



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Wednesday 2nd February 2022

2022 Barraba Australia Day Celebrations

There was a large crowd at the RSL Memorial Hall on 26 January for the Australia Day celebrations and the Annual Australia Day Awards. MC Helen Rixon kept proceedings moving along nicely. In the background, Tamworth Regional Council local manager Lisa Hannaford made sure all ran smoothly. Author and film producer, Anupam Sharma, was our Australia Day Ambassador.



Anupam Sharma

Tamworth Regional Council was well represented by Councillor Judy Coates and Councillor Stephen Meares; after their official duties, both Councillors

used their visit to discuss Barraba matters with the locals present.

The Barraba Band played the National Anthem, and kept us entertained with Australian themed tunes before and during the proceedings. The Barraba Rotary Club provided a sausage sizzle after the event, and over the road, the pool was open for anyone who would like a swim.

From a large field of nominees, Amie Middlemiss was chosen as the Barraba Citizen of the year. Amie, who works tirelessly keeping many of Barraba's sporting clubs running, was a very popular choice.



Amie Middlemiss.

The Frank Darlington Young Achiever of the Year was Zahlie Cabot.



Zahlie Cabot

The Barraba Lions Club Christmas celebrations and the Historical Society Museum Markets were named joint Community Events of the Year.



Julie Williams and Glenda Geary accepting the award on behalf of the Historical Society

Congratulations to all.



A Mural in the Mall

The Public Art Committee is delighted to announce that another artwork is about to find its way onto the walls of our town adding to the emerging art trail. The Public Art Committee have secured the incredible talent of Scott Nagy and Janne Birkner to bring to life the north-facing wall in the mall area in Queen Street. Situated beside the current library and council offices, this piece of artwork will add to the list of reasons for visitors to stop and spend a while exploring our community and our businesses.

Sydney based artists, Scott and Janne visited Barraba in June 2021 to meet with community members, investigate the space, explore the area and source inspiration for their concept.

"After looking at the space and discovering the wall is on the side of the much-loved library we were inspired to paint a narrative of somebody reading and their imagination spilling into the room they are sitting in. We like to paint colourful and dreamy narratives themed around the local flora and fauna of an area, so we've put lots of local animals into the design. Notably the Regent Honey-eater which we think is a beautiful bird and also critically endangered. The mural will be warm and cosy, especially tucked into the square where the wall is situated", commented Scott.



Committee members are thrilled with the concept put forward, which will show great respect to the history and showcase the importance that our library, and all the wonderful staff who have been part of it, have played in our town.

Committee member Karen said "So many of our community have their own personal stories of experiences in the library, opening up a world of imagination well before we could explore the world as we do now (pre-internet and pre-covid of course). From receiving our very first library card to the electronic nature of book borrowing, from library classes we enjoyed at school to the ever-evolving role that libraries play

in our world becoming a place embracing technology without losing the essence of being information providers in so many forms. The Barraba Library is well and truly a community space and the Committee are confident that this latest piece of artwork will pay homage to that."

We can expect to see Scott and Janne completed work on the space during the first week of February. If you would like to see more of what these incredible artists can do feel free to go to www.scottnagyartist.com and www.krimsone.com

This work is made possible with the assistance of Rural Aid, TRC and with great thanks to the wider Barraba community for their continued support.

Barraba Public Art committee have just been given \$5,000 from the Australia Silo Art trail group, as profit share of their highly successful 2022 Silo Art Calendar. Barraba silos were chosen for the cover image of the calendar.

This a wonderful result and means that the Committee will likely be able to move forward with another project in the future.



Thursday 20th January 2022

Amanda and Simon Koopman
Stock and Crop
70 Old Manila Road
BARRABA NSW 2347

Dear Amanda and Simon,

We are delighted to inform you that the 2022 Silo Art Calendar has again been a great success!

The calendar was produced with the blessing of all the 14 communities involved, and we especially need to thank the artists and silo owners for allowing us to use their artwork and to meet all copyright laws.

Sales of the calendar has been phenomenal and the feedback we have been given has truly been fantastic. We feel very proud to play our part in promoting the silo art trail around Australia and trust you are seeing some increase tourism traffic to benefit your local economy.

We are delighted to announce, that \$71,876 is the total amount to be donated from the 2022 silo art calendar project, with each of the 14 communities featured to receive \$5,134.

To enable us to meet our GST tax requirements and to make the payment to your community organisation, please raise an invoice for **Copyright Silo Art Fee** to;

Australian Art Trails Pty Ltd
18 Daydream Plaza
HALLS HEAD WA 6210
annette@australiansiloarttrail.com

A. If your organisation is registered for GST, please add GST – Total amount \$5,647.40 (INC gst)

B. If your organisation is NOT registered for GST, please invoice for the GST exclusive amount – Total \$5,134

Please contact us if you have any questions or need further information. We will make payment to your community group as invoices and sent to us.

Also attached is a media release to be sent to your local newspapers and media outlets to help promote the value of Silo Art to your local community.

Kind regards

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Damian Modra
Regional Tourism Ambassador
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BARRABA SHOW SOCIETY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



WORKING BEES

- 12TH FEB AND 26TH FEB 2022 (SHOWGROUND) 8AM

GENERAL MEETING

- 24TH FEB 2022 (BOWLING CLUB) 7PM

2022 BARRABA SHOW

4-6TH MARCH 2022



Barraba Potters and Craft Guild Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Friday 11th February at 10am at the Guild
AGM will be followed by an ordinary meeting with
general business discussed.
All are welcome



Welcome to
Barraba RSL
and Recreation Club

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For the information of members and guests

WE ARE A COVID-19 SAFE CLUB

ALL NSW HEALTH REGULATIONS APPLY

THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY: 11AM-

MULTISCREEN DRAW-THIS WEEK \$10,500

FRIDAY: 11AM-

MEAT/VEG RAFFLES 6PM

EXTRA DRAW AFTER EACH RAFFLE FOR A BONUS PRIZE
MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$2000 6 DRAWS

SATURDAY: 10AM-

SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 1PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1400

MONDAY: CLOSED

TUESDAY: 11AM-5.30PM

BINGO 11AM

WEDNESDAY: 11AM-5.30PM

HAPPY HOUR: 11am-1pm Wed & Fri

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THURS/FRI/SAT: LUNCH 12-2PM DINNER 6-8.00PM

SUNDAY: LUNCH 12-2PM

DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Giant Garage Sale

2nd weekend in February. Over 2 days

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th 15/17 Henry Street

Items for sale

New shower with base. New toilet suite
Fly screen doors. Fly screen windows
Plumbing fittings. New taps
Electric tools (not batteries)
Chain Saw/Drop Saw/Slide Saw. Bench Saw
Large Hammer Drill. Reciprocating Saw
Ceiling Lights (3 sizes)
Rio off cuts. Hanging Racks
Paint. Colourbond steel. Shelves with fittings
50cc Yamaha Moped 12 months rego, goes over 60km/hr



Queen Street Café

82a Queen St. Barraba

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Dine in or takeaway.

Open 7 days



FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS TO DELIVER CRUCIAL SUPPORT FOR NEW ENGLAND SMALL BUSINESSES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS

Small businesses and not-for-profits can now apply for grants of up to \$50,000 to help them recover from recent severe storm and flooding events in the New England regions of NSW.

These grants are now available in 59 local government areas and is being jointly funded by the Commonwealth and New South Wales governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

The Storm & Flood Small Business Disaster Recovery Grant is designed to help pay for costs of clean-up and reinstatement of a small business or not-for-profit organisation's operations who suffered direct physical damage as a result of the NSW storms and floods during November and December 2021.

Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said it was vital to provide support to help small business get back to normal as quickly as possible.

"The Australian and NSW Governments are focused on giving small businesses and not-for-profits across the region the support they need to bounce back," the Deputy Prime Minister said.

The new grants of up to \$50,000 complement a raft of existing flood recovery supports including ongoing clean-up and targeted industry support.

Mr Joyce said the Australian and NSW Governments were standing by the people of the regions.

"We will continue to support them for as long as it takes to bounce back."

These grants are available in the fifty-nine (59) local government areas including Gunnedah, Gwydir, Inverell, Narrabri, Tamworth.

To register interest for the grant and be notified when applications become available, visit the Service NSW website or call 13 77 88.

Australia Day Honours

Member for New England Barnaby Joyce has congratulated the region's 2022 Australia Day award recipients.

The Order of Australia Medal recognises Australians who have demonstrated outstanding service or exceptional achievement.

Recipients in the New England to receive the The Order Of Australia Medal (OAM) include **Mr Antony White OAM** (for service to the community of the Hunter Valley region), **Dr Ramin Samali OAM** (for service to medicine as a urologist), **Denise Sullivan OAM** (for service to the community of Tamworth), **Cheryl Porter OAM** (for service to the Indigenous community of New South Wales), **Patricia Elkin OAM** (for service to the arts in New England), **Donald Hewitt OAM** (for service to the community through social welfare), **Otway Benson OAM** (for service to the community of Tenterfield).

Noelene Hyde PSM (outstanding public service to local government in NSW) received the Public Service Medal and **Brian McKenzie AFSM** (outstanding contribution to the NSW Rural Fire Service) is awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal.

Mr Joyce commended this year's Order of Australia recipients.

"To have eight people from the New England recognised in this capacity demonstrates our tremendous

dedication to civic service," Mr Joyce said.

"It goes without saying this is a very distinguished honour to be given so I congratulate all award recipients and thank them for the contributions they have made and continue to make in local communities right around the region."

Anyone can nominate any Australian for an award in the Order of Australia.

If you know someone worthy, nominate them now at

www.gg.gov.au

THE NATIONALS
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR NEW ENGLAND

Barnaby JOYCE MP

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Council meeting update

Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting **Tuesday 25 January, 2022**

Councillors tonight supported a Notice of Motion from Deputy Mayor Mark Rodda asking for consideration to be given to reinstating the biennial bulky waste pick up service for residents. Councillors will now look at options for a new service at a workshop in the next month or so. It will include considering any fees and charges to be paid by the community if the service was to be reinstated along with how recycling opportunities could be maximised. The residents of Tamworth city and some of the smaller towns has a Bulky Household Waste Collection each July and November for a number of years. The service was discontinued last year.

Councillors agreed to extend Council's successful Water Saving Rebate Scheme for another five years. The scheme has run since February 2007 and has been highly effective in increasing the number of water saving products installed in homes and businesses. A report presented to Councillors revealed that since December 2019, Council has paid 22 types of commercial and household rebates for a total of almost 3000 products and services at a cost of \$251,648 and saving more than 13,238 kilolitres or five and a half (5.5) Olympic size swimming pools full of drinking water.

Councillors endorsed a report from Tamworth Regional Local Traffic Committee which included approval of a disability parking space at Westdale Public School. The location will be in the carpark on Gunnedah

Road next to the pedestrian entry at the school.

There was an indication tonight about how close a start to work may be for the construction of the new section of the Dungowan Pipeline with Councillors considering a report about an interface agreement. They supported a recommendation for the General Manager to sign the Agreement on behalf of Council. The pipeline will be constructed between the Calala Water Treatment Plant and the connection point between the new Chaffey Dam pipeline and the old Dungowan Pipeline near the Dungowan Recreation Ground. Tamworth Region Mayor Russell Webb said the project is an important part of making our community's water supply more secure and it was pleasing to see work move closer to commencement. This work is part of the project to construct a new Dungowan Dam and pipeline being managed by Water Infrastructure NSW and funded jointly by the Australian and NSW Governments. The pipeline from Dungowan Village to the Calala Water Treatment Plan is stage one of the new pipeline and is expected to take 12-18 months to complete.

For more information, see the full reports at www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/business-papers

Watch the video report at www.facebook.com/TamworthRegionalCouncil



BUSINESSES REELING FROM CANCELLATIONS FIND SUPPORT

The latest NSW Government COVID support package is welcome news for

local businesses who have lost income following the postponement of the Tamworth Country Music Festival. Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the \$1 billion package was welcome news to local businesses who have been suffering significant downturn at a time which should have seen long-awaited profits.

"The cancellation of our festival was devastating for local businesses, workers and artists who had spent the past 2 years waiting for the return of the festival," Mr Anderson said.

"Omicron has been tough for businesses here in Tamworth, particularly those in the hospitality industry which is why it's great news that these support measures are now in place to help them get through this period and bounce back better than ever.

The Small Business Support Program helps businesses with annual turnover of between \$75,000 and \$50 million with a decline in turnover of at least 40 per cent.

Critically, this allows our small businesses to survive through to the revised dates where they can expect a boost in trade.

We're all gearing up for a big festival in April and this support package will give local businesses the confidence to order stock, maintain staffing levels and ensure they are ready for an influx of visitors and new business."

In addition, the existing Small Business Fees, Charges and RAT Rebate will be increased by 50% from the current \$2,000 limit to \$3,000 and employing businesses will be able to use the rebate to obtain RATs.

This will support worker availability by helping reduce costs to small businesses and enabling healthy staff who have been exposed to COVID-19, but test negative, to return to work.

For more information please visit www.nsw.gov.au



History Notes

To begin with I must acknowledge all the hard work that Jenny has put into the running of the society's markets and congratulations on the Australia Day win. Unfortunately, society members were rather scarce at the function due partly to the virus and the lateness of boosters and not a lot of publicity. Congratulations also to the Lions Club – they do a great job keeping Barraba running.

This week was rather quiet re history queries apart from trying to trace the aboriginal families. Hopefully there will be more information for those trying to trace their ancestry in the coming years. Sometime back it was suggested that attention should be given to some of our noted townsmen who gave so generously with their time and money to help Barraba prosper in the early years of last century.

Dean & Smith bought the Excell & Malcolm store in Barraba in 1900 and in doing so brought two families to live in Barraba for the rest of their lives.

As far as I can ascertain they were not related but their wives were sisters – daughters of Joseph Scholes and his wife, Mary Ellen Jones. The Scholes family were well known in Armidale and had a large family including many daughters.

The fourth daughter, Sarah Scholes, married William Henry Dean and came to Barraba with their daughters circa 1900 to join James Charles Smith and his wife, Eva Scholes, and their family of sons.

Dean & Smith ran a very successful family business in Barraba for 37 years. They extended and rebuilt the building as well as the business and took part in a number of other town ventures. Last

year we dealt with the Dean Room, now at the museum but a most useful classroom at the school with thanks to Mr Dean.

After settling into business in Barraba for about ten years several local businessmen formed a company and purchased property in far North Queensland and put it under a manager. The company sold that property and bought another to improve then when that was done sold out.

The proceeds were then used by the partners to build new homes in Barraba. The Dean home was built on the corner of Fitzroy and Savoy Street and the Smith home was built on a block to the west with river views and also facing Savoy Street. Several other partners also built new homes around the same time.

William Dean died in 1935 leaving James Smith to run the store. Early in 1937, several directors from Mackenzie's visited Barraba to open or purchase an outlet to sell farm machinery. On the 1st November, 1937, they purchased the Dean and Smith business and that allowed James Smith to retire. He died ten years after in 1947 at the age of 73 years.



The Barraba show pavilion theme for 2022 is "SUNSHINE"

With the wonderful season that we have been having, hopefully there will be lots of flowers, fruit & veges for the Barraba Show on the 4th-6th March 2022. New classes in the flower section include:

PRE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Arranged in sand "Sunshine" (Pavilion Theme 2022), any embellishments.

INFANTS SCHOOL STUDENTS

arrangement in sand "Sunshine" any embellishments.

PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Arrangement "Sunshine"

DECORATIVE SECTION:

Sunshine blend arrangement

"Yellow Sunshine" Posy in Water

New classes in the jams & preserves section include:

Pineapple jam

SUNSHINE salad dressing

SUNSHINE salsa

These are only a few examples of new classes following the Sunshine theme.

Stewards are asking that people use their imagination and enter something incorporating the sunshine theme. The sky is the limit!

For more classes go to the Barraba Show website.

The full schedule, pavilion schedule and individual sections are now available on the show website www.barrabashow.com.au or hard copies will be available to pick up in the shops later in the week.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Garry & Pam Urquhart celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday 8th January 2022.

They were married in St John's Catholic Church Barraba on Saturday 8th January 1972.

Family and friends gathered at the Barraba Golf Club on Saturday 8th January and enjoyed a luncheon to celebrate this achievement.





COLLEGE CHAT

Hi, I am Tanya and I am the Community College Coordinator for Barraba

Classes get underway for Term 1 starting in February.

Don't forget all you seniors who would love to improve your technology skills our Tech Savvy Seniors classes are starting again on Thursday 10th February with a morning and afternoon session. Please contact me at the College to enrol in this course under the guidance of Tina Simpson.

Women's Woodworking Workshop has a new start date of Wednesday 16th February. I would like to introduce our trainer Harry Mason who will guide our ladies through 6 weeks of learning to use hand and power tools so that they can then use these skills to do their own DIY projects at home.

Harry has been a building contractor for 38 years and runs his own business which is BGK Construction in Inverell and has been teaching for 5 years so brings a wealth of knowledge to share with our ladies. Harry lived in the USA in his early years before coming back to Australia where he resumed working again in the building industry. He now lives in Inverell with his wife Rhonda and is involved with Pathfinders in his passion for helping youth of Inverell. In his spare time Harry loves to restore vehicles and motorcycles.

We are very lucky to have Harry join our teaching staff at Community College and look forward to having him teach Barraba ladies all aspects of DIY.



Please if you have any questions regarding upcoming workshops please do not hesitate to contact me as I would be happy to answer any questions.

Thought for the day: Try something new to get you out of your comfort zone.

Any queries give me a call on **1800 952 264**

Or go to our website **communitycollegeninw.edu.au**

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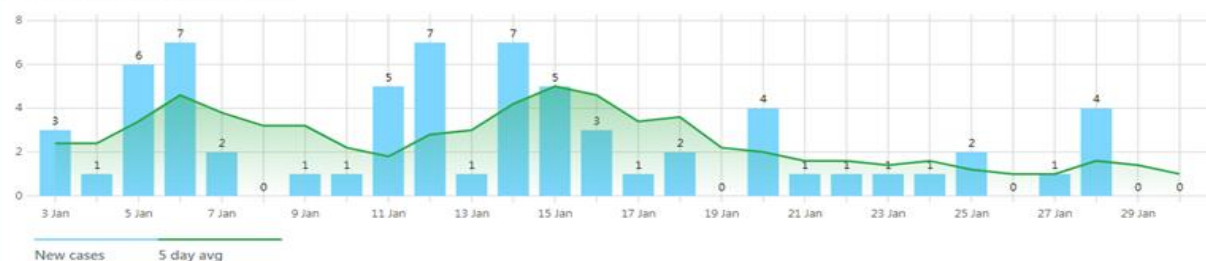
Cases in the postcode

2347

Banoon, Barraba, Cobbadah, Gulf Creek, Gundamulda, Ironbark, Lindsay, Longarm, Mayvale, Red Hill, Thirlidene, Upper Horton, Woodsreef

Part of **Tamworth Regional Council**

0 today
8 this week
81 total cases



Graph type: **Total cases** **New cases** Vaccinations

Graph time period: **2 weeks** **4 weeks** Since Omicron Since Delta All-time

Vaccinations

90%+ of residents have had their 1st dose

90%+ of residents have had their 2nd dose

About this postcode

Population 1,936

Median age 53 yrs

Avg people per household 2.1



Getting Stuck into the Garden?

The Living Classroom in Bingara has propagated an array of tasty heirloom fruit, vegetables and herbs, as well Australian native trees and shrubs, and other non-natives which have been selected to perform well in our climate.

These healthy and well-loved plants are available to purchase from The Living Classroom "TLC" nursery, Bingara, which is open Thursdays and Saturdays from 9am to 2pm.



INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

BINGARA

Near the Roxy Theatre, Cunningham Street

Tuesday, 15 February 2022 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Wednesday, 16 February 2022 9 am to 4 pm

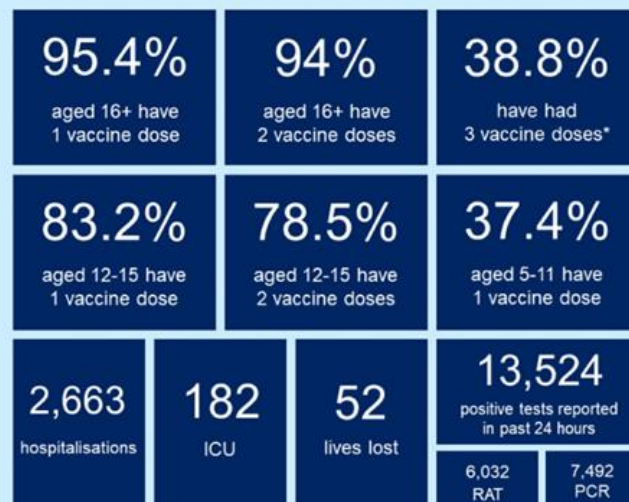
For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

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NSW COVID-19 update



Sunday 30 January 2022



*Note: includes both immunocompromised people who have received a 3rd dose and all people over 18 who have received a booster

why?

EVER WONDER...

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?



Death Notice

Nerida Jean Bogdanovic (nee Witten).

Passed away at her home in Greenwich, Connecticut USA on 30th January 2022, aged 81 years.

Born in Barraba 22 November 1940. Survived by only child Alexandra. Daughter of Spencer (Mo) and Phyllis Witten and sister to David, Robert, Geoffrey and Ian.

R.I.P.

Uniting Church Notice

Sunday 6th February 2022.

The service is at 10.45am

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

Barraba—1st & 5th Sunday 6pm

2nd 3rd & 4th Sunday 9am.

Upper Horton—3rd Sunday
11am

Weekday Mass – Wednesday -
10am.

Barraba Anglican Parish

St Laurence's Barraba:

Sunday service at 9.00am

**Woodsreef: 2nd Sundays
11.30am**

Bereen: 4th Sundays 6.00pm

Regional Dam Levels from Water NSW

Chaffey 100.1%

Copeton 95.8%

Keepit 99.6%

Split Rock 70.1%

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to thank the community of Barraba for putting forward the nominations for the Australia Day celebrations.

I would like to continue to add to the Market. Making the market a place for people to get together. Dealing with COVID has been testing for us all. Keeping the Market safe so the Market can continue.

I would like to thank all the stall holders and helpers that volunteer to make the Market a great place to visit and buy from your local people, who lovingly work with their produces and trinkets, helping to enhance the community. Without our stallholders there would be no community market and the community would be the poorer for it. We need to build community spirit and resilience and the Market does its best to contribute. So, visit and join in with us. So much has been lost from our town over the years, as things have been taken away from us. The community needs to build resilience as the world is changing.

Hear music from your wonderful local musicians who play, sing and yodel to enhance our market. Do the bop and maintain your distances but watch your step; falling over is prohibited.

Come and check out the Museum see the history, our pioneers their struggles and triumphs. Perhaps you can find family history in the museum archives. See old implements and tools from the past. Perhaps you would like to join our volunteers helping with the Museum. All the help would be appreciated and strengthen the community spirit.

Well any way our first Market for the year is back on the 12 February 2022...

God Bless

Jen Botha



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Rugby Union News

Prior to the holiday period the Barraba Bingara Ram Rats held a successful presentation night at the Bingara RSL Club. A list of award winners is shown below.

Both clubs wish to thank the trophy donors for their support, which is greatly appreciated, along with Barraba's sponsors who make sure the club is financial for the season.

The sponsorship night will be help on Saturday 10th February with a guest speaker on the night. This will be organised with the Covid restrictions, at the time, adhered to. To book a table or a seat ring Brianna Mack on 0429025479.

First Grade

First Grade Coach

Donated by Bill McKid Pty Ltd

Recipient Chris Oxford

Best and Fairest (David Kelly Trophy)

Donated by Bill Kelly

Recipient Connor Rogers

Players Player

Donated by Karen and John Bishton

Recipient Connor Rogers

Most Consistent (Rob Lewis Memorial Trophy)

Donated by the Barraba Bakery

Recipient William Robinson

Highest Point Scorer

Donated by Toni and John Wauch

Recipient Liam Mack

First Grade Coach's Award (coach most valued player)

Donated by Bill and Jenny Bucknell

Recipient Sean Latham

Defensive Player

Donated by Mrs Anne Ratliff

Recipient William Robinson

Team Man of the Year

Donated by Simon and Mandy Koopman

Recipient Josh Layton

Best Back

Recipient Liam Mack

Best Forward

Recipient Mitchell Mack

Womens' Trophies

Womens Coach

Donated by Bill McKid Pty Ltd

Recipient Jack McCarthy

Best and Fairest

Donated by Lyons Barnett Kennedy

Recipient Natalie Phillpott

Most Consistent

Donated by Sinclair and Karen Hughson

Recipient Amie Middlemiss

Coaches and Player Award

Donated by Mr Richard Witten

Recipient Kaila Gillogly

Recipient Tiarn Northey

Players Player Award

Donated by Mr Graham Bowman

Recipient Natalie Phillpott

Highest Point Scorer

Donated by Mrs Bianna Mack

Recipient Emily Kelso

General Club Trophies

Rookie of the Year

Donated by Bruce McNeil

Recipient Rory Stains

Representative Player of the Year (Goodall Family Shield)

Donated by Shayne and Jenny

Middlemiss

Recipient Mitchell Mack

Best Trainer of the Year

Donated by Ros Peake

Recipient Alex Abra

Club Person of the Year (Jack Stewart Memorial Trophy)

Donated by Carmel Stewart

Recipient Brianna Mack

Guy Derrick Memorial Trophy – Spirit of Rugby

Donated by Rhonda Phillips

Recipient Jack McCarthy

Pig of the Year

Donated by Pete Spencer

Recipient Brianna Mack

Gwydir Presidents' Award

Recipients Helen Thomas and Chris Thomas

Spirit of Rugby Award

Donated by Gerard and Rachel Sherman

Recipient Ben Freeman

Club Person of the Year Gwydir

Recipient Simon Koopman

Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology



Wednesday 2 Feb

Summary Max 25

Rain periods

Chance of any rain: 95%



Thursday 3 Feb

Summary Min 17 Max 26

Rain at times

Chance of rain: 50%



Friday 4 Feb

Summary Min 13 Max 26

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 5%



Saturday 5 Feb

Summary Min 11 Max 25

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 5%



Sunday 6 Feb

Summary Min 11 Max 25

Partly cloudy

Chance of rain: 5%



Monday 7 Feb

Summary Min 11 Max 26

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 10%



Tuesday 8 Feb

Summary Min 11 Max 27

Partly cloudy

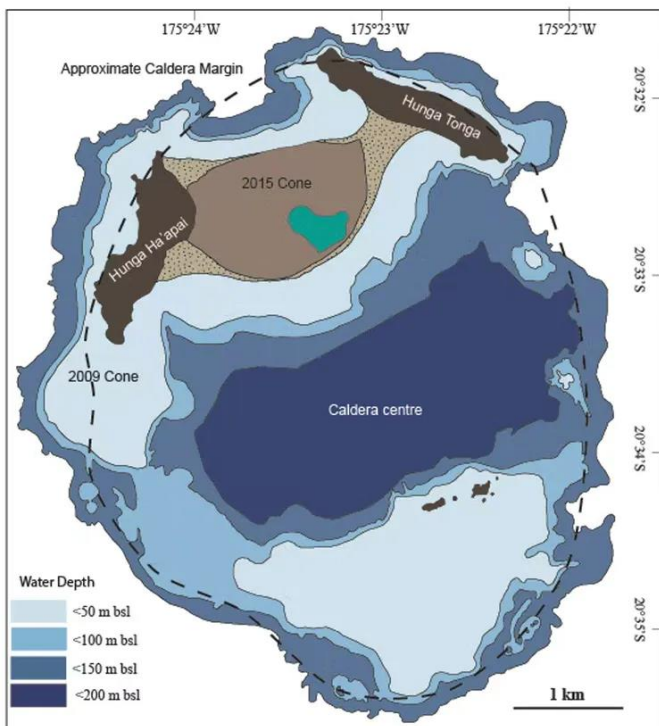
Chance of any rain: 20%

Why the volcanic eruption in Tonga was so violent, and what to expect next

Shane Cronin, Professor of Earth Sciences, University of Auckland

The Kingdom of Tonga doesn't often attract global attention, but a violent eruption of an underwater volcano on January 15 has spread shock waves, quite literally, around half the world.

The volcano is usually not much to look at. It consists of two small uninhabited islands, Hunga-Ha'apai and Hunga-Tonga, poking about 100m above sea level 65km north of Tonga's capital Nuku'alofa. But hiding below the waves is a massive volcano, around 1800m high and 20km wide.



A massive underwater volcano lies next to the Hunga-Ha'apai and Hunga-Tonga islands. Author provided

The Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai volcano has erupted regularly over the past few decades. During events in 2009 and 2014/15 hot jets of magma and steam exploded through the waves. But these eruptions were small, dwarfed in scale by the January 2022 events.

Our research into these earlier eruptions suggests this is one of the massive explosions the volcano is capable of producing roughly every thousand years.

Why are the volcano's eruptions so highly explosive, given that sea water should cool the magma down?

If magma rises into sea water slowly, even at temperatures of about 1200°C, a thin film of steam forms between the magma

and water. This provides a layer of insulation to allow the outer surface of the magma to cool.

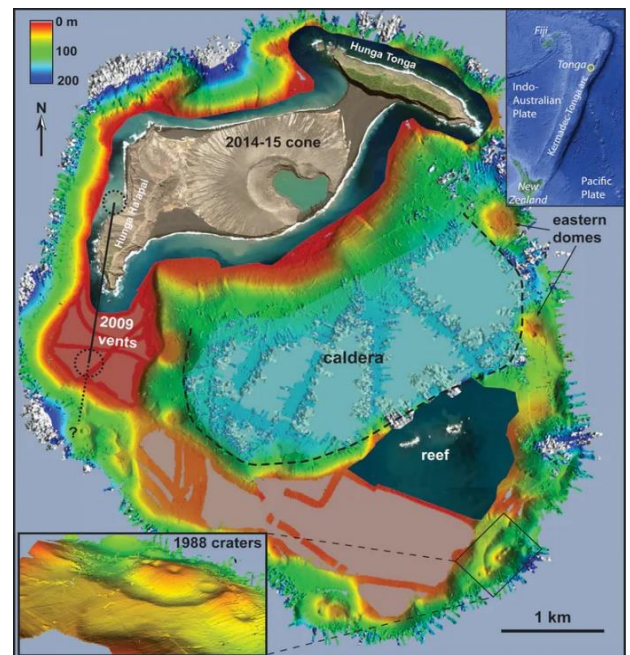
But this process doesn't work when magma is blasted out of the ground full of volcanic gas. When magma enters the water rapidly, any steam layers are quickly disrupted, bringing hot magma in direct contact with cold water.

Volcano researchers call this "fuel-coolant interaction" and it is akin to weapons-grade chemical explosions. Extremely violent blasts tear the magma apart. A chain reaction begins, with new magma fragments exposing fresh hot interior surfaces to water, and the explosions repeat, ultimately jetting out volcanic particles and causing blasts with supersonic speeds.

Two scales of Hunga eruptions

The 2014/15 eruption created a volcanic cone, joining the two old Hunga islands to create a combined island about 5km long. We visited in 2016, and discovered these historical eruptions were merely curtain raisers to the main event.

Mapping the sea floor, we discovered a hidden "caldera" 150m below the waves.



A map of the seafloor shows the volcanic cones and massive caldera. Author provided

The caldera is a crater-like depression around 5km across. Small eruptions (such as in 2009 and 2014/15) occur mainly at the edge of the caldera, but very big ones come from the caldera itself. These big eruptions are so large the top of the erupting magma collapses inward, deepening the caldera.

Looking at the chemistry of past eruptions, we now think the small eruptions represent the magma system slowly recharging itself to prepare for a big event.

We found evidence of two huge past eruptions from the Hunga caldera in deposits on the old islands. We matched these chemically to volcanic ash deposits on the largest inhabited island of Tongatapu, 65km away, and then used radiocarbon dates to show that big caldera eruptions occur about every 1000 years, with the last one at AD1100.

With this knowledge, the eruption on January 15 seems to be right on schedule for a “big one”.

What we can expect to happen now?

We’re still in the middle of this major eruptive sequence and many aspects remain unclear, partly because the island is currently obscured by ash clouds.

The two earlier eruptions on December 20 2021 and January 13 2022 were of moderate size. They produced clouds of up to 17km elevation and added new land to the 2014/15 combined island.

The latest eruption has stepped up the scale in terms of violence. The ash plume is already about 20km high. Most remarkably, it spread out almost concentrically over a distance of about 130km from the volcano, creating a plume with a 260km diameter, before it was distorted by the wind.

This demonstrates a huge explosive power – one that cannot be explained by magma-water interaction alone. It shows instead that large amounts of fresh, gas-charged magma have erupted from the caldera.

The eruption also produced a tsunami throughout Tonga and neighbouring Fiji and Samoa. Shock waves traversed many thousands of kilometres, were seen from space, and recorded in New Zealand some 2000km away. Soon after the eruption started, the sky was blocked out on Tongatapu, with ash beginning to fall.

All these signs suggest the large Hunga caldera has awoken. Tsunami are generated by coupled atmospheric and ocean shock waves during an explosion, but they are also readily caused by submarine landslides and caldera collapses.

It remains unclear if this is the climax of the eruption. It represents a major magma pressure release, which may settle the system.

A warning, however, lies in geological deposits from the volcano’s previous eruptions. These complex sequences show each of the 1000-year major caldera eruption episodes involved many separate explosion events.

Hence, we could be in for several weeks or even years of major volcanic unrest from the Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha’apai volcano. For the sake of the people of Tonga I hope not.



Cottage Pie

From ‘The Free Range Butcher’

Cottage Pie is perfect for a windy, Winter’s day. It takes a little time to bring it all together but the smiles

around your family dinner table will be worth it. Comfort food at its best! Did you know Cottage Pie has beef and Shepherd’s Pie is made with lamb?

Ingredients:

- 500g [Grass Fed Beef Mince](#)
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 medium carrots or 1 large one, diced
- 1 stick celery, diced
- 3 cloves, garlic, mince
- 1 1/2 cups peas
- 2 cups stock or water
- 2 tablespoons plain flour
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp dried rosemary
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1tsp cracked pepper
- 1kg potatoes
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Butter for mash
- Milk for mash

Method:

- Fry the diced vegetables (onion, carrot, celery) over medium heat for 3 mins or until slightly softened.
- Add beef mince, garlic, tomato paste and spices, fry until meat has broken down.
- Add 1 1/2 tablespoons flour and cook for a further 1 min. Reserve some flour in case further thickening is required.
- Add stock or water and peas and stir until gravy thickens. Add more flour if required.
- When mince is brown and gravy thickened, add your meat & vegie mixture to the bottom of your baking pan, large pie dish or cast iron pan.
- Boil potatoes until soft, drain, mash with butter and milk and fold through cheese.
- Layer the potato on top of the mince and vegetable mix and use a fork to roughen the surface to aid browning.
- Bake at 180c until the top has browned a little.
- Remove from the oven and allow to stand for 15 mins before serving for best result or just dig in.