



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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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 \$1,700

SATURDAY: 10AM-

SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 1PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1,600

MONDAY: CLOSED

TUESDAY: 11AM-5.30PM

BINGO 11AM

WEDNESDAY: 11AM-5.30PM

HAPPY HOUR: 11am-1pm Wed & Fri

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Phone 0427330808

CLOSED MON/TUES/WED

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

SUNDAY: LUNCH 12-2PM

DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



Something for everyone at the Potters and Craft Guild

Are you new to town and looking for a self-interest group to join, a way to make new friends?

Are you slowing down in life and have time now to "smell the roses" - maybe looking for an enjoyable pastime/hobby?

Do you work all week and need to just get away occasionally for some "me time"?

WE MAY HAVE WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR.....READ ON.....

If you'd like to come along 2 or 3 times and you enjoy being involved you can join the Guild for \$35/year. Once you are a member you can come and go, using the facilities as you wish to suit your life.

Here's what is on offer at The Claypan:

MONDAY – Pottery from 10am. Contact Annette Brittain 0459 471513 or Karin Thurston 0478 411914.

TUESDAY – Handicrafts from 10am. Contact Barbara Harris 0400 166684.

WEDNESDAY – Pottery and other activities from 10am
Contact Annette Brittain 0459 471513

THURSDAY – Patchwork, sewing, BYO project or that UFO (unfinished object) from 10am. . Contact Rosemary Orchard 02 6782 1406 or Barbara Harris 0400 166684

FRIDAY – Just like Thursday, Friday is 'do your own thing day' from 10am. Come along and enjoy the company.
Contact Bronwyn 0447 165008

SATURDAY and SUNDAY – Social Craft groups (including scrapbooking and hand embroidery) from 10am. Contact Rosemary Orchard 02 6782 1406 or Jenny Simpson 0429 821122.

Barraba Pool Opening Hours

Thursday 31st March - 3.30 to 6pm

Friday 1st April to Monday 4th April – closed

Tuesday 5th April – 3.30 to 6pm

Wednesday 6th April 3.30 to 6pm

Thursday 7th April 3.30 to 6pm

SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH – Photography

meeting with the Barraba Shutter Bugs at 3pm. Contact Sandra Allen 0419 464307 or Brenda McColl 02 6783 3199. See our Facebook page.

Haven't found something to suit you yet? But wait; there's more!

Starting soon (when the cold weather arrives) – Saturday afternoon spinning by the fire with Mandy Cabot. Beginners are welcome. Contact Mandy 0429 941 978.

Mandy also organises occasional Art Classes or Workshops for those wishing to learn or improve their drawing and painting skills. These classes will be advertised prior to each event. We have a "Drawing in Black & White Workshop" with Hugh McKid on Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th June, further details to follow on our Facebook page and in the "Barraba Community News".

There is also a gardening group. Contact Pat Penna 0438 219030 if you are interested in joining.

WANT MORE DETAIL ABOUT OUR TUESDAY AND THURSDAY GROUPS?

If you enjoy craft, knitting, crocheting, fancy work or any crafty pastime and would like some company whilst you create; maybe our Tuesday group would suit you. Just bring whatever you are working on, have a chat, share advice and enjoy a cuppa with this friendly group.

Our Thursday Patchwork Sewing group has so much potential but has suffered dwindling numbers, it is time to rebuild. Just bring a patchwork project and your sewing machine. This could be your patchwork support network, somewhere to share ideas and help solve those patchwork pattern problems that cost you hours and lots of unpicking! What a wonderful way to celebrate your finished masterpiece.

There's always someone to chat too, ask for some help, just enjoy the social contact, start a new hobby or develop a new craft skill, have a BYO project or complete the UFO that's been sitting in the cupboard for way too long.

OK, SO MAYBE YOU ARE AN ARTIST, OR WANNA-BE ARTIST, WHO DESIRES THE STIMULATION OF PAINTING IN A GROUP?

We are calling for expressions of interest from anyone who would like to join an Art/Painting Group. This group would welcome all levels of experience, any gender. Just bring a piece you are working on or wish to begin. Benefit from the expertise and painting knowledge of others in the group.

Working within a group of like-minded people could be the stimulation you need to get that piece of art finished. Whilst this is not a "learn to paint" class, it is hoped that it will help

to provide inspiration and enjoyment within a group environment.

There is a wonderful new area at the back of the Gallery that would be perfect for this group, easels can be supplied. Just bring your lunch and whatever you wish to work on.

Artists from surrounding areas (Manilla, Bingara etc) are most welcome to join us.

If you are interested; contact Annie Clough 0412 287475.



Images supplied by Bronwyn Clinch & Annie Clough.

PERHAPS PHOTOGRAPHY IS YOUR THING?

The Barraba Shutter Bugs are heading to Manilla for a group photo shoot on Sunday 3 April at 9am. We will be photographing the old Railway Viaduct and Manilla Weir. There will be a morning tea break at Warm Discussions coffee shop.

We are a very casual, friendly group with all levels of photography experience – the more the merrier. If you are interested in joining us, contact Lynne Martin 0457 752142.

Make sure you follow the **Barraba Potters and Craft Guild** Facebook page to see what is happening at The Claypan and Fuller Gallery. The Gallery is open most days to visitors; there are lots of wonderful locally made items for sale.



Tamworth
Business Chamber



Meet Your Councillors *A series of community events*

Barraba
10.00am Saturday 9th April 2022
at Barraba Markets,
Nandewar Historical Society Museum,
71 Queen Street, Barraba.

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0429878788

Bingara Anglers Club
Easterfish 2022
Friday 15th April to Sunday 17th April



Registrations at the Hatchery Friday and Saturday 8 am – 4 pm
No registrations accepted on Sunday
Entry Fees: Adults \$15 - Juniors \$5 (16 and under) - Secret Length \$5
COMPETITION CLOSING SUNDAY 3 PM

Prizes for: Mens - Ladies - Boys - Girls
Longest Cod - Longest Yellowbelly - Longest Catfish - Secret Length
Heaviest European Carp - Most European Carp - Secret Weight European Carp
All Carp to be weighed in at the Hatchery
Native Carp will not be accepted

 Northern Slopes Landcare Association are funding all Carp prizes.
A kayak will be presented to the winner of the Secret Weight Carp competition.

 Gwydir Shire Council have also kindly donated a kayak that all registered entrants will have the chance to win.
Winner must be present at the Hatchery on Sunday to claim the prize.


Prizes, Music, BBQ, Bar & Drinks
from 3pm on the 17th at the Hatchery

For enquiries contact: - Stuart Lanagan 0400923982 - Steve Apthorpe 0487262219
Stan Fletcher 0428241909 - Donna Walton 0447048138 - Jamie Wilson 0412506216
or find us on Facebook, Bingara Anglers Club

All profits from the Easterfish go towards the Bingara Anglers Club
Murray Cod Hatchery river restocking program.
The Bingara Anglers Club appreciates the support received from sponsors, supporters and community in promoting and conducting the Easterfish Competition.

The **Barraba Netball Association**
annual AGM will be held on
Wednesday 6.4.22, 6pm at the
Bowling Club. All major positions have
been filled, however the opportunity is
there if you are interested in taking on
a position. We will be discussing future
competition structures and junior
netball among other things. If we do
not have a quorum on Wednesday we
will move the AGM to Friday 8.4.22
before the netball grand final takes
place.

Hope to see you all there.



let's play netball

IN LOVING memory

Chester, Tony John

In loving memory of our dear
son and brother, Tony.

Accidentally killed 4.4.1980.

Aged 19 years.

As time goes by without you,
And another year passes by,
The loss we felt when you left us,
Has never gone away.
Only we, who knew and loved you,
Know how much we lost.
But precious memories of your loving
ways, will be with us forever.

Loving you always,
So sadly missed by
Dad, Mum and Craig.

In Memoriam

Rodger John Cramp

5-9-1960 – 4-4-1980

Of all the precious gifts in life –
Heavens great or small.
To have you as our son, brother and
uncle was the greatest gift of all.
Loved and remembered always.
Mum (dad), Kathy, Warren,
Peter, Michelle and their families.

Barraba Anglican Parish
St Laurence's Barraba: Sunday
service at 10.00am
Woodsreef: 2nd Sundays
11.30am
Bereen: 4th Sundays 6.00pm

Uniting Church Notice
Sunday 3rd April 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

Snippets from St Laurence's

Despite the weather the Barraba Bash went ahead last Saturday. About 180 young people came from all over the Diocese – one comment was that it was good to see the Youth Centre filled with youth. They went home encouraged by the warm fellowship, good Bible teaching and good food. The next generation of Barraba cooks is keeping up the tradition: many thanks to all who helped.



With Daylight Savings ending on Sunday, 3rd April, our service time will be at 10am. An exception will be over Easter

when both services, on Good Friday and on Easter Day, will be at 9am. The service at Woodsreef on 10th will still be at 11.30am.

Parish Council meet after the service next Sunday morning (3rd). Please raise any matters that concern you with one of the councillors or wardens.

On Thursday this week we have a street stall. All donations of goods and your patronage will be appreciated.

As we approach Easter, think about these words from Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth, Chapter 1, verses 23 and 24: "But we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."



Avid Gardener Beth Hagan

shared her knowledge on caring for plants.

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Beat-A-Bug is a naturally based pesticide spray and plant food and kills/repels/irritates a wide range of insects in the home garden.

Beat-A-Bug contains a natural plant oil which helps to extend the repelling properties of this product in adverse weather conditions.

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Reference: Richgro 2022

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I have used this and it has made a big difference to my plants with growth and elimination of insects.



COLLEGE CHAT



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

Here at the Barraba College we ran a Women's Woodworking Workshop and the ladies involved thoroughly enjoyed their 6 week course with trainer Harry Mason.

Below is a photo of finished projects that were completed using the skills learnt during the course.



Ann Smith will be running a Pottery class on Saturday for anyone that would like to come along for an enjoyable day and you never know you might discover you have a hidden talent.

Next term we will be running First Aid for anyone needing to update their qualifications.

Also, for anyone looking for a Mother's Day present idea Marnie Crowley from Cobbadah Flowers will be showing us how to make a succulent planter box on Tuesday 3rd May 6-8pm with option of purchasing a grazing box from Kylie's Catering.

Thought for the day: Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted.

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

Or go to our website

communitycollegeninsw.edu.au

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The last week of daylight saving – there will be more time next week!!

This week we had a successful street stall in spite of the stormy weather and sold most of the large collection of cooking. Congratulations to Jan Freestone who won the fruit and vegetables.

Apart from the stall it has been rather a quiet week with few historical queries. Just a couple of members braved the rain on Friday and no one called in to ask a question!

This week I have been looking into the Charters family history which meant a look into some Cobbadah history written by Trevor Warne some 45 years ago. Trevor's mother, Alice Wearne, was just a girl living with her parents and siblings at "Piedmont Woolshed" when the Charters family camped for lunch at the big dam near the Capel home probably about 1890. There were seven children in the party and although Trevor noted they came from the New England it is most likely that they came originally from southern NSW as several of the children were born in Queanbeyan.

Mrs Capel, mother of ten children, sent two of her teenage daughters over to the camp with milk, cakes and eggs for the children – a gift gratefully received as the family had been travelling for quite some time looking for land to select. As we now know the search was almost over, Daniel selected land a few miles on and named it Hilltop.

The Charters family still own Hilltop and there are branches of the family in places such as Coonamble, Gloucester, Moree, as well as in the Bingara area. There was at least a dozen in the family and most married so there would be a number of descendants of this large, hardworking family, scattered around the state.

Returning to last week's notes, the search is still on for the 1967 Barraba Chronicle with an article/notice of the death of Gwen Bell. The cemetery records state that she died on 13th June, 1967 at the young age of 39 years. A close friend of hers would like a copy of the article if we can find it for her.

The April Markets are not very far away. We are expecting some visitors from Tamworth so do come along and have a chat with them about our town and how it could be improved. Hopefully there will be a number of stalls to impress our visitors and lots of people to put forward and listen to ideas – plenty of places to sit at the back of the museum.



Last Thursday the Barraba PA & H had a meeting to review the Show that has been and gone. It was great to find that most were very pleased with it especially surprising how many people attended/participate in the event, as it was decided to put a counter at the front gate. Somewhere above over 4,000 over the 4 days. A big thankyou to everyone who came to watch, compete and work at the show, it was good to see the show back to being complete, with all events on one at one time and people being free to attend.

As always there are a lot of good people who donate their time and money to the show. To the sponsors thank you for your financial contribution to make things happen. We were lucky enough to get the services of a new Show secretary who really got in and made things happen. To the committee, chief stewards, and all people who helped/worked to

make the Barraba Show happen I thank you for the effort and work put in to make this year's show a success. It takes a lot of people their time and their effort to make all sections of the show run. Be it in the Beef, Wool, Sheep Pavilion (and all sections within) Campdraft, Dog Trials, Rodeo, Animal Farm, Pets Poultry and Wood chop (great to see you back) and Horse (Hacks, Showjumpers, 6 Bar, light harness, stock horse) there is a lot to see and a lot to run. A big thankyou from me.

I hope those who attended enjoyed their time there and hope to see you at next year's Barraba P.A&H Show.

Dave Penna
Show President.

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Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting of the 22nd March 2022:

Councillors have tonight unanimously supported a motion from Cr Stephen Mears calling on the NSW Government to release a range of information about the proposed new Dungowan Dam project. In his motion, Cr Mears said: "The proposal to build a new Dungowan Dam is of significant interest to our local community and there remains very little information available to provide our residents . . . and as a Council we should be advocating to the State Government to have that information released as soon as possible." His motion called for: (i) Details of the inputs that have been considered as part of the development of the cost v benefit analysis; (ii) impacts and/or costs to existing water users that access supply from the current Dungowan Dam and associated pipeline; and (iii) the estimated cost of water to Tamworth Regional Council and other users that will be sourced from the proposed new Dungowan Dam. Three people formally addressed Councillors in support of the motion during the community consultation part of the meeting.

Councillors decided to waive all fees associated with the 2022 Northern Inland Academy of Sport's staging of the National Primary Games in Tamworth. The two-day event in July is expected to draw more than 3,000 athletes and accompanying spectators. Financial modelling shows it will bring an economic benefit of \$906,000 to our region. Tamworth Regional Mayor Russell Webb said waiving \$8,000 in fees for such a boost to the local economy was a sound financial decision. "It will be a great opportunity to showcase Tamworth's ability to high major sporting events and to promote participation in grass roots sport," he said.

Councillors agreed to make a submission objecting to IPART's draft review of Domestic Waste Charges which suggests a regulation of waste charges similar to the rate peg may be applied. They also decided to write to the Minister for Local Government, requesting that "the delegation to IPART is removed in relation to approving special rate variations and minimum rates, and the function of varying annual domestic waste management changes". The letter will give a number of reasons for the request including that "applying a blanket approach such as a waste peg will ignore several key factors that may be considered unique to each LGA".

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

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



Join at the Tamworth Regional Gallery on 10 April
Barraba Town Hall on 12 April.

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BINGARA - 14/4






LOCALS ENCOURAGED TO NOMINATE LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES HERO

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Rotary Clubs and Districts of NSW Emergency Services Community Awards (NSW RESCA), which recognise frontline emergency services personnel for service above and beyond the call of duty.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the annual awards, now in their eighth year, provide an opportunity for local emergency services personnel to be recognised at a State-wide level.

“Hidden in our communities are heroes who go above and beyond through our toughest times,” Mr Anderson said.

“Whether it’s through bushfire, flood or medical emergency, these dedicated community members are first on the scene to support us. More than that, they also perform essential work year-round, such as community engagement and fundraising.

“I encourage everyone in our region to consider recognising a local hero by nominating them for an Emergency Services Community Award.”

Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience and Minister for Flood Recovery Steph Cooke said the unprecedented storms and floods have resulted in one of the most challenging times ever faced by emergency services personnel.

“Having spent weeks on the ground in the Northern Rivers region, I have seen first-hand the selfless work they continue to do,” Ms Cooke said.

The Rotary Clubs and Districts of NSW Emergency Services Community Awards (NSW RESCA) recognise the dedication and service of emergency service personnel and volunteers from Fire and Rescue NSW, Marine Rescue NSW, NSW Ambulance, the NSW State Emergency Service, the NSW Rural Fire Service, Surf Life Saving NSW and VRA Rescue NSW.

Nominations will remain open until Tuesday, 31 May with finalists to be announced on Wednesday, 22 June at Parliament House. An awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, 13 August at Bankstown Sports Club.

Nominations can be submitted at: <https://nsw.rescawards.org.au>.

REGIONS EVENTS TO TAKE CENTRE STAGE WITH SUPPORT

Regional events are set to grow back, better than ever thanks to Round Two of the \$20 million Regional Events Acceleration Fund. Major sporting, musical or cultural events are set to benefit and local organisers are encouraged to apply for funding.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the new funding round will provide a minimum of \$100,000 to help bring new major events to the region and between \$50,000 and \$200,000 to increase capacity and enhance existing events.

“Last year, this fund saw \$150,000 go towards hosting free live shows in Bicentennial Park during the Tamworth Country Music Festival and I know that our community is looking forward to those free concerts in April,” Mr Anderson said.

“There are many more events that are eligible in our region including projects that will include extra seating for sporting or entertainment events, temporary fencing, accessibility infrastructure, providing additional stages at music festivals, temporary car parks or pop-up camping sites so I would encourage organisers to look at what their event needs and apply.”

Acting Premier and Minister for Regional NSW Paul Toole said the

package had already supported more than 80 events expected to attract more than one million visitors to the regions, laying the foundations for a strong recovery of Regional NSW.

“This package will help drive regional NSW’s economic recovery from bushfire, drought, COVID-19, and the current flooding crisis,” Mr Toole said. “Helping organisers host world-class events in their own backyard showcases our great regional towns to national and international audiences.” Event organisers, regional NSW councils, not-for-profit organisations, sporting bodies and Aboriginal Land Councils are eligible to apply for grants.

Applications to the Regional Events Acceleration Fund open today and close 5pm Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

The \$40 million Regional Events Acceleration Fund is part of the NSW Government’s \$2 billion Regional Growth Fund, which is delivering infrastructure and programs that generate economic opportunities, create jobs and improve everyday living in the bush.

For information about eligibility criteria and program guidelines, go to: www.nsw.gov.au/REAFund.

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Message from the Editor

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Continued funding to tackle scourge of methamphetamines

As part of our plan for a stronger future, the Morrison Joyce Government will extend the National Ice Action Strategy (NIAS), investing more than \$343 million over four years in the ongoing fight to reduce the impact of ice, other drugs, and alcohol.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, welcomed the announcement, and said the Government is increasing its efforts at every level to reduce the impact of drug and alcohol use on individuals, families, and communities.

“The Coalition Government’s investment into the National Ice Action Strategy for a further four years, allows local organisations throughout New England, and across the country to continue delivering innovative, community-based solutions to curb the use of drugs such as methamphetamines,” the Deputy Prime Minister said.

“This is particularly important for high-risk population groups, including people in rural and regional areas and indigenous communities.” National wastewater drug monitoring shows methamphetamine use has reduced for the second consecutive year. And MDMA, cocaine and heroin consumption have all fallen.

Estimates from 2019 suggest that roughly 300,000 Australians used methamphetamines in the past 12 months, with over half of these using crystal methamphetamine, or ice.

The four most common drugs that people seek treatment for are alcohol (34%), amphetamines (28%), cannabis (18%), and heroin (5.1%). Since its inception in 2016, the NIAS has helped thousands of people gain access to treatment programs and supported communities to tackle local drug and alcohol issues with local solutions.

By committing to the NIAS for a further four years, the Morrison Government is ensuring critical treatment and other programs are continued and improved.

For further details about the National Ice Action Strategy, visit the [Department of Health website](https://www.health.gov.au/department-of-health).

MORE SUPPORT FOR TRAVEL AGENTS

The Morrison Joyce Government is providing \$75.5 million in targeted support for travel agents and tour arrangement service providers.

The program will support eligible travel agents and tour arrangement service providers who continue to support consumers to rebook their travel using existing COVID-related travel credits.

Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said this continued funding will help the travel sector get back on its feet after a challenging two years.

“COVID-19 hit our tourism and travel industry in New England very hard - there is no doubt about that,” the Deputy Prime Minister said.

“I have been in constant contact with businesses throughout New England to understand their concerns, and I would like to commend them all on their hard work to make it through.

“This additional funding will be a welcome boost to the sector and shows the Coalition is committed to the tourism industry.” Mr Joyce said.

New England Travel Agent and business owner, Chris Watson has welcomed the additional funding. “After what has been a very tough 2 years in business due to the impacts COVID has had on the travel industry, the announcement of support from our Federal Government is a huge relief for our industry,” Mr Watson said.

Applications for the third round of grants will open on 29 March and close at 20 April 2022.

For more information visit: [COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program - Austrade](https://www.austrade.gov.au/COVID-19/Consumer-Travel-Support-Program)

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ROADMAKING IN BARRABA IN 1911

Photos by Percy Williams, notes by Brian Coote



Another historic image by Percy Williams of the Barraba Shire Council's far sighted investment in steam powered road making machinery. This new machinery crushed the rock and spread it in a layer on the graded road-bed.

Another example of what a progressive far sighted place Barraba was in 1911. The account below from Trove

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Manilla Express (NSW : 1899 - 1954), Saturday 3 June 1911,
page 2

ROAD-MAKING BY MACHINERY

BARRABA SHIRE'S PROGRESSIVE MOVE. -INSPECTION OF THE PLANT.

On Wednesday last a public exhibition of the road-making plant, recently installed by the Barraba Shire Council, was given by the council at Oakey Creek, 16 miles beyond Barraba. In response to invitations representatives of Gwydir Shire Council, Barraba Municipal Council, and Mandowah Shire Council were present, in addition to a number of other enterprising residents of Barraba town and district. Among those present were noticed the following:--Barraba Shire Council.—Crs. D. Capel (president), J. Morrow, W. Garske, C. G. Williams, and P. Woolfe. Gwydir Shire.—Crs. J. Veness (president), and Charters; Mr. Carter (engineer). Mandowah Shire.—Crs. M. F. M'Keon (president), W. Blanch, J. T. Byrnes, P. Donnelly, James Shields, and D. MacDonald. Mr.

D. K. Telfer (engineer). Barraba Municipal Council.—The Mayor (Ald. W. Morrow), Ald. O. Rabe, W. Douglas, Saunders, Evans, and Myers. Also a number of representative town and district men.

The Manilla visitors went through to the scene of the trial in two motor cars, supplied under engagement by Messrs. O'Dell and Veness. The councillors had a splendid trip up, leaving Manilla at 20 past 9, and arriving at Oakey Creek soon, after 11. They were, as were other visitors, cordially received. In inspection was made of the plant before lunch, and in the afternoon the full machinery was seen in working order. The plant consists of — Stone-Crusher. 8 h.p. Portable Engine. Scarifier. 4 Hopper Trucks. Grader. The total cost was in round numbers £2000. The stone is being quarried in the face of the creek bank, and is carted about half a mile to the crusher in a tip-draw. This turnout, by the way, is worthy of note as the horse is a fine animal, the harness is well kept, with dazzling plateware and coloured ribbons. The owner, Joseph Hynes, is very proud of his turn-out—and he has good cause to be. " Too-toot !" " Toot-toot-toot !" The engine whistled. A lever was pressed, the fly wheel set off on a speedy revolution. The roaring and groaning of the crusher 'rose to a frenzied whirr as the large stone was reduced to metal. The power of the crusher is remarkable, for heavy lumps of rock dropped into the receiving chute, are immediately reduced to metal, and carried by means of the elevator into the truck above. The hopper trucks each hold six yards of metal, and the four of them were easily filled that morning. When they were filled, the engine was drawn out, and attached to the scarifier, a small but weighty steel, plough arrangement, with three mighty tusks in the centre. The scarifier weighs three tons, and as it is drawn behind the engine, the outside line of the road is broken up fit for the grader.

Our representative was informed that the scarifier is capable of tearing up an old metal road. Next the grader was brought into use, and by means of a long steel knife the ground was cut out and formed to the right convexity. Then the trucks, laden with the metal were hooked on, and as the bottoms were opened out, the metal poured on to the newly and quickly formed road. This process of metalling is undoubtedly very quick and effective, specially when the grader has once more been used to level off the metal. To complete the road drains are cut on either side by the grader, and loosened earth being thrown over the metal to form a binding.

Everything worked without a hitch on Wednesday. Although the piece of roadway was very favourable, being of an alluvial nature. Chatting with the engineer (Mr. Grant) we were supplied with some figures which show the merits of the road-making plant. Mr. Grant says he can now have a chain of road formed for 8s. Just prior to the introduction of the machinery a length of road was done, and the forming cost £2 16s per chain. A few days ago Mandowah let a contract which panned out at £2 3s per chain. The cost of crushing the stone is 1s 6d per yard, and laying the metal 1s 4d per yard—these

figures cover cost of working, wages, interest, and depreciation. The length of road operated on on Wednesday was four chains, and the forming was completed within an hour, and two chains of metal spread in less than 30 minutes. After the demonstration the plant was christened " The Piedmont." Mrs. Capel, wife of the President (Cr. D. Capel, of Piedmont Station) named the plant, by breaking a bottle of wine over one of the large wheels of the traction engine. Hearty cheers were given for the President, Mrs. Capel, and the plant. Mr. Capel said he was very pleased to see so many present that day. He hoped, and believed, that the plant would be a success. We hope it will be at any rate. (A visitor: So do we.)"

President McKeon (Mandowa) said that the representatives of Mandowa Shire were very pleased to be present on the auspicious occasion to see the great demonstration of road work by machinery. They had come specially from Manilla for the purpose, and speaking for himself he was very pleased and delighted at what he had seen, and the work which had been done. Speaking as an old practical road maker he was more than delighted with the result. He hoped the plant would be found to be successful, for he thought that the Barraba Shire had embarked on the right line, and they had to be commended for the enterprising spirit they had displayed. He wished the plant, the shire, and the whole district every success the world could afford. (Loud applause.) President J. C. Veness (of Bingara) said, on behalf of the Gywdir Shire, it afforded him great pleasure to be present to see the christening of the engine and plant. He could not claim to have had any practical experience in road making, but he knew when he travelled over a good piece of road or a bad piece of work. He was very pleased to see a neighbouring shire embarking on such a valuable investment as a road-making plant, and he thought they would find that their confidence had not been misplaced. He had no doubt that the progressive move made by the Barraba Shire would be an incentive to other shires to go and do likewise. (Applause.)

Mr. C. G. Williams, (Barraba), said he was glad to hear someone say something in favour of the road-making plant. Up to the present they had been freely told it would be a "white elephant." He still thought they had done the right thing. The President and himself had gone all the way to Orange to see the road-making plant there, before the Barraba Shire took any action. He felt sure the venture would turn out satisfactorily. (Hear, hear, and applause) Mr. Kent (engineer) thanked the councillors for the confidence they had reposed in him by purchasing the plant, after his recommendation. They were really bold men, but he would stake his reputation that the plant would do all that was expected of it. The councillors deserved an enormous amount

of praise for their enterprise. A group photo of the plant and visitors was then taken by Mr. Percy Williams, who secured many pictures during the day. An al fresco luncheon was provided by the President's family. The Bingara visitors (who also travelled by motor car) and the Manilla representatives, left about 3.30. The local councillors expressed satisfaction with the work done by the plant. Their opinions are rapidly summed up in two words, "Very Good." The trucks are solid iron bark, and discharge from an opening in the bottom (5 feet wide) as thick or thin as desired.



Another Percy Williams photo from the Steam-powered road-making demo by Barraba Shire Council on 3rd June 1911 showing mainly the dignitaries from surrounding shires and some of the cars transporting them.

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Golf Notes

With gloomy weather some chose to stay away while those that took it on had a pretty good day but alas some thought the clubhouse was more appealing than the last couple of holes. In all we had 26 starters for the 4BBB kindly sponsored by Firman Allan and Toni and John Waugh.

The course is as good as it gets and it's a real treat to play. Daniel Anderson and Craig Ruttley proved too strong for the rest of the field and won with a good score of 47 points. Rutts sank the boot in when, in the rain, chipped in in his last two holes. Will Sedgwick and Campbell Tonkin were next with 43 closely followed by Liam Johnston and Ian Cabot 42. Dave and Helen Kelly also won balls with 40. Campbell got off the tee really well. Liam thought he may have done a little better had he'd known from the beginning he had a partner but was sedged out of it.

Next week we play an Individual Bisque Par for Ian and Brenda McColl's trophy. Could be another day of vacant looks and head scratching but we will master it.

Don't forget to organise a partner for our Mixed Foursomes Championships on Sunday the 10th April for the L & V Bridges Memorial trophy.



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Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology

Wednesday 30 Mar

Summary Max 23

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 30%



Thursday 31 Mar

Summary Min 13 Max 22

Partly cloudy

Chance of rain: 20%



Friday 1 April

Summary Min 9 Max 20

Partly Cloudy

Chance of any rain: 20%



Saturday 2 April

Summary Min 7 Max 21

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%



Sunday 3 April

Summary Min 8 Max 22

Partly cloudy

Chance of rain: 20%



Monday 4 April

Summary Min 9 Max 22

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 30%



Tuesday 5 April

Summary Min 9 Max 23

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 20%



RIDDLES

WHICH IS FASTER. HOT OR COLD? HOT, YOU AN EASILY CATCH A COLD

WHAT HAS TEETH BUT CANNOT EAT? A COMB

WHAT KIND OF DOG NEVER BITES? A HOT DOG

WHICH TABLE DOESN'T HAVE LEGS? VEGETABLE

WHAT'S NEVER USED TILL IT'S BROKEN? EGG