at the lunch. We all appreciated the time and effort that Merv and Janice had put in to organise such a wonderful meal.

The lunch was made more appetising by the generous gift from our local IGA, many thanks also go to them.

At this time of the year we, the members of the Shed, wish everyone who has supported the Men's Shed throughout the year a **Happy Christmas** and a **Healthy New Year**.

Best Wishes,
Bryan Barrass



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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 WILL RESUME ON THE 7th JANUARY 2022

THURSDAY: 11AM-

MULTISCREEN DRAW-THIS WEEK \$15,900

FRIDAY: 11AM-

MEAT/FRUIT/VEG /HAM RAFFLES 6PM

SATURDAY: 10AM-

SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES cancelled till further notice.

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

Greetings to whom it may concern in Tamworth Regional Council:

This advertisement appeared in the Barraba Community News, supposedly inviting people to a focus group about town signage. It asks people to register, but then it only gives a QR code – not even a phone number. This is hardly an appropriate invitation as not everyone has an iphone to scan QR codes.

Thanks

Julie Williams



**THANKS TO THE LOCAL TRC TEAM WHO KEEP
OUR STREETS AND GARDENS LOOKING A
PICTURE**

Queen/Alice St



Alice and Maude St





From Ken McCusker's Family

THANKYOU

We would like to sincerely thank Dr Strydom & staff at the Medical Centre, Barraba Hospital, the Paramedics & our friends in the Barraba community for their support & care so generously given during this very sad time.

A MUCH SORT AFTER RECIPE

LYN FORBES PICKLES

Mustard Pickles

1 kg onions, chopped

1kg green tomatoes, chopped

1kg mixed vegetable, chopped; cucumber, zucchini, capsicum, cauliflower etc

2lt white vinegar

2kg white sugar

200gm mustard

60gm turmeric

½ teaspoon cayenne pepper

1 cup plain flour

Cover the vegetables with 1 cup salt and water in a non-metal container and stand overnight.

Next day place in a boiler and bring to the boil, simmer until vegetables are tender.

Strain off brine, cover vegetables with vinegar and sugar. Bring to the boil and add dry ingredients which have been mixed to a paste with water and a little extra vinegar.

Boil 3 minutes, being careful that the mixture doesn't stick to the pan.

Bottle and seal while hot.

Tomato Relish

2kg ripe tomatoes

1kg onions

Skin tomatoes, chop onions and place in a non-metal container and sprinkle with ½ cup of salt. Stand overnight.

Next day strain off brine, place tomatoes and onions in a boiler with 1kg of white sugar and 1 Lt of brown vinegar. Bring to the boil and boil until thick and pulpy.

Mix ½ cup of plain flour, 1 tablespoon of mustard, 1 tablespoon of curry powder, 1 dessertspoon of turmeric and a good pinch of cayenne pepper to a smooth paste with water and a little extra vinegar. Add this to the mixture and bring to the boil for 5 minutes, stirring to ensure it doesn't catch on the bottom of the pan.

History Notes

To Begin with there is a reminder that the Museum Christmas Markets are taking place on Saturday 18th December – see the advertisement below. Please stall holders make contact with Jenny Botha to book your stall, email is best, as you could miss out by just arriving on the day. The museum has returned to its usual opening times so do call in if you notice the Open sign or the side gate open – we like to welcome visitors. This week's notes have come about after a request for some simple information about the Museum buildings. The first was the age of the front building and it is very hard to get anything exact re our century old buildings.

The original building had a verandah on it and C.G. Williams, the owner in 1894, came out onto the verandah to see what all the fuss was about over at the Commercial Bank, now the Victoria Hotel, when the Bank was robbed.

It is possible that the C.G. Williams & Co building was built in the late 1880's and we know that the early saleyards were down behind the building. The signpost at the front of the Museum yard should supply any further information.

The next building, The Dean Room, has taken a little more research as it was tied up with the beginnings of the Clay Pan. The school history revealed that the school needed a manual training room in the 20's and 30's and the Education Department were not willing to assist. Mr Dean, well known storekeeper, and president of the Parent & Citizens Association for many years, kept the pressure on the Department by a guarantee of 40 pounds from the P & C if they built the building.

The Manual Training Room was completed in November, 1933, and the Association named the building,

The Dean Room, with a suitable plaque placed in the room. Thirty years later when the room was known as the art room it was offered to the pottery group who were just getting started and needed somewhere to conduct classes.

The pottery group moved to another venue, late in 1971, and the Dean Room remained usually vacant until it was donated to the historical society in 1975. The Dean Room was finally moved to its present site in 1982. I am sure there would be a photo or two of the event although I do not think the museum has one.

Hopefully, in later History Notes I will be able to provide more on Mr Dean of Dean & Smith and a couple of other well-known townsmen.

Museum Christmas Markets



Saturday 18th Dec 2021

8.30am to 12noon

Plants, Sewing, Paintings,
History Books and much more.

Come and check it out.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

Barraba 1st & 5th Sunday 6pm.

2nd, 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

Anglican Church Notice

Christmas services in Barraba Parish

St John's Woodsreef: 19 December
Christmas service at 11.30 am

St Mark's Bereen: 19 December
Christmas service at 6 pm

St Laurence's Barraba:

Christmas eve

Carols at the Youth Centre 5 pm

Traditional service at 11 pm

Christmas Day

Family service at 9 am

Boxing Day

Normal Sunday services at 9 am

God bless

Daniel A.

Snippets from St Laurence's

"The vision splendid of the sunlit plains extended" – I wonder if Clancy ever saw the countryside as brilliant a green as it is just now. Don't mind me, I have been down to the Central Coast and cannot remember a season this lush in nearly seventy years of travelling the road. Truly, "great is His faithfulness" who always has something new to delight us!

On Friday, 10th December, Freed Youth will join with St Paul's youth group in Tamworth. On Saturday 11th we have a working bee and on Sunday 12th Parish Council meets after our service. Please remember to contact one of the Councillors or Wardens if you have matters to raise. Our first Christmas services will be on Sunday 19th, at Woodreef at 11.30am and at Bereen at 6pm. At St Laurence's we shall be singing Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve at 5pm at the Youth Centre. That will be followed by a sausage sizzle and activities. Then at 11pm we shall hold the "midnight" service (please remember it no longer STARTS at midnight!) On Christmas Day the service will be at 9am, and as Boxing Day is Sunday there will be a 9am

service then too. The Church office will be closed from 25th December till 16th January.

John chapter 1, verses 10 to 13 says: "He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will but born of God."

May the wonder of that lighten our hearts this week.

Beth



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A busy 'Girls Day Out' last Saturday welcomed many shoppers and browsers to the Fuller Gallery looking for Christmas gifts. The Gallery is well stocked with items to buy. From art and photography to hang on your wall, pottery to small stocking fillers there is plenty to choose from. Drop in any day from 10am to 2pm to complete your Christmas gift purchases.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION RESULTS. To 8am on Tues. 7th Dec

Enrolment - 44,550, 9 Councillors to elect

29,667 formal votes, 1,728 informal (5.5%),
total votes at 70.5% of enrolment

Progressive Quota = 2,967

Candidate	Votes	%	Quotas
MEARS Stephen (Elected)	1,381	4.7	0.47
MCHUGH Denise	635	2.1	0.21
RINDO Sergio	546	1.8	0.18
LAWLER Michael	400	1.3	0.13
HUGHES Laura	944	3.2	0.32
BURKE Bede (Elected)	3,545	11.9	1.19
COATES Judy	976	3.3	0.33
* TICKLE Helen	1,670	5.6	0.56
* BETTS Phil	1,994	6.7	0.67
* MAXWELL Jim	887	3.0	0.30
* WEBB Russell (Elected)	3,376	11.4	1.14
* RODDA Mark (Elected)	5,003	16.9	1.69
TAIT Ray	957	3.2	0.32
THOMAS Marjolijn	899	3.0	0.30
MAHER Stephen	467	1.6	0.16
BUCKMAN Chris	482	1.6	0.16
SOUTHWELL Brooke	1,601	5.4	0.54
SUTHERLAND Marc (Elected)	2,894	9.8	0.98
* IMPEY Charles	1,010	3.4	0.34

Gwydir

Enrolment - 3,771, 9 Councillors to elect

2,217 formal votes, 83 informal (3.6%), total votes at 61.0% of enrolment

Progressive Quota = 222

Candidate	Votes	%	Quotas
DIXON Marilyn (Elected)	228	10.3	1.03
* MOORE Jim (Curly)	182	8.2	0.82
* COULTON David (Elected)	210	9.5	0.95
* YOUNG Frances	54	2.4	0.24
* EGAN Catherine	150	6.8	0.68
* GALVIN Tiffany (Elected)	346	15.6	1.56
* COULTON John (Elected)	460	20.7	2.07
MATTHEWS Chris (Elected)	292	13.2	1.32
MULLIGAN Lyndon	167	7.5	0.75
* SMITH Geoffrey	128	5.8	0.58



Another Christmas stocking filler is on its way thanks to the return of the **NSW Government's Active Kids and First Lap learn to swim vouchers.**



This year's Active Kids \$100 vouchers are available until 31 December with the NSW Government's new \$100 First Lap learn to swim voucher for pre-school children and kindergarten kids available from 1 December until 30 June 2022. Kevin Anderson said

"The \$100 First Lap learn to swim vouchers are also available to get kids back in the water and learning to swim so I would again encourage parents to take full advantage of this great discount in the lead up to Christmas."

FREE DIARY TO INFORM SENIORS OF THEIR RIGHTS

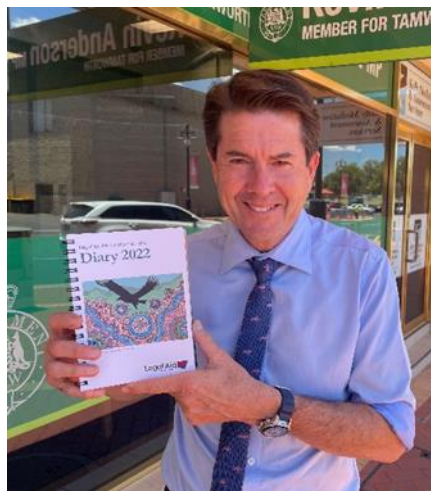
Consumer rights, scams and legal help are all included in 'Legal topics for older people diary 2022', now available for free from the office of Kevin Anderson.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson has welcomed the return of the diary and is encouraging local seniors to get in touch and pick up a free copy.

"This diary is a fantastic asset for seniors in our region," Mr Anderson said.

"Not only does it serve as a diary, but it also includes key advice, information and contact details so that seniors in our community can best protect themselves from fraudulent activity."

Diaries can now be collected from the office of Kevin Anderson. 13 Fitzroy Street, Tamworth. Please phone (02) 6766 1422 to arrange collection or drop by the office during business hours.



INTERMODAL DRIVING ROADS AND RAIL INVESTMENT FOR REGION

With the opening of the intermodal at Tamworth Global Gateway Park coming next year, Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson has expressed his desire to continue driving road investment in the region, better connecting the produce to the rail line and on to the global market. "The intermodal rail line presents a real opportunity for councils right across our region to further tap into regional road investment from the state government" Mr Anderson said.

"Already, since the design, construction and operation contracts were awarded to Qube Logistics in 2018, the NSW Government has invested over \$213 million in roads and rail in the Tamworth Electorate.



The significant investment in transport for our region is part of the big picture economic vision for the New England North West and local councils are buying into that future.

We are primarily producers in our part of the world – whether that be in agriculture or manufacturing, we provide the goods that service national and global markets and it is important that we have the infrastructure required to grow local industry.

That is why the intermodal freight line is key to driving investment in our region, both public and private. As we begin to see the project move towards completion, local government will have the opportunity to further tap into state funding to continue to improve our road network, making it easier for freight operators to access our produce.

I look forward to working with council's right across our region to take advantage of funding opportunities as we solidify ourselves as a leading producer in the state."



Claim your **First Lap** voucher in three easy steps

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2

Find your preferred Approved First Lap Provider

3

Use your voucher at time of payment for swimming lessons

60 years after it first gazed at the skies, the Parkes dish is still making breakthroughs

John Sarkissian, Operations Scientist, CSIRO

The CSIRO's 64-metre Parkes Radio Telescope was commissioned on October 31 1961. At the time it was the most advanced radio telescope in the world, incorporating many innovative features that have since become standard in all large-dish antennas.

Through its early discoveries it quickly became the leading instrument of its kind. Today, 60 years later, it is still arguably the finest single-dish radio telescope in the world. It is still performing world-class science and making discoveries that shape our understanding of the Universe.

The telescope's origins date back to wartime radar research by the Radiophysics Laboratory, part of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), the forerunner of the CSIRO. On the Sydney clifftops at Dover Heights, the laboratory developed radar for use in the Pacific theatre. When the second world war ended, the technology was redirected into peaceful applications, including studying radio waves from the Sun and beyond.



Early antennas were much simpler, not to mention smaller. CSIRO, Author provided

In 1946, British physicist Edward "Taffy" Bowen was appointed chief of the Radiophysics Laboratory. He had been one of the brilliant engineers, dubbed "boffins", who developed radar as part of Britain's secret prewar military research. The Radiophysics Laboratory had a dedicated radio astronomy group, led by the brilliant Joseph (Joe) Pawsey. Many of the group's members went on to become leaders in

the nascent field of radio astronomy, including Bernie Mills, Chris Christiansen, Paul Wild, Ruby Payne-Scott (the first female radio astronomer), and John Bolton.

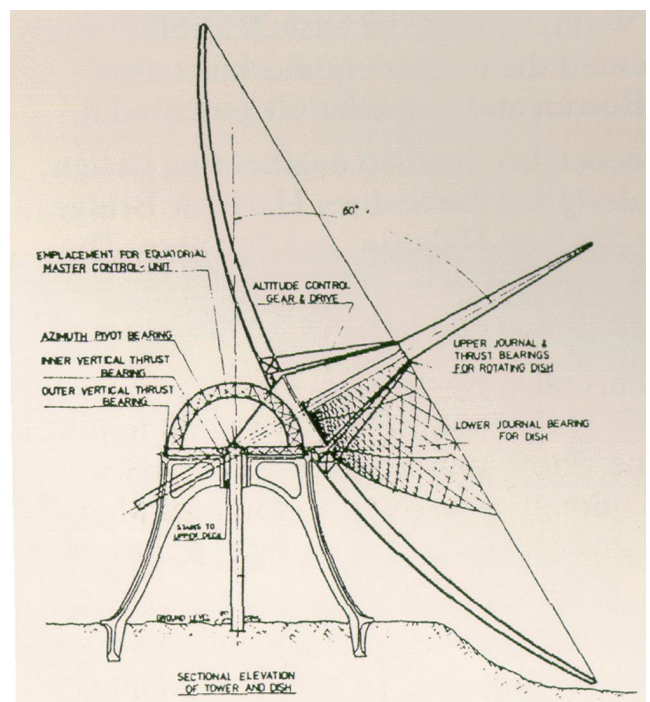
While the group's initial research focused on radio waves from the Sun, Bolton's attention soon shifted to identifying other sources from farther afield. By the early 1950s, the Dover Heights radar dishes had discovered more than 100 sources of radio emissions from the Milky Way and beyond, including the signals from supernova explosions. These observations established the Radiophysics Laboratory as a world-leading centre of radio astronomy.

By 1954, the technology at Dover Heights was outdated and obsolete, prompting Bowen to initiate the next step for Australian radio astronomy: a state-of-the-art new radio telescope.

He decided the most versatile option was to build a large, fully steerable dish antenna. The eventual price tag was A\$1.4 million (A\$25.6 million in today's terms) – far beyond CSIRO's budget at the time.

The Menzies government agreed to fund the project, provided at least 50% of the money came from the private sector. Using his wartime contacts, Bowen secured A\$250,000 each from the Carnegie Corporation and Rockefeller Foundation, plus a range of private Australian donations.

British firm Freeman Fox and Partners produced the detailed design, incorporating suggestions from legendary engineer Barnes Wallis, of "dambusters" fame. Based on the available budget and desired functionality, a diameter of 64 metres was agreed for the dish.



1955 design notes by Barnes Wallis. CSIRO, Author provided

The chosen site was near the town of Parkes, about 350km west of Sydney. This location had favourable weather conditions and was free of local radio interference. The local council also enthusiastically offered to cover the cost of some of the earthworks.

In 2020, the local Wiradjuri people named the telescope Murriyang, a traditional name meaning “Skyworld”.

The telescope’s construction began in September 1959 and was completed just two years later. On October 31 1961, the Governor-General William Sidney, Viscount De l’Isle, officially opened the telescope in a ceremony attended by 500 guests.



The Governor-General (centre) greets guests at the telescope’s 1961 opening ceremony. CSIRO, Author provided

Decades of discovery

John Bolton was appointed the founding director of the telescope. Under his dynamic, decade-long tenure, astronomers made a string of significant discoveries that established the dish as the premier scientific instrument in Australia.

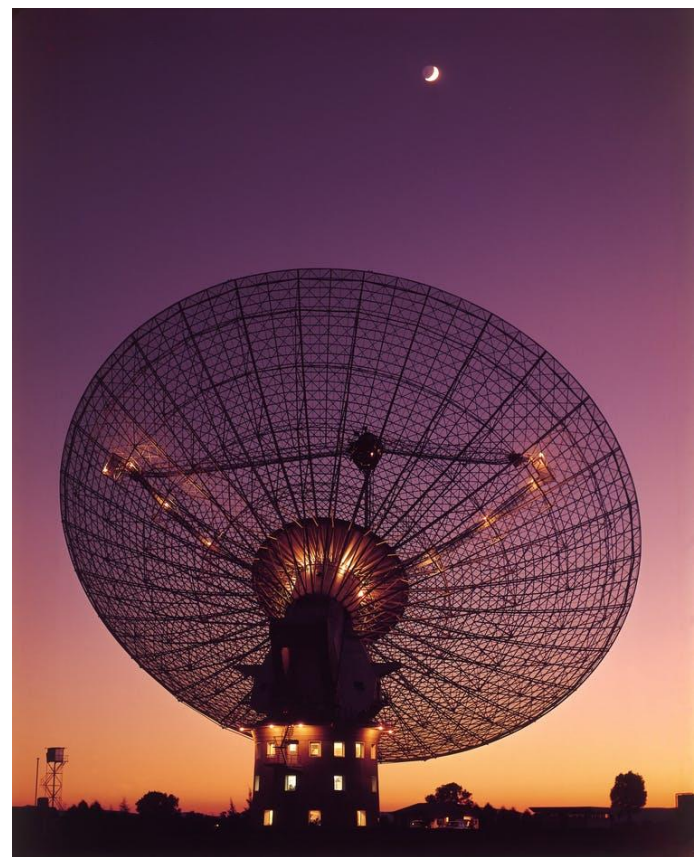
Astronomers revealed the immense magnetic field of our Milky Way galaxy. A few months later, the telescope detected quasars, the most distant known objects in the Universe – a discovery that increased the size of the known Universe tenfold. To cap off a memorable first year, Parkes tracked the very first interplanetary space mission, Mariner 2, when it flew past Venus in December 1962.

In the 1970s, researchers discovered and mapped the immense molecular clouds interspersed through our galaxy. The study of pulsars – rotating stars that emit beams of radio waves, rather like a lighthouse – became a major field of research. Parkes has discovered more pulsars than all other radio observatories combined, including the only known double pulsar system, spotted in 2003.

In the 1990s, the distribution of galaxies was mapped to a distance of 300 million light years, revealing the complex

structure of the Universe. More recently, Parkes discovered the first Fast Radio Burst – a short, intense blast of radio waves created by an as-yet unknown process. The telescope has also been involved in the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI), including the ten-year Breakthrough Listen project, which began in 2016.

To the public, the telescope is perhaps best known for its space tracking, especially its role in the Apollo lunar missions. But it has also supported other significant missions such as NASA’s Voyager 2, which flew past Uranus and Neptune in the 1980s and crossed into interstellar space in 2018. In 1986, Parkes was the prime tracking station for the European Giotto mission to Halley’s Comet. And next year, Parkes will track some of the first commercial lunar landers.



Parkes tracking the Apollo Moon mission in 1969. CSIRO, Author provided

Originally intended to operate for 20 years, the telescope’s longevity is a result of constant upgrades. Recent improvements include a new ultra-wideband receiver that can scan a huge range of radio frequencies, and CSIRO-developed “phased array feeds” (PAFs) that allow the telescope to observe up to 36 points in the sky at once. Work is now under way on a cryogenically cooled PAF that, when installed in 2022, will double this number. With these upgrades in place, a single receiver can be used to deliver more than 90% of current Parkes operations.



Construction took just two years. CSIRO, Author provided

It's hard to say how long the Parkes dish will continue to work. It depends on future upgrades and whether the telescope's structure remains in good working order. But astronomers will always have a need for a large single-dish antenna. Parkes has maintained its world-leading position in radio astronomy by constantly adapting to meet new requirements. Today it stands as an icon of Australian science and achievement. Sixty years after it first trained its eye on the sky, the future still looks bright at Parkes.

QUEENSLAND BORDER RESTRICTIONS- CHANGES

Queensland will open its borders to fully vaccinated travellers from interstate hotspots on 1:00am, Monday, December 13, Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk has announced.

With 78.67 per cent of Queenslanders over the age of 16 fully vaccinated, the Premier confirmed the state would open up to hotspots before December 17 as initially planned.

From next Monday, double-dosed travellers from hotspots – including New South Wales, Victoria, ACT, Greater Adelaide and parts of Northern Territory – will be able to arrive in Queensland via road or air.

No quarantine will be required for the fully vaccinated, though travellers will need a negative COVID-19 test within the 72 hours before arrival.



If you would like to wish your customers, members or friends a merry Christmas contact Bronwyn on 0447165008 or

news@barrabacommunitynews.org.au by this Friday for inclusion in our last edition for 2021.

Recent Anniversaries

- the premiere of William Shakespeare's play *Othello* (1604)
- John Adams becoming the first US President to live in the White House (1800)
- the deployment of the first aerial bomb during the Italo-Turkish War (1911)
- the first use of the Motion Picture Association film rating system (G, M, R, X) (1968)
- the premiere of blockbuster film *Titanic* (1997)
- the birthday of Marie Antoinette, the last queen of France (1755)
- the first publication of Harper's Bazaar (1867)
- the start of cheerleading in the United States as Johnny Campbell leads the crowd cheering on the football team at the University of Minnesota (1898)
- Dutch explorer Abel Tasman 'discovering' Van Diemen's Land (1642)
- the publication of Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*, which explained his theory of evolution by means of natural selection (1859)
- Kevin Rudd's Labor beating John Howard's Coalition to claim government (2007)
- the deaths of Queen's Freddie Mercury (1991) and Aussie wit Clive James (2019)
- the Ford Motor Company establishing the world's first moving assembly line (1913)
- the invention of modern-day Bingo by American toymaker Edwin S Lowe (1929)
- Hugh Hefner publishing the first edition of *Playboy* magazine featuring Marilyn Monroe as the centrefold (1953)
- the arrest of Rosa Parks for refusing to move to the back of a bus in Montgomery, Alabama (1955)
- the signing of the Antarctic Treaty (1959)
- Papua New Guinea gaining self-governance from Australia (1973)
- the earliest traceable patient, a 55yo man, developing symptoms of COVID-19 in Wuhan, China (2019)
- Napoleon Bonaparte being crowned Emperor of France (1804)
- the Smith Family charity marks its centenary (1921)
- the release of Fred Astaire's first film, *Dancing Lady* (1933)
- Fidel Castro becoming President of Cuba (1976)
- the death of Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar (1993)
- the ratification of the 13th Amendment of the United States Constitution abolishing slavery (1865)
- the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty that created Northern Ireland (1921)
- the bloody water polo match between the USSR and Hungary at the Melbourne Olympics (1956)

RUGBY REPORT

The Barraba Rugby Club held its' AGM on Saturday at the Club, with a good meal and drinks to follow.

The elections saw the existing executive re-elected as follows;

President – Simon Koopman

Secretary – Breanna Middlemiss

Treasurer – Brooke Robinson

Assist. Sec – Amie Middlemiss

Assist Treas – Amie Middlemiss

Club Coach – Will Robinson

Directors – Jack McCarthy, Sean Ladham,

Connor Rogers, Snow Kelly, Nick

Sweeney, Emily Kelso.

The Club is awaiting for an official answer to an application for funds to erect a change room for the women players and if successful, will commence work as soon as a holder is appointed.

There will be some other works to be done at the Club, if and when funds become available. These changes will be of benefit to club members and patrons.

The start of the competition has not been decided as yet, but could start the week before Easter or the week after.



Twilight Golf 3/12/21

Tom Mellor (Hackers) and Ian McColl (Unreliables) shared the spoils this week both carding 22 points to win Friday's twilight competition. Balls went to the ever reliable Geriatric team twins of Sam Faint and Paul Grigg 21 points each (only their mother could tell them apart), Josh Austin (The Burglars) 20, Bevan Benson (Wouldbe Champions) 20, Tim Coombes (Hackers) 20, Dan Lott (LottaPiggn) 19, Fermin Allan (New and Old) 19, Neil Bonnett (Manilla Boys) 19, Dave Capes (AKA) 19 and Bill Servin (6666) 19 points.

With the Geriatrics firing this week they pegged back 8 points off leaders Yellowstone Fever with the other big

movers being the Hackers moving into third place just ahead of the consistent Lottapiggn. It's now an interesting leaderboard with just two weeks to go.

Yellowstone Fever 271

Geriatrics 267

Hackers 264

Lotta Piggn 262

6666 252

Golf Creek 251

Burglars 251

Bogey Men 246

Manilla Boys 244

Unreliables 237

Vintage 237

Fine Winers 235

Sand 234

AKA 230

Butchers 230

Wouldbe Champions 216

New and Old 200

Worm Burners 176

Yeah Nah 103

The winner of the meat tray was Will Sedgwick.

Barraba Shotgun Club



Christmas Shoot

All Welcome

Saturday 18th December from 11am

Fun for everyone

If you would like more information

contact Ben Hands 0428500367

BBQ lunch and soft drinks available.

Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology



Wednesday 8 Dec

Summary Max 29

Showers possible storm

Chance of rain: 100%



Thursday 9 Dec

Summary Min 15 Max 28

Shower or two

Chance of any rain: 80%



Friday 10 Dec

Summary Min 13 Max 27

Sunny

Chance of any rain: 20%



Saturday 11 Dec

Summary Min 11 Max 27

Sunny

Chance of rain: 20%



Sunday 12 Dec

Summary Min 13 Max 27

Possible shower

Chance of any rain: 40%



Monday 13 Dec

Summary Min 13 Max 29

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 30%



Tuesday 14 Dec

Summary Min 14 Max 31

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 20%

Regional Dam Levels from Water NSW on Mon 6/12/21

Chaffey 100.7%

Copeton 99.0%

Keepit 96.9%

Split Rock 64.8%

TEMPORARY CLOSURE –

MEDICAL CENTRE

MedCIRC Barraba will be closed Monday 13/12/21 to Friday 24/12/21 inclusive. Due to the public holidays, we will re-open on Wednesday 29/12/21. For urgent medical attention, please phone Barraba Hospital on 67822500 or Ambulance on 000.



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The House of Jazz Collective

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Patrons may come for the concert alone (@ \$35 pp), but dinner bookings must include the concert. (Dinner + concert = \$75.)

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The Playhouse Hotel is excited to welcome *The House of Jazz Collective* back to Barraba for an evening of jazz, carols and yuletide fun on Friday 17 December at 6 pm.

The House of Jazz Collective consists of vocalists Hester Fraser, Brookie Gillett and Katy Haselwood, with Garry Steel on keyboards, Anthony Walmsley on guitar, James Haselwood on bass and Cary Bennett on percussion.

This fabulous Tamworth-based jazz ensemble arrives bearing a program stuffed chock-full of carols, love songs, standards and toe-tapping happy tunes, all guaranteed to put a proper smile on even the face of Ebenezer Scrooge. Straight after the concert, Playhouse Hotel chef Shelley Austin and various elves will serve up a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings - turkey, crackers, plum pudding, wassail punch... the whole Ding-Dong-Merrily-on-High shebang! Bookings are now open.

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