



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Barraba Men's Shed Up-date Feb 2022

For the new arrivals in town as well as the established residents,

we at the Barraba Men's Shed wish to advise what the members have accomplished in the last few years. One of the main jobs has been the repair and refurbishment of furniture items that fall within our capabilities; we have also repaired petrol push mowers, and orders have been received to make outdoor items such as seats.

The members have also from time to time been involved with assisting at local town and charity events.

We have been financially helped by the local RSL, who have donated recyclable bottles and cans, and we greatly appreciate and thank the RSL for their generosity. If you wish to assist the Shed financially you can leave recyclable bottles and cans at the Men's Shed Shop between the hours of 9.00am and 12 noon on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, or at the Workshop between 8.00am and 12 noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The Workshop is situated in Clifton Lane behind the Court House and the Shop is situated on Queen Street next to the Pharmacy. The shop sells items made by the members, goods on commission and gifted goods. Commission items and lay-bye items are accepted on a limited time scale.

The Shed is always pleased to receive new members both social and workers. If you can only spend a few hours with us on any day during the opening times you are most welcome.

Before Covid reduced/stopped our activities we had children from Barraba Central School attend the Shed to make a School Project; this will no doubt be completed once the restrictions are lifted for them.

At the moment our current project is the production of outdoor furniture for Saint Joseph's School.

The Shed members wish to thank the Barraba Community for their previous, current and hopefully future support.



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For the information of members and guests

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THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY: 11AM-

MULTISCREEN DRAW-SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

FRIDAY: 11AM-

MEAT/VEG RAFFLES 6PM

EXTRA DRAW AFTER EACH RAFFLE FOR A BONUS PRIZE

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1200

SATURDAY: 10AM-

SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 1PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1100

MONDAY: CLOSED

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

SUNDAY: LUNCH 12-2PM

DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



The countdown continues, with only 2 weeks to the 111th annual **Barraba Show on the 4th – 6th March.**

Barraba Show President, Dave Penna said, "It's exciting bringing the Show back to a full complement of attractions and activities for the 2022 edition of the Show."

Competitions commence with pavilion and wool entry judging on Friday the 4th. In the afternoon, the Cattle Young judges will commence at 3.30pm. The pavilion will be open from 4pm until 6pm and close when the Xtreme Broncs commence in the rodeo arena. Come and watch these talented professionals match it with the best buck jumping horses that the Gills can produce.

The Open Rodeo is returning on Saturday night from 6pm and there will be live music on both Friday & Saturday nights. Rodeo Chief Steward Bill Tonkin said it will be "2 nights of thrills, spills, excitement and entertainment that shouldn't be missed, to see the cream of the crop compete, right here in Barraba, with no need to travel to Tamworth".

The animal farm will be there on Saturday 9.30am until 4pm in the sheep pavilion, so bring the little ones to enjoy a fun filled encounter with lots of animals to see and touch.

A new fun event on Sunday will be the Farmer Challenge for teams of 4, in both open and junior categories, testing their skills with swag rolling, whip cracking, dry weat-bix eating, electric fence construction, hay bale stacking & wheel barrow race. Why not get together and make up a team! Teams must have 1 lady & 1 Junior (under 16yrs) per team. All equipment will be supplied.

Fat lamb & meat breed sheep competition should see a good line up following the great season that we have experienced. Entries taken on Saturday in the sheep pavilion.

The popular wood chop & Barraba band return on Sunday in front of the grand stand.

The Open six bar jump spectacular, again this year attracting a large prize pool of \$1,000.00 and the Junior six bar totally \$190. Well worth an entry by show jumpers.

Vintage cars & shearing machinery will be in attendance again. Come & watch the veterans and young guns go head to head in the shearing demonstration, lined up in front of the grandstand on Saturday. Thank you to the Manilla Vintage Machinery Group.

The usual cattle, horse, yard dog trials, British breed sheep & fat lambs, 4 day campdraft will also be on display and the Mini & Junior Young woman/man competition Saturday at 4pm before the official opening in front of the grandstand.

Since its foundation in the early 1900s the Barraba Show has been a highlight on the local agriculture and social calendar. To this day it remains as one of the must visit events in the town and attracts attendees and competitors from all over the region.

Thank you to ALL sponsors & donors for their continued support of the Barraba Show.

A Covid safe plan is in place, masks to be worn at your own discretion. Current NSW Health Covid rules to apply. Please do not attend if you are unwell.

A detailed program is on the show website; www.barrabashow.com.au/program and **page 12 of this edition of the Barraba Community News.**

GENERAL MEETING - 24th Feb 2022 (Bowling Club) 7pm

WORKING BEE - 26th Feb 2022 (Showground) 8am

Barraba Show Society
Presents
The Young Farmers Challenge

Proudly run by our Barraba Young Woman Brook Smith

Senior Young Farmer (over 18), Junior Young (12-18 years) Farmer and Tiny Farmers Challenges (Under 12)

Sunday 6th March at 10AM in front of the Grand Stand.

Teams of 4 people

Entries to prior to Sunday. Entry forms can be picked up from the Secretaries Office or available online.

Entry \$8 per team (\$2 per person in the team)

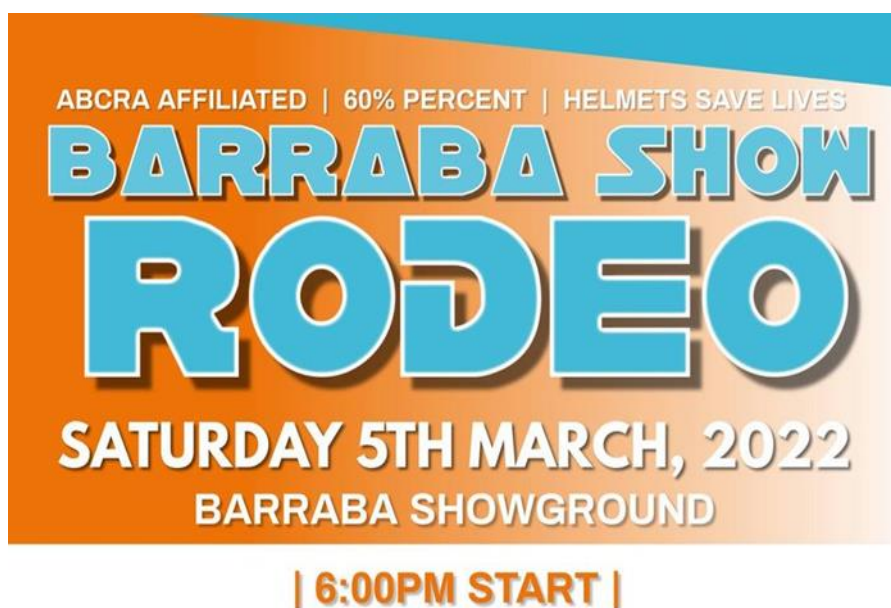
Winning team in each division takes all

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Barraba Show Wrangler Xtreme Broncs is set to boost the Friday evening entertainment at the annual Barraba Show on the 4th of March 2022 starting at 6pm at the Barraba Showground.

The "Bronc Busting Ball" Wrangler Xtreme Broncs is affiliated with the Australian Professional Rodeo Association with a \$6,000 prize purse and with add back will payout over \$10,000 which will rate as one of the highest paying bronc riding events in Australia and will attract the cream of the Bronc Riding Fraternity to challenge for the "Bronc Busting Ball" championship buckle! This event will be a major attraction to the already successful annual show.



A major part of the success of such events is the generous sponsors who keep putting their hands up in support of these amazing events. SUPERAIR is a major sponsor in supporting the Barraba Show Wrangler Xtreme Broncs to ensure the community gets the highest of quality entertainment for their annual show which is a huge event for the Barraba area.

Thank you superair and all sponsors for your support of this wonderful community show that brings so much enjoyment to the Barraba district.

The Open Rodeo will also be back again on Saturday night from 6pm for another night of rodeo excitement, thrills & spills. This is an ABCRA Affiliated rodeo also attracting \$6000 in prize money over 9 events, again donated by very generous donors.

A bar (please no BYO) & BBQ will be operating with live music from 9pm to 12mn on both Friday & Saturday nights.

So save the dates 4th & 5th March, it's going to be a spectacular 2 nights of rodeo entertainment for all of the family to enjoy, right here in Barraba!!!

These 2 rodeos will guarantee A BARGAIN for your money with daily entry fee of \$10 per adult, which entitles you to stay for the rodeo in the evening. There are membership & family passes too! See admission rates in the show schedule (page 4):

www.barrabashow.com.au

NSW Health Covid rules to be adhered too for everyone attending. Please do not attend if you are unwell.

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The Dog and Small Pet Show



Our very popular pet show is on again at the 2022 Barraba Show. Bring along your small pet; entries are open to all young people up to senior high school. It is not just dogs; there is a class for cats, and one for other small pets. There is a chance to dress up – there is a prize for the *Best Pet and Owner dressed alike* – and a race to see who is the fastest eating dog biscuits! The full details can be found on the Show website – go to www.barrabashow.com.au and see the *Dogs and Small Pets* Schedule.

All animals must be on a lead, or in a cage or pen. All entries for the dog classes (and all dogs that come onto the Showground) must be fully vaccinated and have a current vaccination certificate. The local Vet will be on hand prior to the start of events to check certificates.

Judging will be about 1.30 pm on Sunday 6 March behind the Grandstand. Come along – there are heaps of ribbons, certificates, and prizes to be won – it is always great fun.

LAUNCH OF THE LATEST PUBLIC ART MURAL “BEDTIME STORY”

Yet another spectacular large mural was completed in Barraba last week. Located on the northern wall of the Barraba library, the colourful painting, measuring some six metres high and thirteen metres long, is the work of Blue Mountains artists Scott Nagy and Janne Birkner.

The mural opened on 14 February is the third major public art work in Barraba; certainly a major achievement in five years by the small group of dedicated volunteers who make up the Barraba Public Art Committee. This opening ceremony was chaired by one of the committee members Andy Wright; another member, Karen Bishton, spoke to the gathering about this mural, and the other works that preceded it. The three works represent the essential themes in our community:

The silos speak about water, central to the life and the rural industry of our community;

The Alice St mural illustrates the beauty and diversity of our magnificent flora and fauna; and

“Bedtime Story”, freshly completed and featuring the rare Regent Honeyheater, shows something of our rich community life.

Tamworth Regional Councillor Judy Coates officially launched Barraba’s latest art work. Councillor Coates praised the vision and hard work of the Public Art Committee, and thanked Council staff and other volunteers and supporters from the community who had made it all possible. The opening of “Bedtime Story” was completed by the Librarian and a group of Barraba Preschoolers; they read some stories in the shadow of the mural.

Speaking later, Councillor Coates said she saw these murals as the beginning of a local Art Trail. In time, the trail could extend to other locations in the Tamworth Regional Council area, and even into the neighbouring areas of Bingara and Narrabri. She hoped to work with the Council’s Art and Cultural committees and staff to extend the vision that started here in Barraba.



A rural aid volunteer paints the Alice St Wall in March 2021

After the opening, I spoke to three of the Public Art Committee members present; Angie Croll, Andy Wright and Karen Bishton. They first of all wanted to acknowledge the substantial contribution that Rural Aid volunteers had made to the art projects. As part of a Town makeover project, sixty three Rural Aid Australia volunteers spent a week in Barraba in March 2021 tackling many projects. Two of their large projects were repairing, preparing and painting the two town walls where the artists were then able to work their magic.

Angie, Andy and Karen were very happy and pleased with the Barraba Art Trail so far. Perhaps a bit of a rest, then perhaps they might be looking at some other walls in town!

Congratulations to all for a great achievement.



16 February 2021

Dear Family & Friends

Update for Visitors to Richardson House

Today I have had a conversation with Public Health Network and have been advised the following in regards to visitors to Aged Care Facilities:

All visitors are asked to undertake a Rapid Antigen Test prior to their visit. Evidence of this can be a photo on a mobile phone and must be shown to staff on entry to the facility.

If you are unsure how to perform a Rapid Antigen Test, or do not have a mobile phone to record a photo of your result our staff are able to assist you with your test. Please note that this service is only available between the hours of 8:30 and 4pm on weekdays as we do not have the staff available to be taken off the floor to perform this task.

Please note that Richardson House are not able to provide the Rapid Antigen Test as we have a limited supply that is for our staff and Residents only.

All other guidelines remain unchanged:

Residents are permitted to have two fully vaccinated visitors aged 12 years and over, plus two children aged under 12 years per day:

- Visitors aged 12 years and over must have received a second dose of a COVID vaccination at least 14 days prior to their visit.
- Visitors are strongly encouraged to get a booster vaccine if they are eligible for one.
- Up to 2 children under 12 years are permitted to visit provided they are accompanied by a fully vaccinated person.
- Wherever possible, the visit should be in an outdoor area. Visits should not be in any inside communal areas. All visitors must wear a surgical mask over their nose and mouth while visiting indoors.

I would like to thank you all once again for your assistance and cooperation as we continue to keep our Residents safe and well.

Kind Regards

Joanna Bridges

Facility Manager

From the NSW Government Covid Website –

From Friday 18 February 2022, the following restrictions will be eased:

- Density limits no longer apply
- QR check-ins will only be required for certain venues
- Singing and dancing will be permitted at all venues, except music festivals
- People can continue to work from home at the employer's discretion.

Masks

All people over the age of 12 must wear a face mask:

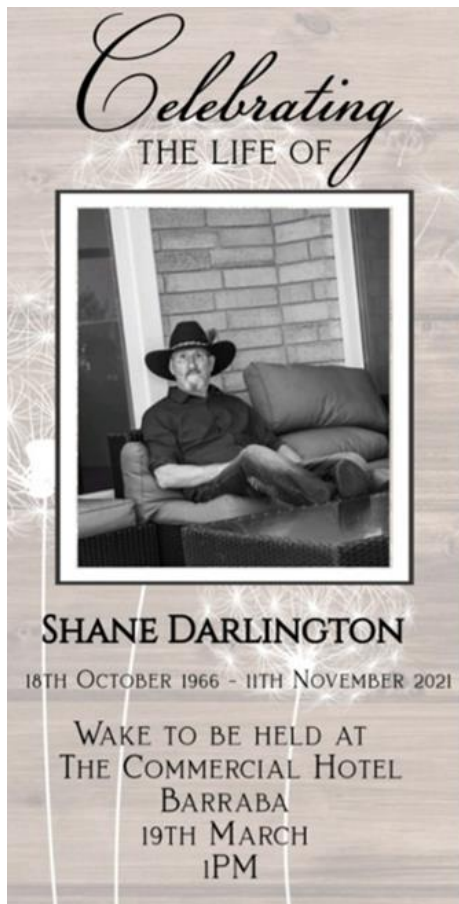
- in indoor areas (e.g. while shopping, when at a library)
- in indoor areas of common property of apartment buildings
- at a public transport waiting area
- while on public transport (including in taxis and rideshare services)

- if you are working at a hospitality venue and dealing directly with members of the public
- on an aircraft when the aircraft is flying above NSW and in the airport.
- all staff and students in Year 7 and above, and all staff in K to 6, must wear medical grade masks. Medical grade masks will be supplied to all schools. All students in K to 6 are also strongly encouraged to wear medical grade masks.



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SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS THROUGH OMICRON

Small business who experienced downturn over summer can now apply for a NSW Government support payment of up to \$5,000 per week through Service NSW.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson encouraged businesses with reduced cash flow to apply for the Small Business Support Program so that they could ensure they get through this tough period and keep people in jobs. "Omicron was another hit to small business right across our region. The state was open, but businesses, particularly in the hospitality and tourism industries found that

customers simply were not coming through the door," Mr Anderson said. "This program ensures these businesses get through Omicron and bounce back, particularly as we head towards major local events like the 50th Tamworth Country Music Festival."

Mr Anderson said businesses who had previously applied for support would be familiar with the process and that the Service NSW Business Concierge team and grant assessors were ready to assist.

"Eligible businesses can expect to see payments within 10 days after submitting their application which means they'll receive a much needed cash boost as soon as possible."

The Small Business Support Program will provide targeted support to businesses with an annual turnover of between \$75,000 and \$50 million that experienced a decline in turnover of at least 40 per cent in January 2022 and the start of February 2022.

Payments will cover up to 20 per cent of weekly payroll, to a maximum of \$5,000 per week. Eligible non-employing businesses, such as sole traders, will receive \$500 per week.

Funds can be used to cover business expenses such as wages, rent, loss of perishable goods, professional services and other costs.

Applications can be made online through the Service NSW MyAccount, by visiting a local service centre or by calling 13 77 88.

For more information on the support program, please visit:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/trans-action/2022-small-business-support-program>

RAT ROLLOUT IN RESIDENTIAL DISABILITY SETTINGS

People living and working in disability funded residential settings in the region will begin receiving free Rapid Antigen Tests from this week to help

reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson welcomed the announcement which would support those most vulnerable in the community and those who care for them.

"This initiative will see RAT tests rolled out to ensure people with disability can be best supported safely at home, helping to ensure our most vulnerable are not exposed to COVID," Mr Anderson said.

"The NSW Government is committed to ensuring tests are distributed to protect our most vulnerable, free of charge while the pandemic continues to pose a risk."

The kits will be distributed to disability service providers by staff in Hunter New England Health.

People with disability can also purchase testing kits using their NDIS plan funding or access their free allocation from community pharmacies available for those who hold Commonwealth Health Care or Concession Cards.

TAMWORTH WELCOMES 40 NEW GRADUATE NURSES AND MIDWIVES

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson has announced that 40 graduate nurses and midwives will start work across the electorate this year.

Mr Anderson thanked the graduates, many of whom are commencing in the Hunter New England Local Health District this month, having already contributed to the COVID-19 workforce response as students.

"Over the past few months, many of these nurses have been hard at work in our District's vaccination and testing clinics," Mr Anderson said.

"They have done an exceptional job and we are so thankful for their ongoing commitment to our community."

40 nurses and midwives will commence in the Tamworth electorate, and will be based at:

- Barraba Multi-Purpose Service
- Gunnedah District Hospital
- Manilla Multi-Purpose Service
- Tamworth Hospital
- Banksia Mental Health Inpatient Unit
- Walcha Multi-Purpose Service

Around the State, more than 2,800 graduate nurses and midwives will start work in 130 NSW public hospitals and health facilities this year in a major boost for the NSW health system.

Throughout their first year, graduates are provided with opportunities in a variety of clinical settings to ensure they gain a range of experience and consolidate skills and knowledge developed whilst at university.

The NSW Government is also investing a further 5000 nurses and midwives from 2019-2022 under a record \$2.8 billion boost to frontline staff.

There are more nurses and midwives in NSW public hospitals than at any other time in history.



Recommendations of Regional Telecommunications Review good news for New England

Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce announced the tabling of the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review Report in Parliament.

The report delivers a comprehensive set of recommendations to Government to further improve telecommunications access in regional, rural and remote communities across Australia, including in the New England region.

Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said having access to good quality, reliable telecommunications is a key issue for constituents. Robust digital connectivity is vital, keeping connected to families, ensuring local businesses can access and adequately service local and international markets, enabling remote working, and providing access to online education and telehealth and government services.

"I'd like to thank people in our region who provided input to the Review – it is important this region's voice is heard and is taken into account in the Government's response," the Deputy Prime Minister said.

Further investments in regional communications have been made through the \$37.1 million Strengthening Telecommunications Against Natural Disasters (STAND) package, the \$68 million Connecting Northern Australia and the \$16.4 million Peri-Urban Mobile Program (PUMP).

In summary, the Report's recommendations are:

- Adopt a longer term strategic approach to regional digital infrastructure and skills
- Increase Government investment in regional connectivity
- Implement a regional telecommunications resilience fund
- Trial emerging connectivity technologies
- Build connectivity literacy and digital capability among regional users
- Enhance NBN Co's regional fixed wireless and Sky Muster services
- Implement and enforce new performance and reliability standards for wholesale and retail services
- Continue but reform existing universal services for the future

- Improve consumer information about mobile services including, coverage and performance
- Encourage shared network access and innovative funding for mobile regional areas
- Focus on the digital needs of Indigenous communities
- Improve affordability for vulnerable groups in regional areas

The full report and list of recommendations is available at: www.rtrc.gov.au

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History Notes

Society members held a successful meeting this week discussing items for the year 2022. There was also a request for more early history of the Akers family and there will probably be another visit from a keen researcher whose Akers ancestor was born in southern N.S.W.

Continuing on with the Cobbadah Post Office. The office in 1909 was in a room attached to the Hotel and the owner of the hotel, J.T.Lennan, was the post master at that time. The business was taken over by the government and in 1910 Miss Rachel Myers was appointed postmistress at Cobbadah.

Rachel Myers was the eldest daughter of Joseph and Janet Myers of Tamworth, and sister of John Frederick Myers, undertaker and builder of Barraba. Her parents came to Barraba in 1877 and ran the Barraba Inn/Tattersall's Hotel for about 15 years before returning to Tamworth where Joseph was Bailiff for some years.

Under Miss Myers care the Post Office business grew to be quite a busy business and she moved to a separate stone building in a paddock to the north of the hotel. Miss Myers gave a wonderful caring service to the Cobbadah district residents - sometimes keeping the telephone business open at night if there was a crisis in the area and medical assistance could be needed.

Miss Myers stayed at Cobbadah until 1945 giving 35 years of service to the residents. She retired and went to live in Tamworth where she died on 31st July, 1960 aged 90 years.

Most Cobbadah residents did not think anyone could replace Miss Myers as Post Mistress at Cobbadah but Elsie Goldthorpe took up the job and was just as caring to the residents. Her husband, Arthur Goldthorpe, assisted her with the work as well as running three or four cows on the stock route. His milking yard was over the road near the school and older residents will remember him, in his shorts, in mid-winter going to milk. He then let the cows go and usually asked residents calling in at the office in the afternoon if they had seen them down the Upper Horton Road or up the Bingara Road so he could get them home before dark.

The Goldthorpe's built a new home close to the Bingara road and moved from the now dilapidated stone building. "Goldie" as he was known found a few coins in the ruins which he always treasured. The Cobbadah Pub caught fire one afternoon and as usual my father rang Elsie Goldthorpe, to find out where the fire was - "just the pub on fire" was the reply, "and several residents are working on it."

The Goldthorpes retired around 1970 and the department then had to find a new postmaster. Alec Baldock and his family moved into the post office in 1972 according to some records which I don't agree with. The post office services were down-graded and a road service was introduced. Later-on the telephones went automatic and the post office was closed.



Barraba Anglican Parish
St Laurence's Barraba:
Sunday service at 9.00am
Woodsreef: 2nd Sundays
11.30am
Bereen: 4th Sundays 6.00pm

Uniting Church Notice
Sunday 27th 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

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How do police undertake major crime investigations?

Terry Goldsworthy, Associate Professor in Criminology, Bond University

Recent high-profile criminal cases, such as the suspected death of William Tyrrell and the abduction of Chloe Smith, have captured the attention of the media and the public.

As a former detective inspector, I investigated and managed more than 25 homicide investigations and many other major crimes during 28 years with the Queensland Police Service.

So, what happens behind the scenes in a major crime investigation. And how does the investigation of major crime differ from volume crime?

The difference between major crime and volume crime

Homicides are the most obvious type of major crime, but it can also include robbery, rape and other serious offences such as organised crime.

The Queensland Crime and Corruption Commission's list of major crime offences includes drug trafficking, fraud, money laundering, criminal paedophilia and homicide.

The Australian Institute of Criminology defines volume crime as offences that account for the largest proportion of crime recorded by the police. These include unlawful entry, assaults, motor vehicle theft and theft.

There is a difference between the way major crime and volume crime are investigated. Major crime investigations can take years for some cases, such as the murder of 13-year-old Daniel Morcombe,

which took 11 years to reach a conviction.

In major crime, there is a clear division of labour rather than just one officer doing everything, as is usually the case in volume crime investigations. Assigned roles include the investigation manager, the arrest team, other investigators, an intelligence cell and specialist support staff.

Major crimes such as homicides involve dedicated taskforces or operations containing large teams of detectives, conducting parallel lines of inquiry.

Usually, a major incident room is set up.

Clear up rates for major crime

This ability to put greater investigative effort and specialist support into major crime investigations contributes to much higher "clear-up rates" – when a suspect is identified and proceedings are begun – for these types of offences.

A New South Wales study showed that, from 2007 to 2016, 65% of murders were cleared by police within 90 days. The same study noted clear-up rates for property offences were much lower than for violent offences, including murder. In Queensland, 96% of murders reported in 2019–20 were cleared.

Australia's clearance rates for homicide compare well to the rest of the world. The United Nations Global study on homicide indicates clearance rates range between 50% and 90%.

The hunt for information

Most major investigations are a process of moving from having little information about the crime to having a lot. It is essentially an exercise in information management. Investigators need

to acquire information to build a plausible account of what has happened.

Investigators do this by identifying, interpreting and assembling information into a form that shows whether a crime has been committed, and who is responsible for that crime. Sources of information can include crime scene material, intelligence databases, witnesses, victims and the media.

An investigative model

There is no standardised investigative process or model. The United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime provides some guidance on how to progress through a generic reactive investigation in its crime investigation toolkit.

In the United Kingdom, the College of Policing provides guidance on the investigative process. However, it notes that every investigation is different, and so may require a different path to solving the case.

In 2001, as part of a research project in conjunction with the Queensland Police Service, I developed an investigative model. It outlined several stages:

- crime scene
- initial assessment
- investigation
- target
- arrest.

In the course of an investigation, police can return to any stage and begin a new line of inquiry. We have seen this occur with the disappearance of William Tyrrell, with police returning to the original crime scene some seven years later after receiving new information.

No matter what model is used, there are decisions that the management team of the investigation will need to make as it moves through the stages:

- **knowledge decisions** are concerned with how particular information should be interpreted and treated by the investigative team

- **tactical decisions** relate to what should be done, when and by whom

- **logistical decisions** concern the operational supports and resources to be dedicated to an investigation

- **legal decisions** need to be made to ensure any actions taken by the investigative team are legal and admissible in a court case.

The role of media and technology

The media are a great investigative tool and can be used to apply tactical pressure to suspects and drive the search for information from the public. The extensive coverage of high-profile cases, such as that of William Tyrrell, is an example of this. The use of the media can also coincide with covert policing strategies, such as listening devices, designed to target potential suspects.

Technology is now also playing a much larger role in major investigations. We all leave digital footprints, be they passive (your mobile phone searching for a signal from a cell tower) or active (using your phone to pay for fuel at a geographic location).

In one triple-murder investigation that I managed, the offenders were tracked up and down the eastern seaboard of Australia, and to the murder scenes, using their mobile phone data.

One thing that hasn't changed over time is the importance of the investigative effort in the early stages of any major crime, but particularly murders. I have seen first-hand how putting the effort in early in terms of long hours and adequate resources can result in solving major crime.



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Barraba 7 day Forecast **from the Bureau of** **Meteorology**

Wednesday 23 Feb

Summary Max 30

Shower or 2

Chance of any rain: 70%



Thursday 24 Feb

Summary Min 16 Max 28

Show or 2

Chance of rain: 70%



Friday 25 Feb

Summary Min 15 Max 28

Possible shower

Chance of any rain: 40%



Saturday 26 Feb

Summary Min 14 Max 30

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 20%



Sunday 27 Feb

Summary Min 13 Max 30

Partly cloudy

Chance of rain: 20%



Monday 28 Feb

Summary Min 14 Max 31

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 30%



Tuesday 1 Mar

Summary Min 15 Max 29

Shower or two

Chance of any rain: 50%





Barraba Gwydir Rugby Union

On Saturday night a very good crowd turned up to the Rugby Club for the Annual Sponsorship Night,

which saw spirited bidding for logos on shorts, jumpers and Club space.

The auction was done by President, Simon Koopman, who drew bids from all around the room which netted a substantial fund to help in running of the Club for this season. Thanks must go to the sponsors for their continued support year after year, as without this the Club struggle each year.

The night started with our guest speaker, Gary Walsh, who spoke about his experience playing, coaching, refereeing and his task as the Development Officer for the North West over a number of years.

'Walshy' will be taking an active role with coaching for the season and said he was pleased to see so many at training. His main idea is to improve the ball skills of the players, which will provide the teams with much more opportunities to improve their game and also that of the team.

The night was completed with a seafood dinner and a salad if you wished to try both. Congratulations to the girls for their organisation of the evening.

The season starts the week before Easter and it is against Narrabri on the 9th April with Narrabri having a home game. If you wish to come and play the game, training is on Tuesday nights, for now, so see you there.

Recent Anniversary of:

- Pope Gregory the Great decreeing "God bless you" as the correct response to a sneeze (600)
- Howard Carter discovering Egyptian Pharaoh Tutankhamun's tomb and sarcophagus (1923)
- the deaths of 21 Australian nurses in the Banka Island Massacre in WWII (1942)
- Fidel Castro becoming the 16th Prime Minister of Cuba after overthrowing Fulgencio Batista (1959)
- the Kyoto Protocol coming into force following its ratification by Russia (2005)
- the birthday of Banjo Patterson (1864)
- the world's first superhero The Phantom making his first appearance in comics (1936)
- General Motors announcing it will be retiring the Holden brand (2020)
- British naval officer John Moresby discovering the site of what would become Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea and claiming it for Great Britain (1873)
- the Southern Hemisphere's most powerful storm on record (296km/hour), Cyclone Winston, hitting Fiji (2016)
- Venezuela becoming the first country to launch a virtual currency, the petro, to counteract their financial crisis (2018)
- the British House of Lords ruling that authors do not have perpetual copyright (1774)
- Wildlife Warrior Steve Irwin's birthday (1962)
- Scottish scientists announcing they have cloned an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly" (1997)
- the Christchurch earthquake (2011)



PA&H Young Women. Winners in the middle front row are Elizabeth Weber (Walgett) and Emma Bailey (Tamworth)
Brooke Smith (Barraba) front row

2022 SHOW PROGRAM

Thursday 3 March		Saturday 5 March		Sunday 6 March	
Daylight start	Maiden draft	Daylight start 7:30am	Junior, juvenile & open draft Yard Dog trials	Daylight 7:30am	Ladies & open draft Yard Dog Trials
2.30pm	Wool entries	8:30am 11.00am	Horse Ring 1 Horse Ring 2	8:30am	Horse Rings 1, 2 & 3
		8.30am	Cattle judging Young paraders after interbreed classes	8:30am	Australian Stock Horse judging
		9.00am	Meat breed sheep judging. <i>After Meat Breed Sheep - Young Judging Competition.</i>	9am – 3pm	Wool & Main Pavilions Open
		9am	Show jumping		
		9am – 6pm 9am – 5pm	Main Pavilion Open Wool Pavilion Open	10.00am	Farmers challenge
Friday 4 March		9.30am	Poultry Judging	10.30am	The Let er Buck Pro Mini Kids Bouncy Rodeo
Daylight start 8 - 10am	Novice draft	9:30am – 4.00pm	Animal farm	11.00am	Wood chop in front of the grandstand
entries 9.30am 11am	Pavilion	9:30am -5pm	Eb's face painting & plasters both days	11.30am	Barraba band
	Wool Judging Wool judges' comments	10am	Light Harness Main Ring	12pm	The Let er Buck Pro Mini Kids Bouncy Rodeo
2pm to 4pm	Farm & Garden Produce entries	10am	The Let er Buck Pro Services One and Only Famous Mini Kids Bouncy Rodeo	1.30pm	The Let er Buck Pro Mini Kids Bouncy Rodeo
3pm to 5pm	Flower entries	10.30am	Fat Lamb Weighing & Judging.	1:30pm	Dog & Pet show Judging
3.30pm	Junior beef cattle judging	11am & 3pm	Sheep shearing demonstration in front of the Grandstand Veterans & Young Guns shearing display	3pm-4pm	Pavilion Pick up
4pm – 6pm	Main Pavilion Open			3.00pm	The Let er Buck Pro Mini Kids Bouncy Rodeo
4pm – 5pm	Wool Pavilion Open				
6pm	Xtreme Broncs Rodeo	10am to 4.00pm	Manilla Vintage Machinery & Classic Cars in front of the Grandstand		
		12.30pm	The Let er Buck Pro Mini Kids Bouncy Rodeo.		
		12pm – 1.50pm	Pre-register for sporting event		
		2pm	Sporting events in main ring		
		2.30pm	The Let er Buck Pro Mini Kids Bouncy Rodeo		
9pm-12mn	Live music	4.00pm	Official Opening Mini & Junior Youngwoman/Youngman judging in front of the grandstand		
		4:30pm	Junior & Open Six Bar Jumping in front of the Grandstand.		
		5pm	The Let er Buck Pro Services Mini Kids Bouncy Rodeo		
		6pm	Open Rodeo		
		9pm-12mn	Live music		