



# BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Legacy Week 28 August – 3 September

This week is Legacy Week and is the main fundraising week for Barraba Legacy. We operate under the charter of Tamworth Legacy, established in 1948 to care for the dependents of those who served their country, namely veterans who gave their lives or health on operational service or subsequently, and Australian Defence Force personnel who died as a result of their service. We will not be running a street stall this year but will still be selling Legacy badges, army bears, Legacy bands and pens etc.

Our main fundraiser this year will be our raffle.

1<sup>st</sup> prize \$500.00 fuel voucher: Inland Petroleum (BP Barraba)

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## St Joseph's School

We've enjoyed another busy week here at St Joseph's! On Tuesday we had 10 students attend the Diocesan Athletics Carnival held in Tamworth, with all students displaying great sportsmanship and being great ambassadors for our school.



Our 8-13 years 4x100m Relay Team for Small Schools has been successful making it through to Polding on 9 September in Newcastle. We wish Felix, Arley, Joshua and Hamish all the very best!



We had our second Kindergarten Transition on Tuesday which was another great experience for everyone involved.

If any families are interested in an obligation free tour of our school or an enrolment discussion for any student from Kindergarten to Year 6, please don't hesitate to contact us our school office.

Wednesday saw our Term 3 School Advisory Council Meeting, while on Thursday we celebrated Book Week. We had all of the Barraba Preschool students and staff come along to the parade and many families of both preschool and primary students coming in also. Following the parade, the students participated in a treasure hunt and we all enjoyed a BBQ lunch. It was a wonderful, fun filled day with a great range of characters appearing! With awards for most original costume, best homemade costume and best dressed for each classroom, the competition was strong! Congratulations everyone for making such a great effort with their costumes!





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**Barraba RSL**  
and Recreation Club

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**THIS WEEK:**

**THURSDAY: 11AM-**  
MULTISCREEN DRAW-SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**FRIDAY: 11AM-**  
**FATHER'S DAY PRIZES**  
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 3 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**



**BARRABA SHOW ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING  
1ST SEPTEMBER 2022**

JOIN US AT  
BARRABA BOWLING CLUB AT  
7PM

Would you like to get involved?  
All positions will be up for election so why not get involved  
with your local show and gain lifetime experience, friends  
and knowledge.  
Example Roles: Assistant Secretary, WHS Officer, Poultry  
Steward



**DATE CORRECTION  
MEETING NOTICE**

Barraba Pony Club will be holding a General Meeting at the Barraba Bowling Club on Thursday 8th September, 2022 at 6pm.

Discussions will centre on upcoming Spring Camp.

All interested persons invited to attend.

D Etheridge, Secretary



**Cancer fund  
raising**

Friday saw a frosty start to a lovely morning for the Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising groups annual Daffodil Day Street Stall. The tables were filled with delightful home baking, and this was snapped up quickly. The beautiful yellow daffodils enhanced the Stall and were popular purchases as well, that would certainly brighten peoples' day.

Winners of the 100 Club were:  
1st- Kerry Carter

2nd- Kim Peake,

3rd- Cate Gardener.

Kylie Kallitsis was the lucky winner of the Guessing Competition's kind donation of Fruit and Vegetable goodies basket. All donations and purchases were gratefully received, and while there are no names listed, we truly appreciate everyone's generosity. Thank you.



**DAFFODIL DAY – Cancer Council  
fundraiser – by a casual observer**

Last Friday saw the Daffodil Day annual fundraiser in the Barraba Mall. I called in just after 10 am.

It was a great hive of activity; helpers everywhere, bustling crowds of customers milling around, tables heaped with cakes, slices, and other goodies. I bought some daffodils and headed off.

I went past again at 10.50 am; all the cakes etc were gone, and the tables packed up!

Well done – it must have been a very successful day.



**History Notes**

Winter has changed to spring and so we move on towards longer, warmer days. The first spring markets is coming up on Saturday week and in the meantime the society has a 'sock' meeting on Friday morning – hopefully, everyone has received their notice.

Last week I mentioned Thunderbolt's Rock on the Manilla Road south of Tarpoly and then went on to Thunderbolt himself. This week I found some more information about the rock from Trevor Wearne's notes published in the Barraba Chronicle in November 1967. The section is headed "Thunderbolt".

*"The most famous man who ever worked on Piedmont was Fred Ward better known as Thunderbolt, who broke-in horses for my grandfather. He was a superb horseman, with a great love for a good horse; indeed, it was this passion for good horses that got him into trouble*

*with the law and led to his becoming a bushranger.*

*He must have had kindly feelings for not once did he interfere with "Piedmont" people or property.*

It should be noted that Trevor's grandfather was John Capel, who raised his family at Piedmont Woolshed rather than Piedmont, however, Fred Ward worked for several landowners around the district and did not interfere with any of them apart from the visit to Ironbark which was peaceful.

Anyway, to continue the story –

*A very well known landmark of former days was "Thunderbolts Rock", an exceptionally large rock of sandstone or conglomerate formation standing beside the road from Barraba to Manilla.*

*It was from behind this rock that "Thunderbolt" rode out to hold up the mail coach or any traveller worthy of his attention.*

*In the 1920's a murder and a suicide took place at this rock, the murderer concealing his horse and buggy behind it while he waited for his victim to approach by car.*

*It was after this event that the Manilla Shire Council caused the rock to be dynamited and carried away, thereby exhibiting a certain lack of foresight for today. "Thunderbolt's Rock" would be regarded as a tourist attraction today.*

*Incidentally, I was on the road with sheep at the time of the murder and met and talked with the murderer on his way to commit the crime, though, naturally, he gave no hint of his intentions".*

There are more stories in this series which may interest readers – more next week.

## Australian War Memorial remembers

### Milne Bay

The Australian War Memorial is marking the 80th anniversary of the Second World War battle of Milne Bay, one of the first major battles in the Pacific in which Australian troops decisively defeated Japanese land forces.

The Memorial will lead commemorations on Thursday 25 August 2022 at a Last Post Ceremony in Canberra.

Shane Casey, Senior Curator at the Australian War Memorial, said: "Australian infantry, supported by the RAAF and US engineers, drove the Japanese forces back towards the east.

As the Japanese retreated, their abandoned equipment was captured by advancing troops – providing the Allies with valuable military intelligence."

Fought between 25 August and 7 September 1942, the battle raged through incessant rain, thick jungle, and malaria-ridden swamps.

"It was some of the worst conditions faced by Australian forces in the Second World War," Dr Lachlan Grant, Senior Historian at the Australian War Memorial, said.

"Milne Bay was a key turning point in the Pacific War, where the Australian forces repelled the Japanese invasion force in one of their first defeats on land."

A future exhibition on Milne Bay will be part of the development at the Australian War Memorial.

"For the first time we will bring together the most iconic objects in the battle of Milne Bay – Polly, the Kittyhawk and the Japanese Ha Go tank from the battle grounds," Dr Grant said.

"Through these large objects we are able to interpret and tell the stories of individual Australian and Japanese soldiers and airmen who served at Milne Bay."

Mr Casey said: "The Ha Go tanks were examined by Allied forces and together with other materials captured they provided vital insights into the capabilities of Japanese forces and their thinking.

The Ha Go is undergoing meticulous conservation for these new galleries before being reunited with its enemy the Kitty Hawk.

The bringing together of these key large technology objects from the Milne Bay battlefield is unique and will be one of the highlights of the new Anzac Hall."



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Thanks to Lyn Forbes for this photo



**Brian Coote photo from  
Barraba Friends Website**

Barraba Central Year 7 & 8 1948  
Another I have posted before but this one has the names added.  
A fair percentage of those in this photo are no longer with us.

Back Row- David York, Kevin Geoghan, Ray McCusker, Bob Driscoll, Kevin Dailey, John Smith and Frank Collins

Third Row- Ken Myers, Noel Faulkner, Margaret Urquhart, Judith Wetherall, Brenda Corcoran, Joan Campbell, Gwen Reading, Trevor Smith and Rex Launt

Second Row- Marie Flynn, Sybil Corcoran, Robyn Wallace, Jan Flynn, Eleanor Brodbeck, Shirley Taylor and Joan Halloran

Front Row- Bert Hawkins, Max Urquhart, Morris Reed, Artie Chester and Kevin Carter

## Barraba Hospital Auxiliary successful AGM!

The Barraba Hospital Auxiliary's AGM held recently was a great success, with attendance of over a dozen people. Joan McCarthy, Estrella Hamilton and Julie Williams were re-elected as President, Treasurer and Secretary. Thank you to Sally Cronberger, Regional Representative, for coming along and supporting our group - and especially for inspiring such enthusiasm that a few members are even planning to attend the State Conference in Sydney in October!

Thank you also to the Claypan members for inviting us to meet in their centre. A couple of years ago the group was threatened with closure due to lack of members, various health challenges and of course, Covid restrictions. But thanks to some new members, we are now up and running again with our next meeting planned for 10am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, and a street stall hopefully on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

The Barraba community has been great at supporting our activities and thank you for continuing to help us to help our hospital!

Julie Williams  
(Secretary)

## CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

Barraba—1st & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday,  
5pm Saturday evening  
2nd 3rd & 4th Sunday 9am  
Upper Horton 3rd Sunday  
11am  
Weekday Mass Wednesday  
10am

## Uniting Church Notice

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
Service at 10.45am  
Please note the time change  
ALL WELCOME

## St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am  
Woodsreef: 2nd Sundays  
11.30am

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Photo: L-R Joan McCarthy, Meg Crowley, Shirley Simmons, Julie Williams, Estrella Hamilton.







## Council meeting update

Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting on **Tuesday 23 August, 2022:**

Councillors have agreed to allocate \$20,000 funding each year to implement annual greening strategies across the region. The Urban Street Tree Management Plan Advisory Group oversees the strategies in its role of supporting Council with the greening and cooling of the region through advocating tree planting across the local government area. A report to Council included the group's recommendation to make the funds available to purchase trees, tree guards, stakes, fabric mats and fertiliser tables as well as hire machinery to prepare holes for tree planting.

A change in name for the Tamworth Regional Crime Prevention Working Group to become Tamworth Regional Community Safety Working Group has been endorsed by Councillors. The move came after Councillors considered a report which recommended the new name because it "better reflects" both the objectives of the working group and the vision of Blueprint 100. Councillors also endorsed proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference for the group which included an increase in the group's community representatives from three to four. As a result of Expressions of Interest received from community members wanting to be part of the group, it was resolved that two new representatives – Ms Jennifer Peberdy and Mr Trevor Watt – be appointed. Current community representatives Mal McPherson and Bill Campbell will continue in their

roles as community representatives. Bill Forrest, who has served a significant term, has stepped down as a community representative and was thanked for his efforts.

For more information, see the full reports at [www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/business-papers](http://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/business-papers)

Watch the video report at [www.facebook.com/TamworthRegionalCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/TamworthRegionalCouncil)

## Youth Council meeting update

Here is an overview of the outcomes from last Thursday afternoon's Youth Council meeting:

Tamworth Region Youth Deputy Mayor, Cr Jack Lyon presented a revised Draft Youth Council Action Plan 2022-2023, following its initial presentation at the July meeting. Youth Councillors put forward the following motions as part of this plan:

Under the Youth Council Action Plan's Connectivity Pillar, the focus will be on implementing the Youth Radio Program and organising a Cultural Mindfulness Workshop for Youth Councillor participation

Under the Plan's Wellbeing Pillar, the Youth Council moved to organise a Wellbeing Hub Upgrade for The Youthie

Youth Councillors also determined to adopt the Youth Wellness Series as an action under the Youth Council Action Plan

The Youth Council congratulated and thanked Youth Councillor Miller Lloyd for his involvement in the Youth Council following his resignation at yesterday afternoon's meeting.

The Youth Council moved to begin discussing plans for Youth Week in April 2023

## Lease of Northern Daily Leader building signed

With the lease agreement recently signed, Tamworth Regional Council can now confirm that identified Council staff will be relocated to 179 Marius Street Tamworth for the next three years while the remediation of Ray Walsh House occurs.

While the primary priority of the relocation of staff from Ray Walsh House has been to relocate as many staff as possible into Council owned properties, this space has been exhausted. As a result, at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 July 2022, Council resolved to negotiate a lease for the Northern Daily Leader Building. This agreement has now been signed.

At this stage it is expected that the identified staff will move into the Northern Daily Leader Building in late September.

The Northern Daily Leader building is planned to accommodate the following directorates and staff:

- Level 2: Regional Services;
- Level 3: Communications and Strategy and Performance; and
- Level 4: Mayor, General Manager, Directors and their support staff

## Step right up for the Tamworth Show

The Tamworth Show returns to the Australian Equine & Livestock Events Centre (AELEC) with a bang for 2022! Kicking off on Friday, 2 September, there are three full days jam-packed with events for the whole family.

For further details and ticket information head to [Tamworth Show](https://www.tamworthshow.com.au).



## LIVE TRAFFIC EXPANDS TO INCLUDE LOCAL ROADS

Residents of the Tamworth Regional Council area will have better access to real-time traffic information from October thanks to the expansion of the NSW Government's Live Traffic NSW website and app.



Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said drivers in the region would have an easy-to-access platform through which they could get up-to-date information, especially through fire and flood.

"Over the past year, we have experienced the full impact of road closures with a particularly wet couple of seasons resulting in our roads going underwater," Mr Anderson said.

"Council does a great job of getting out to inspect roads, keeping the community informed on road closures online, on social media and on local radio.

This expansion of the Live Traffic NSW app gives them another outlet to update the community, meaning residents can stay informed and plan their travel safely."

This year during natural disasters the Live Traffic NSW website and mobile app

traffic spiked up to 33 times the usual daily volume, with up to 660,000 sessions in one day, demonstrating the demand for real-time traffic information in a crisis.

Tamworth Region Mayor, Russell Webb said the ability for councils to share info via this tool is a great win, particularly for areas impacted by extreme weather events.

"Having this one-stop digital shop for disruption across the road network is an invaluable tool for any community, especially one looking for a clear road out during a natural disaster," Mr Webb said.

The new information from 22 LGAs will be available on Live Traffic NSW and third-party apps from October.

## DRONES KEEPING TAMWORTH'S FIREFIGHTERS AT THE CUTTING EDGE

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) crews at Tamworth Fire Station are being trained to use state-of-the-art drone technology to assist in firefighting operations and a range of other emergencies.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said Tamworth station had been chosen as one of 25 across regional NSW to benefit from the Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) rollout.

"Firefighters in our region will soon be taking to the skies, responding to fire events and keeping our community safe," Mr Anderson said. "Each drone is connected to the FRNSW wireless and satellite communication network which will stream live to the screens of our firefighters, meaning they can make decisions quicker and act faster. These high-tech cameras can detect variable heat temperatures, identify people or animals under threat in a fire zone and measure the size of an area impacted by fire. This is part of a \$5.4 million investment from the Bushfire Inquiry which the NSW Government is proud to be funding."

The drones can be used to assess bush fire risk, assist in hazard reduction operations, and find people missing in dense bushland.

## NEW FIRE RATING SYSTEM KEEPING COMMUNITY INFORMED

The community can expect a simpler fire rating system from September 1 as NSW adopts the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) had provided key input in development of the new system, leading the way when it comes to responding to fire danger in our communities.

Mr Anderson said. "Their expertise has shaped a brand-new fire rating system, enabling them to better work with the community through the summer months when there is a heightened risk of fire. Their expertise has driven nationwide reform meaning that the fire rating system you see here in our region will be the same wherever you travel around the country."

The new Fire Danger Rating System has four levels, instead of the previous six:

1. Moderate;
2. High;
3. Extreme; and
4. Catastrophic.

On days when there is minimal risk, such as when it is raining, Fire Danger Rating signs will be set to No Rating.

There will also be clear actions to take at each level:

1. At Moderate, Plan and prepare;
2. At High, Be ready to act;
3. At Extreme, Take action now to protect your life and property; and
4. At Catastrophic, For your survival leave bush fire risk areas.

Residents in the Tamworth Electorate can find out more at: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/newfdr](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/newfdr)



## Barraba Central School Sport Report

### Netball Gala Day

We had a lovely day in Tamworth with 5 teams competing in the NSW Netball School's Cup.

Every student displayed fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork. We are proud of you all!

Our 5/6 Barraba Bulls team were successful in their rounds and will now compete at the Regional Finals.

Thank you to all of our wonderful parent coaches and supporters for helping to make our day a success.

Mrs Lowe | Netball Coordinator



### Friday Night Rugby Boys Rugby - U16's

Friday night saw our 16's boys play the highly credentialled Scone team in Tamworth. Our 10 representatives combined with their 3 mates from Manilla to put up a competitive effort against a well-drilled opposition. A tough defensive effort in the first half, where we saw very little ball, was followed up by some enterprising attack in a more evenly contested second half.

Jack 'Deano' Myers lead the way in the forwards with some barnstorming runs including a run-away length of the field try. Brock 'Pickle Juice' Phillips was also prominent in both defence and attack and the other forwards including Michael 'I don't care how big they are' Walker, Will Russell, Mazzy Aurisch, Jack Coombes and Jack Thomson all contributed.

Logan Northey and Brandon 'The Blonde Assassin' Newell had busy games in the halves and were well supported by outside backs Cooper Chapman, Sullivan Taber and Dustin 'Chopper' Hiscock (who scored a cracking try in the corner). Fullback Juan Standen again stood out in both defence and attack and provided the highlight of the night when he scored our first try and converted it from the sideline to put us back into the game.

Thanks to the family and friends who supported the boys in particular Mrs Chapman and Mrs Walker for the taxiing service on the night. Thank you to Matt Walker, Jack Ward and Mackenzie Austin. A particular thank you to Ben Freeman for his coaching at training and on the night.

It was a very difficult night to allocate points, but they went to:

3 points to Juan and Deano, 2 points to Logan and Brock and 1 point to Brandon and Michael.

See you at training.....

Mr Maloney Assistant Coach

### Friday Night Rugby Girls Rugby

The girls started off Term 3 with a trip to Tamworth on Friday night to compete against TAS and Scone sides. After a slow start to the first half and conceding a few tries, the girls went up a gear and fought back in the second half. They toiled hard until the final whistle, improving their tackling and rucking work, ensuring they had control of possession and could build an attack. They ended up losing the game by a slim 27-25.

Tries during the game went to Gemma White, Charlotte Gillogly, Tillie Halloran and Isabella Dipple. Amelia Walker and Bella Hannaford made some very handy darts down the fringes of the rucks and Mia Coombes tackled like a workhorse as usual. Chelsea Inwards was solid in the scrum and she hit her targets at lineout time whilst Andrea Riley was effective in contact.

The girls had a very little break and walked straight over to their second fixture against Scone. This time they started with a good level of intent, having had a nice warm-up and refresher during the last game. The girls managed to get over for two tries and put some good pressure on the Scone girls. A win was looking very likely until the final moments when Scone darted over for a try after scrum just inside our girls' own half. The final whistle blew a draw 10-10 and the girls completed their evening of Rugby.

The girls can be proud of their efforts and some cracking individual moments from all players. This week however did serve as a slight wake-up call to always be switched on and focused on our jobs, that way the scoreboard takes care of itself! Well done girls. Points to the following:

3 – Isabella Dipple

2 – Bella Hannaford

1 – Amelia Walker

Our Manilla mates Lilly Walker and Ellie Tyrna were unable to join us this week and were missed, we look forward to them re-joining the squad for the next fixture.

Lastly, thanks to Matt Walker at training, Mr Melville for driving and Greg Frost for his organisation transporting buses around Barraba and making sure we had keys. A great round of rugby girls, let's build from here.

See you at training. Go Rams.....

Mr Davis Rugby Coach



## Rugby Union News

The Barraba/Gwydir Rugby team travelled to Inverell on Saturday to play in a semi-final fixture for the first time for a number of years. Even though it was only second grade they came home with a win and another game in two weeks' time. The venue to be decided after next week's semi-final results.

The Rams got off to a good start, receiving a penalty early and kicking for the sideline, winning a lineout and controlled the ball for a few phases. Preston opened the scoring for a 5-0 lead, the conversion unsuccessful.

Play seesawed until Gunnedah kicked deep which resulted in a line drop out by the Rams. This allowed Gunnedah to put some phases together and score a try and convert for a 5-7 score line.

With Gunnedah dominating the scrum and winning some of the Rams lineouts they kept the pressure on Barraba. The Rams secured the ball from a mistake to again do some attacking which resulted in Preston scoring his second try which was converted for 12-7 lead at the half time break.

The second half was a tough affair, which is expected at this time of the season when results do count if you plan to go further in the competition.

A similar play to the first half when the line dropout was gathered by Gunnedah and after several phases and some good defence by the Rams, a hole was found with Gunnedah scoring a converted try for 12-14 score.

Gunnedah still dominated possession and the Rams defended stoutly to stop the scoring opportunities of the Red Devils.

With the game slipping away the Rams lifted their game with some very good running and handling skills to get the ball to Pfinger to score out wide for a 17-14 to the Rams.

They managed to hold their game together for the last 6 minutes to come out on top to live another day – well done boys.

The Player's Player was J. Rogers

Next week major semis to be held at Gunnedah are as follows;

11.45am Girls Pirates v Narrabri

1pm 2<sup>nd</sup>'s Moree v Pirates

3pm 1<sup>st</sup>'s Gunnedah v Narrabri

To finish on a good note for Rugby was the win by the Wallabies over the Springboks by 25-17 which I would say was a big surprise as the 'Boks' are the world champions. Australia led all the way. It will be interesting next week in Sydney, while the try saving tackle by Korobetie on the winger was much better than the three man tackle in league or flop on.

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## Barraba Junior Rugby Union Club Gala Day

Barraba hosted the Central North Junior Rugby Union Gala Day last Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August, which saw 35 teams go head to head in the weekly competition.



A big thank you to Inverell for joining us to give Barraba under 12s a team which proved very strong, coming away with two



wins against Gunnedah and Scone. Macey Cabot and Matty Turnbull were very strong around the ruck, while Mr Versatility, Cody Simpson, was outstanding in defence along with Lily Marshall. In attack, the Turner's, Miley and Luke were very good with the ball in hand setting up well for our two zippy wingers, Hamish Mason and Chace Hannaford to finish off well. Well done gang.

– Jarrod Hannaford & Adam Cabot.



Our under 10s teamed up with Inverell this time around and played some great Rugby and showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day. The boys displayed great tackling and clean out technique which they have been working on during training sessions. The boys became keener and more confident in the rucks as the day went on and proved to be a force as they gained some momentum when they had ball possession. Hugh Crowley displayed his speed off the ruck and Jock Cabot was strong in the clean outs. Declan Watkins added some extra force in the front row and Arley Crowley proved himself in defence with some great tackles. Lachlan Hands secured his first try of the season along with making an impact with Thomas Gadd in the line outs and the scrums getting the team on the front foot. We are excited to see how under 10s progress next season with some very promising young rugby players. As coaches, we are very proud of our boys and look forward to coaching them next year.

– Ben Crowley & Ben Hands.

Under 8s are the only BJRUC team that is able to field a full side has deemed to be a force to be reckoned with within the Central North Competition. Throughout the day, the under 8s played some of the toughest teams, however, this didn't stop this little

team to step up to their reputation. Cooper Hartwig displayed his defence skills by reading the game well and stopping multiple tries. Angus Crowley and Oscar Cabot teamed up and were strong in their clean outs and attacking. Fletcher Turner didn't let his height get in the way of making some great tackles and clean outs along with scoring many tries. Billy Randall & Jax Mallise used their size to create defensive plays making an impact to getting the team in front. Myla Brown and Christina Eddington are becoming more confident in their attack and defence. Our new comers Henry Turnbull and Chase Knight have slotted into the team well gaining possession of the ball and making some good runs off the ruck. Isaac Gadd added extra force into the rucks and defensive play ensuring the under 8s came away on top for the day.

– Adam Crowley & Trent Randall.



The committee also used this opportunity to raise funds for two significant charities for the Barraba community, Ruby Mae Foundation and Westpac Helicopter service. We are proud to announce that through donations from all of the clubs within the Central North Junior Rugby Competition and individual donations we were able to raise \$5541.00 for the Ruby Mae Foundation and the Westpac Helicopter Service.

We would like to thank everyone who kindly donated and wore purple (Ruby's favourite colour) to our Gala Day, and we look forward to hosting the event again next year. Thank you also goes out to the help of Barraba Rugby Union Club players for kindly volunteering to help referee and organise the under 6s skills and drills session.

Finally, we would also like to thank the members of Barraba Junior Rugby Club for your time in helping set up the carnival and for your time on either the canteen, BBQ or lolly tent. Without your help this event would not have been as successful as it was.

Barraba Junior Rugby Club Committee

[More picture page 12.](#)





## Rifle Club news

At the range on Saturday there were seven keen shooters for both the Centrefire and Benchrest events.

The weather was near to perfect except for the breeze that kept them on their toes for most of the day. Even though the breeze was there, possibles were recorded. Darren scoring two in the 100m with Andrew and Brendan scoring one each as well. Scores for the day were extremely close, with only a couple of points in it between Darren, Andrew, and Brendan in the 100m. There wasn't much between the scores in the Centrefire either. Dallas had a malfunction at the junction and that did him for the afternoon. Noah is shooting well scoring a possible in the morning Centrefire event, so congratulations Noah, he also took out the win for the Centrefire. Our AGM was also conducted on Saturday with our committee elected.

Captain: D. Currell

Vice-Captain: C. Jeffery

Secretary/Treasurer: P. Currell

Public Officer: C. Jeffery

Publicity Officer: D. McIlrick

### Unlimited 50m

B. McIlrick 94.3, 92.2, 93.1 = 279.3

### AA Grade 50m

A. White 95.2, 95.3, 95.2 = 285.7

D. Dewson 95.2, 92.2, 94.3 = 281.7

G. Urquhart 92.3, 90.3, 92.2 = 274.7

### B. Grade 50m

N. Hull 78, 89.1, 92.3 = 258.4

A. Spence 85.2, 87, 82 = 254.2

J. Moloney 51, 54, 60 = 165

### Unlimited 100m

B. McIlrick 00.7, 99.7, 99.7 = 297.18

### AA Grade 100m

D. Dewson 100.6, 99.5, 100.7 = 299.18

A. White 00.4, 99.4, 99.6 = 297.14

G. Urquhart 98.2, 98.3, 95.4 = 291.9

### B. Grade 100m

N. Hull 97.5, 94.2, 97.5 = 288.12

A. Spence 91.2, 93.2, 97.5 = 281.9

J. Moloney 80, 88.2, 84 = 252.2

### Centrefire

N. Hull 96.1, 92.1, 100.2 = 288.4

B. McIlrick 98.4, 96.2, 94.2 = 286.8

A. White 93.1, 94, 98.1 = 285.2

D. McIlrick 89.1, 96, 93.1 = 278.2

J. Adams 97.4, 84, 96.4 = 277.12

A. Spence 92.1, 94.2, 87 = 273.3

J. Moloney 69, 74, 85.1 = 228.1