



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Final *Barraba Community News* for 2021

Thank you to our contributors, advertisers, readers and the volunteers who ensure the 'Barraba Community News' is published each week.



The next edition will be Wednesday 19th January 2022.

Send any articles, news, pictures and reports to
news@barrabacommunitynews.org.au

Santa's Helpers getting ready for present deliveries

As Covid restrictions were still in place during the planning stages of what is normally the annual Christmas tree, the club again made the difficult decision to cancel the park celebrations.

Instead they again delivered toys through the schools to the children of Barraba. To make it special as best they can, a decision was made to wrap the presents for the kids.



Lions club of Barraba's members wrapping present for the school kids of Barraba.

Wrapping the presents this year were: Ron and Helen Bridges, Liam Johnstone, Simon Koopman, Trent Hartwig (taking photo), Paul Grigg and Mal Stein.

Caretaker Position Wanted

Reliable, trustworthy, hardworking mature lady looking for a caretakers' position on a property as close to Tamworth as possible. In lieu of accommodation. **Duties include:** weed spraying, mowing, gardening, cleaning, feeding livestock, pets, checking water troughs and tank levels. Able to drive a tractor and willing to work hard and try anything. Able to take good care of farm equipment and safety conscious around machinery.

Excellent references available on request.

Leone 02 67687053 or 0403935353

I am in and out of range on mobile, leave a message on either phone numbers.

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

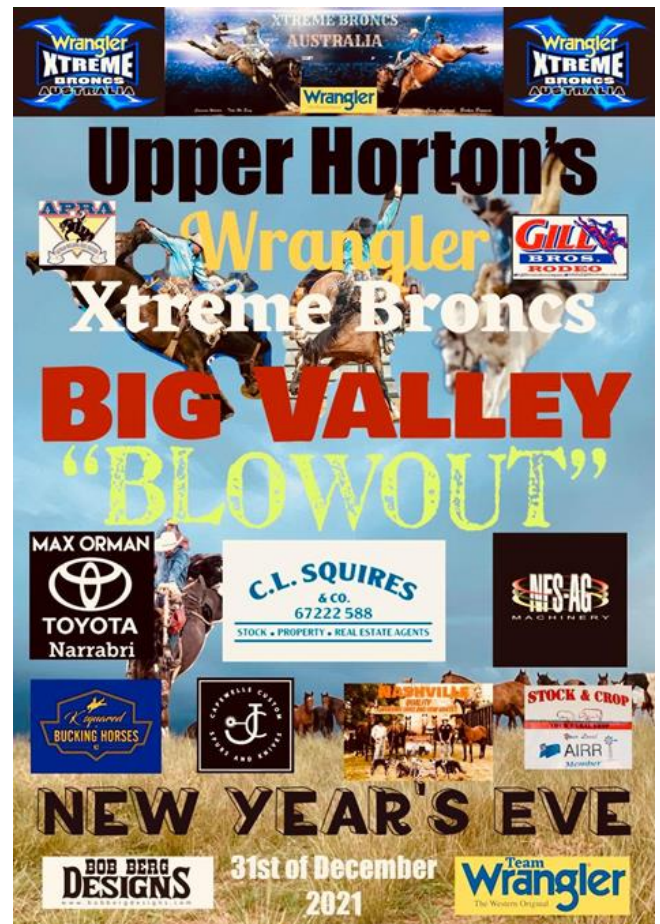
Casual position

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.



Upper Horton's
Wrangler Xtreme Broncs
BIG VALLEY
"BLOWOUT"

MAX ORMAN
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RESTAURANT
& CAFE

STOCK & CROP
AIRR
Kempsey

NEW YEAR'S EVE

BOB BEARD
DESIGNS

31st of December
2021

Team
Wrangler



BARRABA ANGLICAN
CHRISTMAS
Eve Fun

DECEMBER 24, 2021
from 5pm (Youth Centre)

Join us to celebrate
the birth of Jesus
with a carol filled
Christmas message.

Free sausage sizzle
Gifts for every child and family
Kids crafts/activities

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I needed some sultanas. In I go to IGA and find the dried fruit section.

There is only one brand of sultanas on the shelf – "Community Co". Good, that's the new Australian home brand I have seen a lot of lately. I take the sultanas home and opened the packet.

Australia grows millions and millions of acres of grapes; sultanas are dried grapes. But the packet of Community Co sultanas clearly say "Product of Turkey"! Why aren't the sultanas on the shelf at my local IGA grown and packed in Australia?

Back I go to IGA and look at the Community Co raisins and currants, other grape products. All from Turkey! And for good measure, a packet of dried apricots were a "Product of Thailand". Northern Victoria and the Riverland area of South Australia specialise in growing stone fruits like apricots.

The lesson? If you want to support Aussie farmers, ALWAYS look at the fine print on the packet or can on the supermarket shelf. It is now compulsory for the manufacturer to list where their product is from. Buy only those that say "Packed in Australia from 100% Australian ingredients".

Terry Threlfall



It's time to have your say on our future!

Tamworth Regional Council is creating a plan which focuses on what is important to our community. And, to find out what is important Council is running a community survey until 7 January, 2022.

Whether it be attracting investment and skilled workers, celebrating our culture and heritage, improving our sustainability, better connectivity, smarter growth or strengthening our economy, Council wants to know. The feedback received through the community survey will be used to shape the draft Community Strategic Plan which will be presented to the community in April 2022.

The Community Strategic Plan is a community owned plan for the future of the Tamworth region and is reviewed every 4 years. This will be Council's first Community Strategic Plan that will align directly with Council's Blueprint 100 plan. Community input is crucial to help achieve the goal of creating a world-class regional centre, a great place to live, to work, to study and to visit. The plan will identify the main priorities and aspirations of our community and provide clear strategies to achieve this vision.

Tamworth Regional Council's Manager of Strategy and Performance, Anna Russell said she is excited to see what is most important to the community and what the main priorities are for the future of our region.

"The Community Strategic Plan is a plan for all of us, so we need your feedback on the long-term vision for the region, the plan reflects your values and therefore drives the delivery of projects to make the Tamworth region a place we all love to live", she said.

There will be a variety of ways for residents to be involved, including completing an online survey on Council's website, completing a phone survey with Micromex research, and a number of face-to-face engagements stands.

Anyone who completes the online survey will go into the draw to win one of ten \$100 Stay Regional Shop Regional vouchers.

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.



Cobbadah Flowers
 Marnie Crowley
 0267822045
 0429878788

The Garden Joy and Ken made





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

THIS WEEK:

**ALL MEMBERSHIP DRAWS WILL RESUME ON THE
7th JANUARY 2022**

THURSDAY: 11AM-

MULTISCREEN DRAW-THIS WEEK \$7,000

FRIDAY: 11AM-

TOYS AND HAM RAFFLES 6PM

SATURDAY: 10AM-

SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES.

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

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

THURS/FRI/SAT: LUNCH 12-2PM

DINNER 6-8.00PM

SUNDAY: LUNCH 12-2PM

DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



Queen Street Café
82a Queen St. Barraba
Ph 0267822106

Dine in or takeaway.
Open 7 days

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

Christmas Mass 9am on Christmas morning

Barraba 1st & 5th Sunday 6pm.

2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday 9am.

Upper Horton 3rd Sunday 11am

Weekday Mass Wednesday 10am

Uniting Church Notices

Christmas Day service 10am

No service Sunday 26th Dec

**From 2nd January 2022 time change to 10:30am for
a 10:45am for next 4 months**

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.

NSW COVID-19 UPDATE

Tuesday 14 December 2021

94.8%

first dose in
16+ NSW population

93.2%

second dose in
16+ NSW population

86,562

tests in last 24 hours

81.4%

first dose in
12-15 NSW population

77.7%

second dose in
12-15 NSW population

804

total new cases

168

in hospital

21

in ICU

1

deaths





History Notes

This week we have the markets to look forward to – our first markets for a while so do call in and see what is on offer and perhaps sit at the tables and chairs on the patio and have a chat. Hopefully we will have enough members to be able to open the museum from about 10 o'clock.

During the holidays and January the museum will be open on the usual days and we are always ready to open up when requested. Local history books are on display and ready for sale in the museum.

The Christmas decorations are starting to spring up over the town and there are a few at country mail boxes in the district – most people will have seen the one just to the north of town in other years but this year there are more if one takes a drive around the district.

As it is Christmas I have been able to find an article in a history book about Christmas in the 17th Century at a large country estate in Hertfordshire. The article was recorded in The London News just under 100 years ago but the actual Christmas was in 1628 when the head of the household was in failing health and confined to his chamber and several members of the family were absent for various reasons.

The steward of the household kept a book in which he entered the names of everyone for whom he had to provide meals together with a reference to the menu. It is from this book, which may or may not still exist, that we find some of the details.

Apart from the usual beef, mutton, pork and veal there were venison pasties, neat's tongues, woodcock, hare, rabbit, capon, salt "salmon" and mince pies. There is no mention of vegetables or salads or drinks as home brewed beer was common in such households and there was probably wine on this special occasion.

The normal household numbered between 35 and 45 persons but on Christmas Day the steward had to provide about 323 meals although the paper records just two sons and their guest, the Rector, dining in the Great Chamber. There was just one other item of note, the husband of the granddaughter of the head of the household had contributed a swan to the larder – a great delicacy!

As we celebrate Christmas lunch just be thankful that we do not have to cater for 300 persons, or for that matter cook a swan!

Merry Christmas to all our readers.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION RESULTS AT 9 AM 13 DEC 2021

Preferences will be distributed on 21 December. All 9 Councillors declared elected will be officially announced after distribution.

Elected so far

Tamworth Regional

MEARS Stephen

Burke Bede

WEBB Russell

RODDA Mark

SUTHERLAND Marc

Gwydir

DIXON Marilyn

COULTON David

GALVIN Tiffany

COULTON John

MATTHEWS Chris

Summer School Holiday program announced

No need to be a couch potato these school holidays, there is plenty to do outside of the country music festival following the announcement of the Summer School Holiday program. Tamworth Regional Council Team Leader Inclusive Community Katey Allwell said the summer program accommodates for athletic, creative and inquisitive children.

"We run programs at our library in Barraba. The programs are for children and young people aged between five and eighteen years. These programs help develop curious minds in a positive environment where friendship and learning can flourish," said Ms Allwell.

Those with a curious mind will have the opportunity to get their hands dirty with gardening activities, building a cubby house, or learning how to code using the platform Scratch. Further information on all programs can be found at www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays

Did you hear Woolies is giving away dead batteries for the holiday?

They're free of charge!

Did you hear about the man who stole an Advent Calendar?

He got 25 days.

Why did the scarecrow get a big Christmas bonus?

Because he was outstanding in his field.



Barraba Pharmacy & Newsagency

Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years from all the staff.

Christmas Trading Hours

Mon 20/12/21 – Normal Trading
Tues 21/12/21 – Normal Trading
Wed 22/12/21 - Normal Trading
Thurs 23/12/21 - Normal Trading
Fri 24/12/21 – Normal Trading (Xmas Eve)
Sat 25/12/21 – CLOSED (Xmas Day)
Sun 26/12/21 – CLOSED (Boxing Day)
Mon 27/12/21 – CLOSED (Xmas Day Public Holiday)
Tues 28/12/21 – CLOSED (Boxing Day Public Holiday)
Wed 29/12/21 - Normal Trading
Thurs 30/12/21 - Normal Trading
Fri 31/12/21 – Normal Trading (New Years' Eve)
Sat 1/1/22 – CLOSED (New Years' Day)
Sun 2/1/22 – CLOSED
Mon 3/1/22 – CLOSED (New Years' Day Public Holiday)
Wed 26/1/22 – CLOSED (Australia Day)



BARRABA MOTORS

Mark, Rachel, Amy and Max wish all customers a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year and thank them for their patronage during 2021.

We will be closed during the holiday period, reopening on 1st February 2022.

Queen Street Café

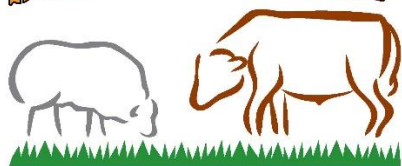
Phone 67822106

Craig, Mel and Staff would like to wish our customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Closed Christmas Day. Times may vary for other Public Holiday trading.

STOCK & CROP



YOUR RURAL SHOP

Wish all our customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you for your patronage throughout the year.

Christmas Drinks

Please come and join us for Christmas drinks on Thursday 23rd December from 12 midday.

Christmas/New Year closure

Last trading day for 2021 Thursday 23rd Dec 2021.
Reopen on Monday 4th January 2022.



Community College Northern Inland Inc.

The team at your local Community College wish you all a Happy and Safe Christmas and all the best in 2022.

The office will be closed from Friday 17th Dec 2021 to Monday 10th Jan 2022.





The Barraba Caravan Park

Phone 02 67821818, man to talk to is Bobby Richardson.

But if you're going past – don't!

www.barraba.org 'click on' accommodation

*Thanking all guests and friends for their patronage in the past year
and extend best wishes to all for 2022*



Barraba Pony Club

Merry Christmas and a Happy
and Safe New Year to you all....

Cheers from the Committee of
the Barraba Pony Club. 😊



Shop 117-119 Queen St - Barraba
P. (0)2 6782 1585

Kylie wishes all Universal
customers a Happy Christmas
and prosperous New Year and
thank you for your support.



Closed from 24th December
Reopen on 4th January 2022

The

PLAYHOUSE HOTEL

Wishing everyone a very happy
Christmas and prosperous New
Year.



PJK LAW

149 Queen St Barraba
Phone 0267821103

Phil and Marilou wish all a
very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.

We will be closing on
Wednesday 22 December,
2021 at 1pm and reopen on
Wednesday 12 January, 2022
at 9am



C.W. Jeffery Bus Service & Charter

Servicing Barraba & District

0267821767 0427254385

Chris, Andrea and staff
wishing all friends, family and
clients a very Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year.
CATERING TO BARRABA AND
DISTRICT



PHIL DENYER MECHANICAL REPAIRS

This holiday season we are
CLOSING 5PM THURSDAY
23rd DECEMBER, 2021 and we
will RE-OPEN ON MONDAY
10th JANUARY, 2022
Thank you for your continued
support during 2021 and we
look forward to 2022 being a
good year for all 😊

Best wishes,
Phil, Ally and Pip
Phone (02) 67 821 107



Wishing our clients and
community a Merry
Christmas and a Happy
New Year.

Thank you for your
continued patronage
throughout the year.

Charlie & the team at Hart Rural



THE CORNER STORE

21 Queen St Barraba
0267821058

Rakesh, Raji, Liz and Greg
wish all customers a MERRY
CHRISTMAS and
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
and thanks all for your
patronage.

OPEN Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Barraba Rugby Football Club Inc.

The Barraba Bulldogs wish
everyone a very Merry
Christmas and a happy New
Year.

Thank you for your support this
year.



SEE YOU ON THE PADDOCK NEXT YEAR!

BARRABA SHIRE BAND

The Bandmaster and Band
Members wish all a very Merry
Christmas and a happy New
Year.

Thank you for your support
during 2021.

We're always looking for new
members.



Merlene's Fine Fibres Studio

86 Queen St Barraba
Phone 02 67821838

Merlene and Laurie wish all a
Merry Christmas and Happy New
Year



D.J. Kelly & Co.

Chartered Accountants
122 Queen St Barraba.
Phone 67821403



Wish their clients and friends a
very Merry Christmas and
prosperous New Year.

THE ROTARY CLUB

Would like to take this
opportunity of thanking
everyone for their continued
support, and to the people who
have assisted us throughout the
year.



WE WISH ONE AND ALL A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY, HEALTHY AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

The Christmas Stocking raffle
will be drawn on Sat 18th Dec.

Barraba RSL and Recreation Amateur Anglers Club

Wish all members and friends a
MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY
NEW YEAR.

Hope the fish are biting in 2022!



BARRABA MEN'S SHED



Members of the Barraba Men's
Shed wish all a very Merry
Christmas and a happy New Year
and would like to thank everyone
for their support throughout the
year.

TJ and WA ENDACOTT PLUMBING

Phone Tim 0428852054
AH 02 67852054

Tim, Wendy and James wish all a
Very Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year.





Members of the Barraba Potters and Craft Guild and Fuller Gallery wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a wonderful, safe and healthy New Year

MERRY CHRISTMAS

John, Robyn, Ben, Josh and Kahlee of

Barraba Beef

Wish all customers and friends
Peace and Happiness at
Christmas and all through 2022

Merry Christmas

Barraba Bakery

Wish everyone a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New
Year.



We will be closed from 4pm on
24th December and reopen on
Mon 31st January 2022.

NORTH BARRABA DIESEL

Adam Russell phone 02 67821485
Wishing all a very Merry Christmas
and a happy New Year.
Thank you for your support in 2021.



Closed during the Christmas break.

The President and Members of the Barraba Lions Club

Take this opportunity to wish the
people of Barraba a happy and
prosperous Christmas and New
Year and thank all for your
generous support in the past.



Polkadot & The Coffee Room

85-87 Queen St
Phone 67821717



*Sandra and staff would like to
wish all their customers and
friends a Merry Christmas
and Happy New year and
thank all for their support
during 2021.*

Turning Heads Hair and Beauty Salon

130 Queen St
Phone 67821167

**Jenny and Jon wish all clients a
very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.
Hope to see your hair there!**

Closed from 24th Dec
Reopen on 12th Jan 2022.



Saunders Fruit and Vegetable Supplies

Merry Christmas and thank you
for your support throughout
2021. Best wishes for 2022.
John and Toni

Closed 25th to 28th Dec and 1st to 3rd Jan



Wishing all a very Merry
Christmas and thank you for
supporting our Barraba
Markets.
See you at the Markets in
February 2022.

**Merry
Christmas**

Frocks 'N' Locks

107-109 Queen St Barraba

Wishing all our clients and friends a happy and healthy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and look forward to continuing to enjoy your company in 2022.

Rhonda, Kell and Kelly

For trading hours and hair dressing with Rhonda phone 67822111.



Babes in the Bush

Phone 67821303

Ally and Cath wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Barraba Senior Citizens

Wish all their members and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year See you all in 2022.



BARRABA PRESCHOOL AND PLAYGROUP

Wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Preschool will resume on Monday 31st January 2022
Playgroup will resume on Friday 28th January 2022

*Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from John, Gayle and all our staff.
Cheers from The Pub*



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Trent, Lanie and staff at

Barraba Rural Traders

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your business and support over the past 12 months.

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Christmas Trading Hours:

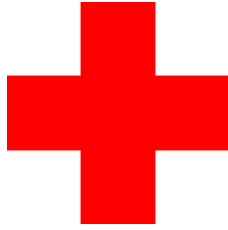
Closed 24th December at 4pm

Normal trading resumes 4th January 2022.

Dr Jay, Dr Neil, Dr Hein
and Staff of

MEDCIRC BARRABA

Wish all a very Happy, Healthy and Safe
Christmas and Happy Holidays.



MEDCIRC Barraba
8 Maud St Barraba
Phone 02 67821621



Richardson House

The Board, staff and residents send wishes for a season of gladness, a season of cheer and to top it all off a wonderful year.

Thank you to the Barraba community for your continued support.



Welcome to
Barraba RSL
and Recreation Club

Thanks all members, friends and guests for their patronage in the past year and extends best wishes to all for 2022.

Merry
Christmas

Barraba Hydrotherapy Pool

★ POOL NEWS ★

The hydrotherapy pool is back up and functioning again!
Our opening hours for the rest of the summer!

December

MONDAY -Closed

TUESDAY-FRIDAY 6-8am, 2-6pm

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 12-6pm

Closed on Christmas Day ☺

January

MONDAY - Closed

TUESDAY-FRIDAY 6-8am 12-6pm

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 12-6pm

No morning swimming on the 4.1.22-7.1.22

February

MONDAY -Closed

TUESDAY-FRIDAY 6-8am, 2-6pm

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 12-6pm

March

MONDAY - Closed

TUESDAY-SUNDAY 12-6pm

From Northern Daily Leader 1 December 2021 by Anna Falkenmire –

Tamworth and Gunnedah weather: rainiest November since 2011 ends wet spring season but summer could bring more with La Nina declared

The wettest November in a decade has left Tamworth drenched and rivers swollen.

Tamworth clocked an official total of 191mm of rain in its airport gauge across the month, which is more than two-and-a-half times the November average, according to the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM). The last time the month brought that much of the wet stuff was 10 years ago in 2011, when 200mm fell. The wild weather caused the Peel River to surge to flood levels twice in Tamworth, just a few days apart in late November, causing damage to roads, causeways and some low-lying properties. Chaffey Dam has been full for months now, but hit 106 per cent in late November - a level not seen in more than a decade - and water gushed down the spillway. Lake Keepit has also been lapping at its edges through most of the month, while Copeton Dam, near Inverell, spilled over for the first time in about nine years in late November. Gunnedah had a record-breaking month, with about 305mm falling in November 2021, more than in any other November in at least 20 years since the BoM gauge started collecting data. The town is now beginning to recover from a devastating flood.

Summer could bring more wet weather with La Nina.

FROM MONDAY 13 DECEMBER – TRAVELLING TO QUEENSLAND

Queensland has kept its borders shut to large chunks of Australia for many months, but that changes today, with the state opening up to travellers from domestic COVID-19 hotspots. If you're planning a trip, here are the rules around visiting.

What are the requirements for entering the state?

People coming to Queensland from one of the previously restricted COVID-19 hotspots can now enter the state by air or road.

You must [apply for and receive a Queensland entry pass](#) prior to your entry into Queensland. Once that's approved, your pass will be emailed to you.

If you're entering by road, you're asked to display your pass on your passenger side visor, low-left windscreen or passenger-side dashboard.

If you're coming from a hotspot, no quarantine will be required if you meet the following criteria:

- Fully vaccinated (two vaccine doses and seven days after the second);
- Get a negative COVID test result within 72 hours before arriving into Queensland;
- Have a COVID test on day five after arrival.

The tests before you get to Queensland, and on day five, both need to be a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests — a rapid antigen test won't cut it.

You can get a PCR test at any state-run testing clinic for free.

If you haven't been to a COVID hotspot in the previous 14 days, there are no restrictions on entering the state and no quarantine is needed.

What about once I'm in Queensland?

You'll need to download the [Check In Qld app](#) on [Google Play](#) or the [App Store](#) and use it whenever you enter a business.

You can [upload your vaccination certificate to the app](#), and may be required by businesses to prove that you're double jabbed.

The only further requirement once you're in Queensland is the [test on day five](#).

You won't need to isolate while waiting for the result.

If the test comes back positive, you will have to isolate and follow public health directions.

Aside from that, you can travel freely around the state without restriction.

When do you have to wear a mask in Queensland?

It's recommended you carry a mask with you at all times, but you are only required to wear it in some of situations:

- If you've been in a locked-down area in the previous 14 days (there are currently no locked-down areas in Queensland);
- In indoor areas of Queensland airports as well as outdoor passenger transport and waiting areas, like car parks and taxi ranks;
- On domestic commercial flights while the plane is at a Queensland airport or in Queensland airspace;
- If you're quarantining.

The usual exceptions to mask-wearing apply, such as children under 12 and when you're eating or drinking.

What are the rules for gatherings?

There is no limit on gatherings in public outdoor spaces in Queensland. Gatherings at a private residence are limited to a maximum of 100 people.

Special rules apply for aged care facilities, disability accommodation services, hospitals and correctional facilities.

Can unvaccinated people enter the state?

If you're unvaccinated then you don't meet the entry criteria and will be forced to quarantine in a government-nominated facility.

There are also a host of restrictions on what unvaccinated people can do once in Queensland, starting on December 17. You won't be able to enter pubs or cafes, for example, or government-owned galleries or museums.

What are the rules for kids?

The double-vaccination requirement is for everyone aged 16 and over.

For kids 12 months or older, they are still required to return a negative test before entry and on day five.

Queensland Health says small children will be tested using a specialised swab — you can discuss any requirements with the health support team when you're arranging the tests.

RASF shares Christmas spirit with regional show societies

Fifteen show societies in northern and north-west New South Wales have received pallets of goods just in time for Christmas thanks to the RAS Foundation (RASf) in collaboration with Good 360 and the Agricultural Societies Council of NSW Ltd (ASC).

Special thanks goes to Namoi Logistics from Wee Waa for their generous support transporting the goods and storage.

Providing much-needed goods each pallet is piled high with a variety of goods, including Lego, children's books and toys, cleaning products and kitchen goods with a total value of \$120,000.

The RASf and Good 360 first connected in 2018 and have **since provided over \$1.6 million worth of goods** to regional communities in New South Wales.

RASf Manager Cecilia Logan said; "After such a challenging year, particularly for our regional communities who have battled mouse plagues, covid lockdowns, the lingering effects of drought and bushfires and now flooding, a small gesture can go a long way. These pallets are our way of helping to lift community spirits and bring a smile to some faces over this Christmas period."

Barraba is one lucky recipient with the Barraba Show Society set to distribute the goods with the help of the Barraba Lions Club.

Tim Crowley of the Barraba Show Society thanks the RASf and Good 360 for their generosity and says the products and gifts will bring great joy to the community. Thank you to Jim Maxwell for kindly delivering our pallet from Narrabri & to Simon & Amanda at Stock & Crop for storing it for us.

Learn more about RASf collaboration with Good360 [here](#).

Visit www.rasf.org.au for more information on the RAS Foundation.

Visit <https://good360.org/> for more information on Good360.

From The Conversation Macquarie Dictionary Word of the Year

'Strollout' has gathered pace, romping home as the Macquarie word of the year. I'd have gone for 'vax' if on the list

[Roslyn Petelin](#) Course coordinator, The University of Queensland

In a break from the usual tradition, Macquarie asked the public to choose their word of the year in advance of the committee's decision. The pundits were betting on a COVID-19 inspired word and the shortlist certainly contained possibilities related to the pandemic: "Delta", "shadow pandemic", and "strollout". And they were right!

Macquarie's other 16 possibilities included more obscure choices such as "humane washing" to describe "the misleading marketing of a product sourced from animals, deceptively giving the impression that the animals have been treated humanely" and "dry scooping" to describe the "practice of ingesting powdered pre-workout supplements or protein powder without mixing with water or milk as directed".

Many of the wordsmiths I shared the list with had not heard of most of them. Neither had I. For example, "brain tickler" instead of nose swab.

Nor could we see ourselves using such terms as "hate-follow" (of sites whose content we disagreed with) or "front-stab" (as opposed to back-stab). We were offended by "menty-b" for mental breakdown and not that curious about "sober curious".

And I'm too fond of proper baking to prepare a "dump cake" by combining the ingredients directly in the cake tin in which the cake is to be baked.

Macquarie has just announced the result of the committee's AND the people's choice: both chose "strollout". Defined as a "blend of rollout and stroll", the word refers to the "perceived lack of speed" in Australia's vaccine rollout.

Strollout was mostly used in media coverage to criticise the government for Australia's initially slow rollout of the vaccination program over the past year.

The Australian National Dictionary Centre had already chosen "strollout", which originated here and later featured on American media.

Oxford Dictionaries had chosen "vax", which would have been my choice, had it been on Macquarie's list. Was "strollout" as ubiquitous as "vax"?

Avoiding the COVID-19 direct expressions such as "Delta", Cambridge had also gone for a subtler but still pandemic-inspired word of the year with "perseverance", which we can all relate to.

Other words of the year

Collins Dictionary chose the non-COVID "NFT" (non-fungible token), which WAS on Macquarie's list. An NFT is an ownership certificate for a chunk of digital data such as an image, a domain name, a tweet, or a video. It's a one-off, not fungible or replaceable by any other piece of data. Christies sold a digital artwork for £50 million earlier this year.

Merriam-Webster hasn't announced its choice yet. Nor has the American Dialect Society, the first body to launch a Word of the Year competition in 1990. It announces its choice after the end of the year.

You may be surprised that Cambridge has chosen the abstract word "perseverance". Doesn't the Word of the Year have to be a neologism like "strollout"?

Well, no! Macquarie usually chooses newly coined words like the whimsical "milkshake duck", and "mansplain", which was chosen as Macquarie's word of the decade.

What criteria do the authorities base their choice on?

As Rose Wild asks in The Times, does a word of the year mean: *a word we perceive to be most used, abused or overused? Or is it one that encapsulates something unique to this year's mood or events — or can it be both? What's the point of it?*

How is the decision made? Who gets to choose?

Merriam-Webster bases its decision on the frequency of words that are "looked up" in their online dictionary. As does Cambridge. Collins tracks word usage in its corpus database that covers social media and print publications such as newspapers, and uses its team of editors, lexicographers, and marketing and publicity staff.

The American Dialect Society's choice is determined by a vote of independent linguists. The Australian National Dictionary Centre's editorial staff chooses words that have been prominent in the Australian social and cultural landscape during the year, though the word is not always one that has originated in Australia.

Macquarie lists on its website a committee of language experts to make the choice.

Beyond the Word of the Year

The American Dialect Society takes its mission seriously. It goes beyond Word of the Year to Word of the Decade; for the 2010s, it was the singular "they". Its Word of the 20th Century was "Jazz" (Yay!), and its word of the past millennium was "she".

The American Dialect Society also chooses words in several intriguing sub-categories. Some previous choices include most useful "they" (as a gender-neutral pronoun); most unnecessary "manbun"; most outrageous "gate rape" (airport patdown); most euphemistic "scooping technician" (a person whose job it is to pick up dog poo); most productive "shaming" (as in "fat-shaming"); most likely to succeed "binge-watch" (many of us can confess to that), and most unlikely to succeed "sitbit" (a device that rewards a sedentary lifestyle), which is, of course, a pun on Fitbit. Some of us may be guilty of "sitbit".

My favourite category is the most creative word. Apparently, the Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport provides a "recombobulation area" for passengers who have passed through security screening, so that they can get their clothes and belongings back in order.

Having been prevented from international travel by COVID-closed borders for nearly two years, oh, how I long to be recombobulated again, though not necessarily at the Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport.



Golf Notes

Twilight 10/12

It took to the penultimate round before the Wouldbe Champions realised their potential with Graham Bowman winning a chook with 22 points and David McMurtrie and Liam Johnston balls with 21 and 19 respectively. Rodger Fisher (Golf Creek) also found some form with 21 points while Yellow Stone Fever's Ben Spencer (20) and Charlie Hart (19) kept their team in a strong position going into the last week. Balls also went to Fine Winers Lib Thompson with 20 points, Geriatric Paul Grigg and AKA's Dave Capes with 19. Jack Ward, after encouraging fellow golfers with their tee-offs, was considered the best of the 5-holers. Manilla Boys Neil Bonnett won the meat. So with one week to go it is Yellow Stone leading on 310, Geriatrics 301, Hackers 296, Lotta Piggis 294 and Golf Creek on 287 fighting it out for first and second. 6666's 282, Manilla Boys 279 and The Bogey Men 277 are some chance to get in the prize money if they pull one out of the box and the rest will just enjoy a great game on a great course and have a steak afterwards. We're all winners!

Annual Presentation Night

Last Saturday night we held our presentation dinner at the Commercial. President Will Sedgwick welcomed all and made special mention of the volunteer work that keeps our club in a healthy position and handed over to Captain Ian Cabot to present to the winners of different competitions. Our Mixed Foursomes Champions and winners of Lloyd and Vera Bridges Memorial trophy kindly donated by Lyn Groth was Amanda Koopman and David York. They won by 4 shots from Lib Thompson and Campbell Tonkin and Peter and Lyn Simpson. With an 81, Will Sedgwick and Ian Cabot won the Mens Foursomes in a countback from Firman Allan and Daniel Anderson to claim the Championship prize donated by Peter York and Allan Yates. Will and Campbell teamed up to win the 4BBB Matchplay donated by Doonba Pastoral Co and Kevin Kelaher won the Chub Jackson

Memorial Trophy for the Single Matchplay.

Amanda Koopman being our Ladies Champion and Kerrie Smith our Ladies Net Champion received their respective trophies from club stalwart David York.

New member this year, Liam Johnston after a rough start stormed home to win the Mens Net Championship, sponsored by Brock Sampson Golf, by 4 shots from Firman Allan. Our Mens Champion and winner of the Bert Goldman Memorial trophy is Kevin Kelaher having defeated Peter York by 3 shots. A big thank you to Jenny and Shayne Middlemiss for that trophy and indeed all our trophy donors.



Combating online trolls and strengthening defamation laws

Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce has welcomed the Coalition Government's world-leading reforms to Australia's defamation laws that will protect Australians and Australian businesses from online trolls, as well as significant legal liabilities.

"These reforms are about ensuring that families and business across New England will be protected from harmful defamatory comments made by anonymous trolls online," the Deputy Prime Minister said.

The urgent reforms will complement the defamation reforms currently being progressed in partnership with states and territories, and sit alongside the Government's commitment to improving online safety.

Suicide prevention grants to double, focus on at-risk groups

The Morrison-Joyce Government is increasing suicide prevention grants to organisations across the country to help reduce Australia's suicide rate towards zero.

Organisations in New England can now apply for funding through the National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program Grant Opportunity, with \$114 million available for national projects that will raise awareness of the impact of suicide and support Australians who are at risk.

Full details are available at www.barrabacommunitynews.org.au

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Sunny

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Thursday 16 Dec



Summary Min 15 Max 31

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 20%

Friday 17 Dec



Summary Min 16 Max 31

Shower or two

Chance of any rain: 50%

Saturday 18 Dec



Summary Min 16 Max 33

Mostly Sunny

Chance of rain: 10%

Sunday 19 Dec



Summary Min 19 Max 31

Shower or two

Chance of any rain: 70%

Monday 20 Dec



Summary Min 16 Max 30

Possible shower

Chance of any rain: 40%

Tuesday 21 Dec



Summary Min 16 Max 31

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Chance of any rain: 30%

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