



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Across the Desk with the Principal Patrick Sullivan

Welcome Back

I want to welcome everyone back to term two and I look forward to an exciting term ahead. We have lots of sports coming up this term, from cross country to our athletics carnival. It will be a hectic time indeed.

Anzac Day

I would like to say how proud I was to participate with our students in the town Anzac Day March. It was very pleasing to see how many of our students marched to commemorate this important day.

Anzac Day School Service

Pictured below back row: Kane Ward and Eloise Chandler

Middle row: Mr Bill Crowley, Kade Spence, Jasmine

Coombes and Mr Sullivan

Front row: Leo Lawlor and Macey Cabot



Cross Country

Congratulations to all our primary students on a terrific cross country on Friday 29 April 2022. The event gave me one of my proudest moments in 31 years of teaching. As the older students finished their race, they stayed at the finish line and cheered every student who crossed the line. They did this right through to the final competitor of the under six race,

who crossed the line to a cheer that would have rivalled winning an Olympic marathon.

Parents and Citizens

The P&C held its Annual General Meeting last Monday 2 May 2022, and I would like to thank them for all their hard work over the previous year. Congratulations to Kelly Phillips on being re-elected as President for the coming year and to all the other office-bearers. P&C meetings are on the first Monday of the month at the Primary campus; everyone is welcome.

Canteen

The P&C is currently searching for a person to run the canteen. If you are interested, please get in touch with the school, and we will pass on your details. I would like to thank Louise for all her efforts over the last six months and wish her well with her new job.

Staffing

I want to congratulate Jamie Neale on being appointed to the position of Special Ed Teacher. It's great to welcome Jamie back to the school, and he will bring a depth of experience to the role.

Patrick Sullivan

Environmental Corridor

Year 3/4 students have been planting trees for a bird habitat. We have been working with the Secondary students to create an environmental corridor.

Mr Teunis 3/4 Teacher





SPINNING BY AN OPEN FIRE IN WINTER...

Does this sound enticing, would you like to try it – or is it something that you haven't done in years and would like to get back in to?

Mandy's spinning and knitting group has commenced again at The Fuller Gallery, 74-78 Queen Street, Barraba. The spinning group meets on Fridays with a 10 am start. Mandy will have the open fire alight to warm the room and add some cosy atmosphere. The Claypan has a couple of wheels or bring your own.



Beginners are welcome to come and try, or maybe just bring your knitting and stay for a chat over a cuppa.

Some might ask; what is spinning?

"Handspinning is the art of twisting fiber, fleece, or roving of wool, silk, alpaca, angora, mohair, flax, etc. into a continuous thread by using a spinning wheel or drop spindle. The thread is spun thick or thin, plied or un-plied, and can later be dyed or left natural. Handspun yarn is used for knitting, and weaving projects. You can also use unspun fiber for knitting, weaving and felting."

Source: "The Joy of Handspinning". The Website For Handspinners & Fiber Artists www.joyofhandspinning.com
Unknown Author, 14 May 2022.

....and how did it originate?

"Step back in time, and you will find out that spinning fibers together to make yarn has been in practice for over ten thousand years. Decades ago, when one was hand spinning, the chore was done out of necessity and not something that was done in one's leisure time. In earlier times, it was the slaves who did this textile work in creating fabric that made up the garments and bed linen for the elite and powerful. To produce these strands of yarn, workers used spindles and looms to take on this tedious job. However, according to Professor John Styles, he states that this was a skilled occupation, but historians disagree, saying that this line of work or profession was classified as unskilled labor that was intended for the poor and ignorant, mainly a position for women of the lower class. But times have changed!"

Source: "A Guide to Handspinning Yarn", Paradise Fibers, www.paradisefibers.com 2022

So....armed with all of this knowledge, perhaps you are ready to give it a go? Spinning is an incredible craft to watch, why not pop down to have a look at the ladies in action; have a chat and a cuppa. While you are there you can browse some of the beautiful items made from homespun fibres in the Gallery. Contact Mandy on 0429 941978 if you have any more questions, or just turn up on Friday at 10am.

Winter Exhibition at The Claypan

Opening Night Friday 10th June 6pm

Browse the Gallery as you snack from the grazing board and enjoy the wine. Cost \$15/person

Open all weekend Saturday 11th to Monday 13th June 10am to 3pm with morning teas and soup lunches. Bring your weekend guests and enjoy some Barraba hospitality.





History Notes

Unfortunately, the markets had to be moved to the IGA hall this week- something that hasn't happened for quite a while. Thank you to everyone for your co-operation - most of all the usual stall holders as well as the TRC stall with the Mayor and two councilors to talk to residents.

During the week we received a visit from Lorraine & Graham Turnbull. Lorraine was one of the key figures in the running of the Jane Ison Family Re-union here 12 years ago. Cross, Crowley and Eaton were some of the families taking part and Lorraine and her committee are now hoping to arrange a similar reunion at Walcha because the Cross family is well represented there. We will let everyone know when there is a date as all branches should be represented.

Also, this week we have had a query about Hoskisson's Plains - one of our earliest settlements. The more modern name is Barraba Creek Station and even that name has almost died out with the sale of small blocks in the area.

John Hoskisson seems to have been the first to take up this land. He appears in J.F.Campbell's Squatting on Crown Lands in N.S.W. which lists those with licences in 1837 to depasture stock beyond the boundaries of the Colony.

The entry is Hoskisson, John, who lived at Cornwallis (Richmond/Windsor area) having 117 licences in the northern area of Brisbane at Banaba Plains. Later in the 1840 list we find John Hoskisson, (117) "Barraba" under Liverpool Plains. The 1840 list also gives the names of several other early settlers in the Barraba area. Reading through this little book we note that John Hoskisson had 76,800 acres on Manilla River while Armitage (Barraba Station) had 45 square miles also on the Manilla River - thus there was not much room for anyone else at that time.

John Hoskisson had a hard start to life. He was born in 1799, just a few weeks after his father was murdered by aborigines in the Windsor area. His mother, Sarah, was left to rear their three children and as was common in those days she remarried to a Mr. Upton in 1803 and young John was reared in Sydney by his Godfather. He worked hard taking horses to water at the Tank Stream and carting wood in a

wheelbarrow; in fact, he was already looking forward. He returned to Windsor at an early age to take up farming and married Sarah Freebody at the age of 19 years. The young couple managed to accumulate a considerable amount of property, eventually purchasing the property "Clifton" in the 1840's. The young couple had 11 children, rearing 9 of them and setting them up with properties at Armidale, Windsor, Barraba and in Queensland.



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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 \$1,000

SATURDAY: 10AM-
SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM
ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 1PM
MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$2,000 4 Draws

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

Letter to The Editor.

Climate Change Trick.

The catchcry of the Labor Party is "Climate Change". I am amazed that so many people have been hoodwinked by this claim, given the human race is accountable for 1% of carbon emissions. Most world carbon produced comes from the ocean. The human race cannot survive without carbon. The principal of "Climate Change" is put forward by the socialists to spread the wealth from those that are having a go to those looking for a handout. The socialist propaganda machine, using their "global warming" scare campaign, will increase our power costs and reduce our quality of life.

Peter Mason. Ebor NSW

HAVE YOUR SAY ON...

Changes proposed for waste management charges!

We are proposing some significant changes to the way that waste management charges paid by ratepayers - residential and commercial - are calculated and shown on rates notices.

Find out what category we propose your property is classified as and what the proposed cost will be to your property.



SCAN ME
to have your say!



Tamworth Regional Council meeting update

Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting on **Tuesday 10 April, 2022**:

- Councillors tonight endorsed a number of key plans which guide Council's operations to go on public exhibition to seek feedback from our community. They include Our Community Plan 2023-2033 – a community-owned strategic plan for the future of our region – along with Our Resourcing Plan 2022-2025, Our Annual Plan and Budget 2022-2023 (which sets out the projects and activities Council will deliver in the upcoming financial year) and Our Delivery Plan 2022-2025. The Tamworth region community now has the chance to have their say on these plans which guide what Council does. To have their say, community members can go to the MyTRC Online Community from Wednesday 11 May to Tuesday 7 June, 2022, haveyoursay.tamworth.nsw.gov.au. A number of pop-up information events will take place across the region during May.
- Councillors considered a detailed report about proposed changes to Domestic Waste Management Charges to start next financial year. The proposals will be included in the draft 2022-2023 Annual Operating Plan, Revenue Policy and associated documents going on public exhibition tomorrow for community feedback. The report said Tamworth Regional Council is proposing some significant changes to the way that waste management charges paid by ratepayers – both residential and commercial - are calculated and shown on rates notices. The proposed changes to the domestic waste management charges include a new model for setting the amount to be paid by ratepayers based on different locations across our region. These changes are

being proposed in line with a review of Council's waste operations and IPART recommendations for Councils around NSW to increase transparency of these charges. After the exhibition period Councillors will review the feedback received and decide whether to formally adopt the proposed charges.

- The top quality of the Tamworth Regional Gallery's permanent collection has again been recognised with a request for a loan of artworks for display in Ararat (south-west regional Victoria) and Wagga Wagga. A report about the loan came before Councillors tonight because any loans of works must be approved by Council resolution. A request has been received from both the Ararat Gallery Textile Art Museum Australia and the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery for loan of a selection of the Utopia batik silks. The Utopia Collection is historically and culturally important created by first nations people in the Utopic region north east of Alice Springs. It includes more than 50 batik silks, garments, acrylic paintings on paper, silk screen prints, etchings and carved wooden figures. The works will be shown in Ararat in late May and in September in Wagga.

For more information, see the full reports at

www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/business-papers

Watch the video report at

www.facebook.com/TamworthRegionalCouncil

Make a difference in your community

An exciting event is coming up on **Thursday 19 May 2022; the RU Volunteering Expo.**

The expo aims to showcase volunteering opportunities in the Tamworth region to those who may be interested with a range of organisations holding stalls to exhibit what they have to offer.

Team Leader of Council's Inclusive Community team, Katey Allwell said, "Volunteers are the back bone of our community, assisting in a range of roles across sporting organisations, school groups, service organisations, community groups, aged care services, health and wellbeing services, parks, gardens and outdoor services, and arts and culture services."

"Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many organisations have found it difficult to recruit volunteers and this expo aims to assist in bringing some attention to volunteering and the rewarding opportunities that are available."

Individuals, seniors, youth, and new and existing residents are encouraged to attend and get involved in a range of roles which may suit their interests and skill sets.

"Volunteers come in all ages, abilities, backgrounds and with different experience levels," said Mrs Allwell.

Volunteers contribute to resilient communities, and are important in the delivery of Council's Blueprint 100 Strategy.

The expo will form part of National Volunteer Week which encompasses the theme 'Better Together' and gives us a chance to say thank you and celebrate the hard work of volunteers in our region.

Community members who are interested in volunteering should come along to the expo between 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Lands Building at 25-27 Fitzroy Street, Tamworth. There is no need to RSVP or book, just arrive on the day and browse the great opportunities there is on offer.



Uniting Church Notices

Sunday 22nd May Service Time 8.45am

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

Barraba—1st & 5th Sunday, 5pm Saturday evening

2nd 3rd & 4th Sunday 9am

Upper Horton 3rd Sunday 11am

Weekday Mass Wednesday 10am

Barraba Anglican Parish

St Laurence's Barraba:

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef: 2nd Sundays 11.30am

Bereen: 4th Sundays 11.30am

Snippets from St Laurence's

As you know by now, my mind keeps throwing up memories it has accumulated over the years. Often those memories are poems or songs from the past ninety years and today I find myself humming "And nightly pitch my moving tent/a day's march nearer home." My neighbour used to sing it as she moved around the house and garden. It was ages before I found the hymn began "Forever with the Lord! /Amen, so let it be."

Next Saturday, 21st May the Youth Group meets in the Youth Centre from 6 to 8pm. On Sunday the Bereen Service will be at 11.30am, then on Sunday, 29th we have the quarterly fellowship lunch. June starts with a Lay Training Day in the Youth Centre from 10am to 3.30pm. This is designed to help all lay people to proclaim the gospel.

Think for a little about these words from the letter to Hebrews, chapter 10, verse 22: "Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water."

Beth

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Barnaby Joyce

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I've been proud to serve as your local Member for New England over the past 9 years and I look forward to many more ahead.

There's still a lot to do, but together we can make the New England even stronger.

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Authorised by Barnaby Joyce MP, Suite 17,
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PHONE TOWER CAMPAIGN DELIVERS GREAT RESULT

Member for New England and Deputy Prime Minister, Barnaby Joyce is ticking off another achievement today. Mr Joyce said one of his long-held passions for New England is to reduce the number of mobile phone black spots.

"All too often, hills and valleys, which significantly contribute to the appeal of New England, play havoc with mobile and internet connections, leaving some centres without everyday communications," Mr Joyce said.

"In particular, the community of Upper Horton has conducted a passionate campaign for improved mobile phone services, and I have fought hard on their behalf.

"As a result, I am pleased to announce that under Round 2 of the Regional Connectivity Program (RCP), Upper Horton is to receive a welcome improvement to its mobile phone coverage," Mr Joyce said.

The project will deploy a new Telstra small cell mobile site, providing improved handheld coverage. The Federal Government contribution towards the project will be \$261,300. Minister for Regional Communications, Bridget McKenzie said the project forms part of the Coalition Government's continuing roll-out of the \$257 million RCP.

"I acknowledge the support provided by Telstra's Northern NSW Regional General, Michael Marom and the efforts of Mr Arthur McDouall and his Tower Action Committee which gathered over 600 signatures for improved communication services.

Since becoming the Member for New England, 51 mobile phone base stations have been secured for the electorate. This is the 52nd.

If re-elected on 21 May, I will continue lobbying for even more phone towers,

so as far as possible, New England communication black spots are reduced or completely eliminated," Mr Joyce said.

BARNABY JOYCE – BEST FEDERAL MP

It's official! Member for New England and Deputy Prime Minister, Barnaby Joyce has been acclaimed Australia's best Federal MP.

The honour is based on MP responses to correspondence and the assistance they provide as monitored by the FairGO organisation which runs the Votergram service.

FairGO Founding Executive Director, Greg Bloomfield said, not only had the Member for New England been voted Number 1 for the past term of government, but he has been voted the Federal Government's best for three consecutive terms!

"Mr Joyce has brought home the trifecta," Mr Bloomfield said.

"He has been the most responsive, most helpful Federal MP since 2013."

Mr Bloomfield presented Mr Joyce with an engraved crystal trophy, highlighting his achievement over the past three parliamentary terms.

The Electorate Office Staff, who oversee the office correspondence, were also recognised.

Mr Joyce said, he is thrilled with FairGO's recognition.

"It is a great honour to receive the award, especially when it comes from simply doing my job. I take no-one for granted, nor do I take my position as the Member for New England for granted.

I strive to serve the people of New England to the best of my ability and will continue to do so, should they see fit to re-elect me as their Federal MP on 21 May.

I encourage everyone to ensure their vote is valid by numbering every square on the green ballot paper and

by closely following the instructions for the white Senate paper."

OVER \$24.5 MILLION TO TACKLE PEST ANIMALS AND WEEDS

Thirty-six projects, valued at more than \$24.5 million to combat the impact of feral animals and weeds on agricultural and public land have been announced by the Coalition Government.

Member for New England and Deputy Prime Minister, Barnaby Joyce said pest animals and weeds threaten our primary productivity, environment, and biodiversity.

"These projects will have a positive impact for the people of New England," Mr Joyce said.

"New England will share in \$625,000 for novel rat-specific toxin for the improved management of rats in intensive livestock production systems while over \$1.5 million has also been committed to suppress wild dogs, red foxes, feral cats and feral pigs in the electorate," Mr Joyce said.

"New England will also share over \$1.187 million for the control of feral deer and pigs to low densities and over \$747,000 to fast-track and optimise the release of weed biocontrol agents through increasing the area, extent, number and types of agents released." Minister for Agriculture, David Littleproud said pest animals cost our farmers and land managers \$800 million a year, and weeds over \$4 billion a year, in lost production and control activities.

"It is a fantastic outcome that our commitment will leverage an additional \$45 million of cash and in-kind support, matched by state and territory governments to deliver real benefits on the ground," Mr Littleproud said.

Federal Election: VOTING IS COMPLUSORY

Polling Place: Bicentennial Community Centre, Bridge St,
Barraba NSW 2347

Opening hours: Saturday 21 May 8am - 6pm

House of Representatives candidates, New England
Electorate

1. Pavlo SAMIOS Liberal Democratic Party
2. Cindy Anne DUNCAN United Australia Party
3. Natasha LEDGER Independent
4. Barnaby JOYCE National Party of Australia - N.S.W.
5. Matt SHARPHAM Independent
6. Richard THOMAS Pauline Hanson's One Nation
7. Carol SPARKS The Greens NSW
8. Laura HUGHES Australian Labor Party (N.S.W. Branch)

TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL



Hi Barraba and Manilla residents,

We've heard that there has been mention of the potential closure of your landfills. We wanted to reach out to let you know this is NOT the case.

As part of a review we recently undertook it was recommended we look at converting your landfills to Small Vehicle Transfer Stations. This conversion will not change what waste you can dispose of at your local waste management facility. What it will do is reduce the licensing requirements for the facilities, reduce environmental impacts, increase opportunities for resource recovery, and much more.

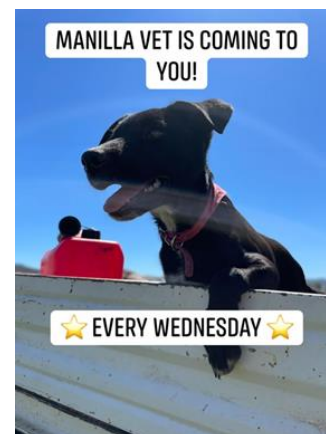
We will be sure to keep you up to date on any proposed or planned changes.



BARRABA VETERINARY CLINIC

The Barraba Veterinary Clinic at 219 Mulwaree Rd has been closed now for some time. After an enquiry as to why the Barraba Vet building was closed, a spokesperson for the owner, Nandewar Animal Health Services of Manilla, recently stated on their Facebook page: *"Unfortunately we do not own the building, we were leasing. The more pressing matter is a shortage of vets willing to work in rural communities. There aren't any government incentives to stimulate vets to move into rural sectors, as there are for human doctors and other professionals. We are creating our own incentives, however there is a shortage of vets, even within metropolitan areas. It would be great to encourage anyone willing to write a letter to their local MP outlining the need for veterinary incentives in rural areas. Once we manage to secure more vets to the region it will be a simple matter of leasing the Barraba Vet Clinic building again, or finding another building to lease and set up in. We are doing all we can to still provide a much needed service to Barraba"*.

In the meantime, **Manilla Veterinary Clinic - Nandewar Animal Health Services** is hosting an open air pop-up vet clinic at BARRABA SHOWGROUND EVERY WEDNESDAY



We'll be coming to you for vaccinations, health checks, microchipping, arthritis checks, cytopoint (allergy) injections, flea and worm treatments, weigh-ins, etc.

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Rugby Report

The weekend of rugby started on Friday afternoon at 4pm when Barraba's Under 16's played a team from TAS in Armidale, at Barraba, in the rain. The school team showed the visitors they had some ability with a 31-7 victory in trying conditions. They have 3 more home games on the 3rd, 17th and 24th June and anyone who likes to watch the juniors would be advised to turn up and support the team coached by Mr Malony and Mr Davis with some help from the seniors coach Mr Walsh.

A girls 11 side also plays on the 27th May and will be up against Gunnedah and Narrabri, with each team playing 2 games with a 4pm start.

On Saturday Barraba/Gwydir were home to Quirindi in women's and men's games in front of one of the biggest crowds seen at the grounds in a few years. It will be interesting to compare the crowd at Bingara, when we meet Inverell, in 2 weeks' time.

The girls' game did not start well when Quirindi only had 10 players and wanted to play 7-a-side so they had 3 players on the bench. This changed the style of play with more ground to cover and a bigger workload which did not suit the locals who displayed good skills the week before with 10 players.

An even tussle in the 1st half saw the visitors in front 12-10 and that score stood up until minutes from full-time when Quirindi scored a runaway try and goal for a final score 10-17. An injury to Abbie Mallise did not help the local side.

Player's	Player
3	Kaila Gillogoly
3	Jemma McDouall
2	Kaila Gillogoly
1	Hanna Mallise and Emily Kelso

The men's game started in fine conditions after a minutes' silence in remembrance of A J Carter, father of David and an icon of Quirindi who passed away a week ago.

Quirindi were first to score after a deep kick in behind Barraba which resulted in a line-out where Jack Robinson was given 10 minutes in the bin. From the ensuing play Quirindi's prop barged over for a try 0-5. The game fluctuated up and down the field with Barraba noticing a stronger opposition than the last game. This will continue as the stronger clubs try and give the top players a chance to be available for the finals.

After some good lead-up work and slick passing Mackenzie Austin scored for J. Rodgers to convert for a 7-5 lead. But once again penalties mounted up against Barraba for the following infringements; entering a ruck/maul from the side, handling the ball in the same situation while off your feet and going over the ball and sealing it off. The local side missed a penalty on half-time for a 7-5 lead.

During the first half Jack McCarthy ran on for his 300th club game-well done.

After 20 minutes of play in the second half Rodgers kicked a penalty for a 10-5 lead and the final score. But again, bad discipline saw Sloane off for 10 minutes. This leave the team short and trying to cover for you. The ball handling was not as good as the previous week due to the stronger opposition. A pleasing feature was the combination of the back three in support of each other and their willingness to run the ball.

Player's	Player
	J. Loan
3	Jack Robinson
2	Josh Loan
1	Josh Layton

This coming weekend Barraba/Gwydir are away to Moree on 21st May.



Golf Notes

A good field of 32 players contested an individual stableford on Sunday for a trophy donated by Bevan Benson. Whilst we had some light drizzle come through it was not enough to stop play and Sam Faint was the overall winner with 40 points. Runner up was Tom Mellor who continued last week's good form with 37 points. Balls went to Daniel Anderson 34, Will Sedgwick 33, Peter York 32, Mike Artis 32, Lyn Simpson 30 and Bill Simpson also 30 points. There were no NTPs claimed.

In match play results Tom Mellor proved too strong for Liam Johnston 5 and 4, Kerrie Smith defeated Bevan Benson 4 and 3, Daniel Anderson defeated Rob Sweeney 5 and 4 whilst Gary Allen just got over David Kelly 1 up.

This week the men will play on Saturday 21st May in a 4 Ball BAM for a trophy donated by Will Sedgwick and Peter Simpson whilst the 2022 Barraba Ladies Open will hold centre stage on Sunday.



Barraba Central School Sport

Girls Rugby

The girls kicked off their season with a round of away fixtures in Narrabri. They played two 20 minute games against the Narrabri Blue Boars and the Gunnedah Red Devils respective girls' sides. A lot of preparation was done in the previous weeks for a predominantly new squad for whom many was their first ever game of Rugby Union.

Arriving at the ground full of excitement and nerves, the girls ran out against Gunnedah for their first match. Gemma 'Jackhammer' White captained the girls out and started the game with some brilliant kick offs. Tillie 'Tacking Machine' Halloran led the way with some brave tackles accompanied by Mia 'The Monster' Coombes, both putting in huge defensive efforts. At the half time break all of the nerves had been replaced by eagerness to get back out on to the field. Amelia 'Almighty' Walker had some great moments taking the ball from the back of the ruck and freeing up space for Charlotte 'Giggles' Gillogly and Hope 'Heels' Dawson on the wings, whilst Bella 'Bulldozer' Dipple had some brilliant runs inside them. Mia went over for the team's first try after some good phases of play and the girls ran off the pitch full of smiles after their first game. Gunnedah were fantastic sportswomen and gracious winners, shaking the Barraba girls hands and thanking them for travelling to play.

In the second game Barraba took on a less experienced Narrabri side, it was an intense match that brought everyone in the grounds to the edge of their seats. The girls ran out full of confidence and enthusiasm for their second game ever, hungry for more rugby. Andrea 'Animal' Riley made some big tackles alongside Gemma and Mia who led the way in defence. Gemma ran though for her first try and shortly after, the ball came wide to Charlotte who managed to side step her way through for a second try. The scores levelled and the excitement was felt throughout the grounds as play continued. Hope and Charlotte scorched down the sidelines and forced penalties from Narrabri with their quick play. After a quick tap, Tillie Halloran was held up over the try line so the girls regathered and sent Mia Coombes over the line for her second try of the round.

Outstandingly, the girls managed to take home the win after Gemma had an excellent display of kicking and converted the final try, bringing the score to 17-15 at the full time whistle!!

1 point went to all of the girls for a brave and brilliant effort for their first games of Rugby Union. 2 points went to Tillie Halloran and Mia Coombes for their big defence and fearless running in attack. 3 points went to Gemma White for her courage leading the team, as well as some outstanding tackling and kicking on the night.

The coaches and Barraba supporters could not stop smiling at the girls' excitement and pride in the team's efforts. Not many things come close to the joy of watching brand new players conquer their nerves and start to love Rugby.

A big thank you to Mr Maloney and Mr Melville for their help with coaching and administration during the week and on the night. Thankyou to Matt Walker for driving the bus, and Macca's stop on the way home. Thankyou to Emily Kelso, Kiah Newell, Phoebe Hunter, Riley Hunter and of course the Middlemiss family for their efforts around the club. Thankyou to Nick Sweeney, Ben Freeman and Ashlee Crouch for coming to help out with training sessions during the build up. It is so exciting to see Barraba shower the Junior Rugby with love and support, we appreciate it as always.

The next girls' round on Friday 13 May 2022 will see the girls travel to Gunnedah. On Friday 6 May 2022 the boys will travel to Tamworth to play against the Pirates to start their season. Narrabri cancelled last week for their first game.

I cannot wait to see what the season holds for these two promising teams, both full of passion and love for the game. Go Rams!

See you all at training.....

(Tuesday and Thursday 4pm)

Mr Davis





Rugby League Trials

Congratulations to Lachlan Phillips, Rory Chapman, Brax Lowe, Kade Spence and Riley Phillips for their amazing efforts at the Regional Rugby League Trials.

We are always proud of our students for giving 110% in everything they do. Kade and Riley were successful at trials and will now attend the State Carnivals in Kiama and Parkes later in the term.

What a great achievement boys!

Mrs Lowe



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Recent Anniversaries

- Germany's invasion of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, and the appointment of Winston Churchill as UK's PM after the resignation of Neville Chamberlain (1940)
- India's population reaching 1 billion (2000)
- Apple becoming the first company to be worth more than US\$800 billion (2017)
- Uber listing on the New York Stock Exchange (2019)
- the birthdays of Florence Nightingale (1820) (
- Captain Arthur Phillip leaving Portsmouth, England with 11 ships of criminals bound for Botany Bay (1787)
- the death of actor Ruth Cracknell (2002)
- British doctor Edward Jenner administering the first inoculation against smallpox, using cowpox pus (1796)
- the patenting of the world's first machine gun (1718)
- the formation of the National Woman Suffrage Association, founded by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1869)
- Jessica Watson becoming the youngest person to sail solo, non-stop and unassisted around the world at age 16 (2010)
- the deaths of poet Emily Dickinson (1886) and former PM Robert Menzies (1978).
- the marriage of Marie Antoinette and future King Louis XVI of France (1770)
- the death of former PM Bob Hawke (2019)

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Barraba 7 day Forecast
from the Bureau of
Meteorology



Wednesday 18 May

Summary Max 18

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%



Thursday 19 May

Summary Min 2 Max 18

Partly cloudy

Chance of rain: 0%



Friday 20 May

Summary Min 6 Max 19

Cloudy

Chance of any rain: 5%



Saturday 21 May

Summary Min 6 Max 19

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 20%



Sunday 22 May

Summary Min 7 Max 19

Possible shower

Chance of rain: 40%



Monday 23 May

Summary Min 7 Max 19

Possible shower

Chance of any rain: 40%



Tuesday 24 May

Summary Min 7 Max 20

Shower or 2

Chance of any rain: 50%

Regional Dam Levels from
Water NSW

Chaffey 100.4%

Copeton 97.3%

Keepit 99.5%

Split Rock 72.4%

After Margaret Currell's History Notes last week; below are some Percy Williams images of the opening of the Railway in 1908 (supplied by Brian Coote).



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