



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Wednesday 14th September 2022



Everyone welcome! Join us at the preschool for a morning of fun for the kids and an opportunity for families to connect with a range of services in the local and wider Tamworth community.

Support Services * Health Services * Disability Services
Employment Services * Training Organisations
Local Schools * Emergency Services * Sporting Groups

Food & Drinks * Jumping Castle * Face Painting * Animals
Craft * Photo Booth * Story Time * Book Fair



FREE EVENT!



TEMPORARY CLOSURE – MEDICAL CENTRE

MedCIRC Barraba will be closed on Thursday 15th &
Friday 16th September 2022.

For medical attention, please phone Barraba Hospital
on 67822500 or Ambulance on 000.



St Joseph's Primary School

St Joseph's are very proud of our achievements for a small school. Last Friday our boys 100m relay team came 2nd in the small school's category at the Polding Carnival held in Newcastle. Josh Anderson, Felix Urqhart, Arley Crowley and Hamish Mason will now compete at the NSW Primary Schools Athletics Carnival to be held in Sydney early next term. The good news is that all four boys will be eligible again next Year as Hamish being the eldest is only in Year 5 and Arley being the youngest is in Year 3. A great achievement by our boys and demonstrates that even though we are a small school our students can still compete successfully.



Still on the sporting theme this week we are off to Tamworth on Friday to compete in the Diocesan Small Schools Carnival. We have nominated two teams from Years 3 to 6. We will be competing in soccer, netball and other modified games. The bus will be leaving St Joseph's at 7.45am.

This week we will have our final Transition day for the term for Pre School children enrolled into Kindergarten for 2023. Children will attend St Joseph's from 11.30am to 1.00pm.

Next term children will engage in a whole day transition each Wednesday for 6 weeks, commencing in week 1. We are also locking in Intensive swimming dates for K-6 in term 4.

Our school photo day is on Tuesday 20th September. Students need to wear full winter uniform. Last week our school focus was on how we accept and use feedback in order to move forward with our learning. This week we are looking for those students who demonstrate resilience in their learning and in their social development. A number of students have already gained recognition for completing 200 nights reading. We will have many students join this elite group in the coming weeks.

We also have students from St Joseph's and the Barraba Central School who will be confirmed into the Catholic Church Community early next term by Bishop Michael Kennedy. This is a big occasion for these students and indeed the Barraba wider community, as we don't often see the Bishop of Armidale in our community.

Mr Simon Fleming
Principal

School Holiday events at the Barraba Library

Robot Red rover ages 9+

Monday 26th September 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Take control of VEX Robots, Spheros and Robotic Arms, score points and avoid traps as you take part in this high-tech version of Red Rover! Book now at

<https://bit.ly/3KDx0tH>

Wind Chimes ages 5+

Wednesday 28th September 10:00am – 11:00am

Book into this workshop now to create musical wind chimes to take home at <https://bit.ly/3KDx0tH>

Scratch Art ages 5+

Wednesday 5th October 10:00am – 11:00am

Scratch away at our magical art cards to create beautiful rainbow art - book now at <https://bit.ly/3KDx0tH>



Welcome to
Barraba RSL
and Recreation Club

BARRABA RSL & RECREATIONAL CLUB LTD
Phone: 67821379
For the information of members and guests

WE ARE A COVID-19 SAFE CLUB
ALL NSW HEALTH REGULATIONS APPLY

THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY: 11AM-
MULTISCREEN DRAW-SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
FRIDAY: 11AM-
MEAT/VEG RAFFLES 6PM
EXTRA DRAW AFTER EACH RAFFLE FOR A BONUS PRIZE
MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1,200
SATURDAY: 10AM-
SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM
ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 1PM
MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$2,000 5 draws
MONDAY: CLOSED
TUESDAY: 11AM-5.30PM
BINGO 11AM
WEDNESDAY: 11AM-5.30PM
HAPPY HOUR: 11am-1pm Wed & Fri
BISTRO HOURS
Phone 0427330808
CLOSED MON/TUES/WED
THURS/FRI/SAT: LUNCH 12-2PM DINNER 6-8.00PM
SUNDAY: LUNCH 12-2PM
COURTESY CAR NOW AVAILABLE



Blithe Beauty

Will be working at Barraba, Frocks n Locks every Monday. Acrylic nails, manicure, pedicure and eyebrows. Mobile home appointments Tues, Wed, Thurs ♥ Ph 0459271174 to book your appointment or go to fb page

<https://www.facebook.com/blithebeauty1>

Australian War Memorial mourns the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

It is a day of sadness for the Australian War Memorial as the world mourns the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. "I was deeply saddened to wake up to the news; her passing will be a great shock and unsettling to many," Australian War Memorial Director, Matt Anderson, said. "We were honoured to welcome her to the Australian War Memorial on numerous occasions. During these visits the Queen laid wreaths, toured our galleries, met with Australian Victoria Cross recipients and greeted the crowds of visitors who gathered here to catch a glimpse of her. She attended Anzac Day at the Australian War Memorial in 1970, accompanied by HRH Prince Phillip and Princess Anne.

Queen Elizabeth II was a remarkable woman and the longest reigning British monarch. For 70 years she reigned with such grace. Earlier this year, we celebrated her 70 years of service with the Platinum Jubilee. The Memorial was honoured to mark that historic event, illuminating our iconic building in royal purple in February and June."

As a young princess in 1940, at just 14 years of age, she took to the airwaves to address the children of the Commonwealth, many of them having been evacuated from their homes due to war. "And when peace comes, remember it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place," Her Majesty the Queen said.

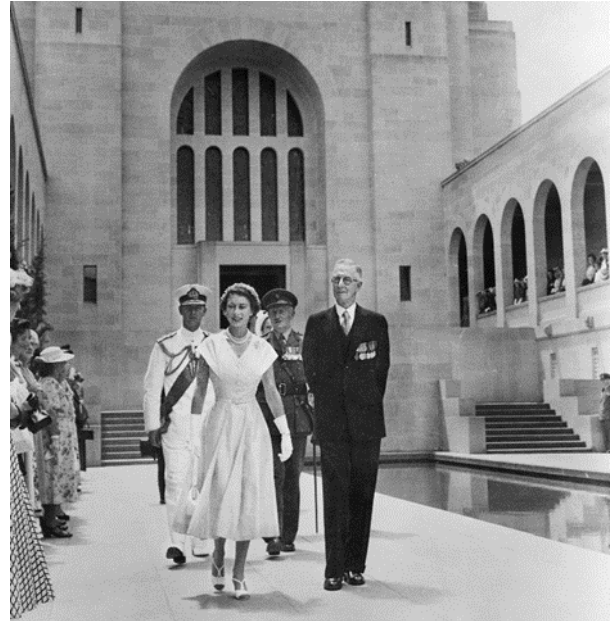
In 1944, when she turned 18, she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service, the women's branch of the British Army, becoming the first female member of the Royal Family to become a full-time active member of the armed services. The then Princess Elizabeth began training as a mechanic and qualified in 1945.

As Queen, she maintained a close relationship with the armed forces through regular visits to service establishments and ships and spent a great deal of time meeting servicemen and servicewomen of all ranks, and their families, both at home, in Australia and other countries. She was Patron of a number of Australian Army Corps, the Royal Australian Air Force Reserve, and Ex-Service organisations, including the Returned and Services League and the Naval Association of Australia. Queen Elizabeth II was also Captain General of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery.

"On behalf of the Memorial, I would like to express our condolences to the Royal Family and our thoughts are with all who will be affected by her passing," Mr Anderson said.

"We are grateful for her continued support over the years and will remember her as a woman of quiet dignity and

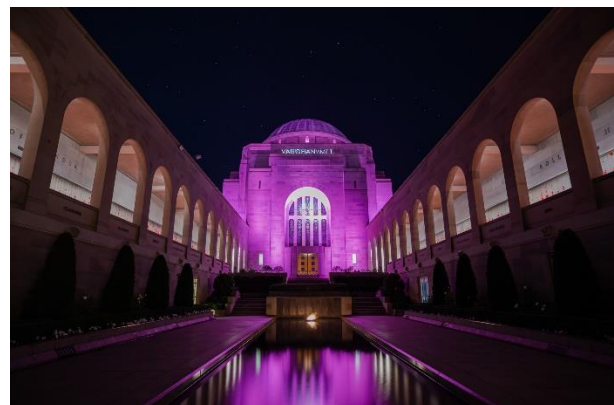
compassion. For every moment of her reign, she devoted herself to the service of others."



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II accompanied by Dr C E W (Charles) Bean, Chairman of the Board of Management of the Australian War Memorial, passes along the ranks of the relatives of deceased ex-servicemen and women, after her visit to the Hall of Memory, seen in the background.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on her last visit to the Australian War Memorial on 25 October 2011, where she visited the Roll of Honour and laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



The Australian War Memorial was illuminated royal purple to mark Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years of service, her Platinum Jubilee.

Barraba Races 2022



The Annual Barraba Races will be held this Saturday 17th September 2022 at the Barraba Racecourse. Gates open at 10.30am. There will be a six-race programme with the first race commencing at approximately 1.30pm. Admission prices are \$15.00 per adult & Pensioners \$7.00.

There will be bookmakers on course betting on local races as well as Sydney races & Interstate races.

Barraba Lions Club will provide a BBQ on race day, a coffee van, and a bar will operate during the races. A jumping castle will be on course to entertain the children.

Fashions in the Field will be judged during the day, Best Dressed Lady, Man, Colt, Filly & Best Hat/Fascinator on course with the winners in each category to be announced in the saddling enclosure between the 3rd & 4th race.

A courtesy bus service will be running on race morning leaving from the Upper Horton Sports Club at 11.00am, then Cobbadah at 11.20am. A bus will also leave from "Rocky Glen" (cnr McIntyre Rd & Gulf Creek Rd) at 11.00 & travel via the McIntyre Road to Barraba picking up along the way if needed. A bus service will also pick up from the various stops in the main street starting at the Caravan Park from 11.30am approximately.

A Calcutta will be held on The Barraba & District Cattle Breeders Cup at the Barraba Bowling Club on Friday night 16th of September

commencing at 8pm. Get your Syndicate together and come and buy a horse. Tickets are \$2.00 each & will be available to purchase during this week at Russell's' Garage, Hart Rural, & Saunders Fruit Shop & on the night of the Calcutta at the Barraba Bowling Club.

Please come along for a great day of Horse Racing and support this event in your community.

BARRABA SHOW 2023 - WOOL SECTION

March 2023 may seem like a long way away but this is a timely reminder to keep some fleeces from your next shearing to enter.

With more producers moving to shorter shearing intervals, we have decided to introduce a "Merino Short Wool" class in 2023. This class will be open to fleeces with 6-8 months of growth. If this class receives sufficient support; it is intended to incorporate further short wool classes in future years as producers move away from 12 monthly shearing.



(Photo supplied – taken by Brenda McColl).

The Chief Steward of the Wool Section, Ian McColl, was very happy with the number of entries last year but is hopeful of even more in 2023. The wool section would like the continued support from their sponsors; Taminda Wool Trading, IT & N Spencer Memorial, Schute Bell

Badgery Lumby, Stock & Crop, Appledore Pastoral Company, JF & AM Doak, Barraba Show Society and Rocky Glen Ag.

GET CLICKING FOR THE 2023 BARRABA SHOW

It's not too early to start thinking about your photography entries for the 2023 Barraba Show – March will be here before you know it!

Our feature class (and Pavilion theme) is **FISH**. We are looking forward to some creative photos in this class.

There are two new classes to test your skills this year – **Rural and Action**.

Chief Steward, Brenda McColl, would like to remind all entrants to read the Conditions of Entry very carefully as any entries that fall outside of the set guidelines will NOT be accepted.

Thanks to all the wonderful sponsors who are supporting the photography section, allowing us to provide wonderful prizes for the winning entries. Our 2023 sponsors are: Caremore Pharmacy Barraba, Wentworth Travel, Guy Derrick Memorial, Manilla Express Digital Print Kiosk, Rocky Glen Ag, Chloe Renee Photography, Sandra Allen, Paula McIver Photography, Nanette Bowman, Janene Randall, Jennylyn King, Daisy Groth, Mandy Cabot, Andy's Guest House, Gerda Gamper, Jenny Farrar, Sue Retschlag, Barraba Potters & Craft Guild Inc and Barraba Shutter Bugs.



*Barraba
Show 2021
Grand
Champion
photo*



History Notes

The markets on Saturday were a success although we could have handled a couple more

stalls. The jams and preserves were back, and I hope there were enough sales, honey was popular, and a few plants found new homes as well as some books. The calendars and socks attracted some interest and readers will be happy to know that both are still on the market.

We have a meeting coming up on Tuesday and there is sure to be more discussion on the socks and calendars. The annual meeting is also coming up in October and will be close to the next market day.

Time is rather short this week, but I notice that the Tamworth history page in the Leader last week mentioned the new Upper Bingara township/mining area book which was written by a schoolteacher from the area.

The mining in this area commenced in the 1850's and several of the miners moved from there to Woods Reef in the search of a big find. The reference I have at present is just what was written forty years ago so I am sure there will be much more in the new book.

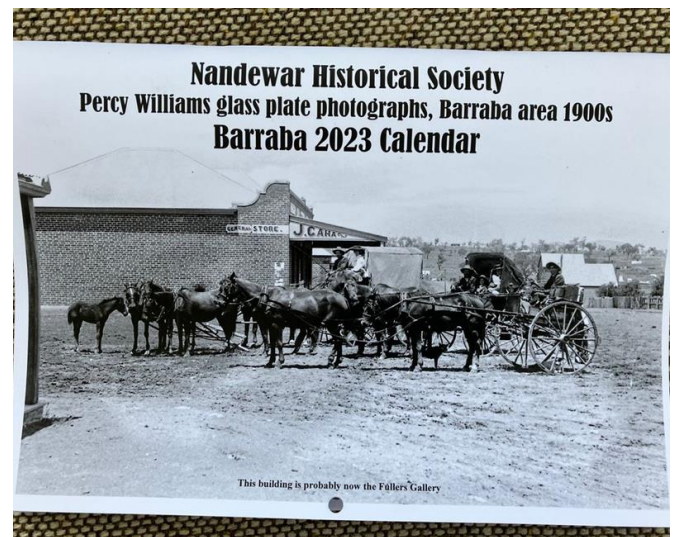
George Hammond was managing a property in the area of Top Bingara when the gold was first found and he and his brother-in-law, Joshua Rose, soon found that there was more money in running a public house (hotel) and a butcher shop in the village which was growing at a great rate.

As news of the gold being found at Upper Bingara spread, stockmen, shepherds and local farmers all flocked to the area leaving the surrounding stations very short of labour. However, after the gold fever had settled down, the population worked for the surrounding squatters again and there are records of station wives selling food to the miners and some of the miners working on stations to earn a living and looking for gold in their spare time – others searched for gold and worked on nearby stations when they needed money!

The town sprang up around the diggings and a Post Office was opened in January 1855 – it was first known as the Bingara Post Office but changed its name to Upper Bingara Post Office in 1862. There was a mail contractor, Mr John Gill, of 'Moonby', who delivered mail by horseback each

week in 1861. He later conducted the mail run from Tamworth to Warialda by coach and I suspect the mail was delivered to Upper Bingara by horseback from Oakey Creek or Dinoga in those days.

The new book is available from the Bingara Historical Society and of course the road goes up to Top Bingara from Oakey Creek and comes down on the norther end of Dinoga – a nice Sunday drive.



The Calendar is an ideal Christmas gift, or a keepsake for your home. It features fourteen excellent photos of Barraba and some of its citizens from the early 1900's (such as the front page above) taken by Percy Williams with a then modern glass plate camera. Brian Coote, using modern technology, produced these prints from the original glass plate negatives.

The Barraba Calendar is now available for purchase for \$15 from Saunders Fruit and Vege shop in Queen St.



NEW AUSTRALIAN FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM

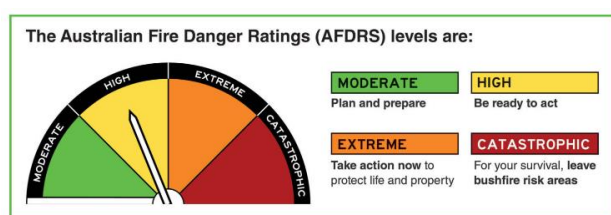
READ THE SIGNS OF DANGEROUS FIRE CONDITIONS

As of September 1 2022, a new and nationally consistent bushfire danger rating system started across Australia, providing clearer and more accurate information to communities at risk of bushfire.

The Australian Fire Danger Rating System brings together the latest science and knowledge of fire behaviour, and is supported by extensive community research. It is the most significant change to the fire danger rating system in more than 50 years.

Under the previous system, fire danger ratings were based on only bush and grass. The new system uses eight different types of vegetation, which have been mapped across the entire country.

The display of daily ratings has been simplified to use four levels of fire danger rating, with simple actions for the community to take at each level.



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A Glimpse of Life in 1963

The prospect of seeing the Queen was very exciting and romantic for a nine year old from the bush. My recollection is that my parents put me on the train into a sleeper carriage at Barraba after we had evening meal with Aunt Nell Williams in the slab kitchen at the old Williams home "Roxton", just out of town. Of course, I loved the train, especially if it was hauled by steam! I stayed with my grandmother in Sydney and she had arranged to take my cousin and I on a ferry on the harbour to greet the Royal Yacht Britannia coming into the harbour. I think I was aware that this "yacht" was not like other sailing boats I had seen because it certainly looked like a ship to me! The weather was wet and miserable but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of all the people and watercraft in the harbour. There was a festive atmosphere and everyone we were near seemed very cheerful and friendly. I thought being on a ferry for what seemed quite a long time was also a lot of fun. Not too many ferries at Rocky Creek...

I think it was that evening that there was a special pageant at the showground or somewhere for the Queen and the Duke and this was televised. My grandmother had a black and white television so the girls next door (with whom we were friendly) came in to watch with us. We all thought this would be very glamorous and special. It wasn't. For us it was dreadfully boring and went on for hours. We felt sorry for the Queen and the Duke who had to look interested and stay awake because the television cameras were on them. It didn't cross our minds that they may have enjoyed it. I believe it was a "Pageant of Nationhood" depicting historical events and if I saw it now I would most likely find it interesting.

The next day my grandmother arranged for us to stand at a vantage point for a good view of the Queen and Duke being driven past. The little cloth flag I took home from the day was a Union Jack, not an Aussie flag!

Although I glimpsed the Queen and her husband a number of other times in my life, they weren't as memorable as the 1963 visit.

I took the attached photo with my grandmother's 1911 box brownie camera.



Julie Williams

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

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

Message from the Catholic Church

Some of our year 5 and 6 children are preparing for Confirmation next month. Bishop Michael Kennedy, the Catholic bishop of Armidale will visit our town and Manilla on 22nd October for this special event.

THOUGHT: The U.S Open has been very exciting for tennis lovers like me. Sport is great unless it leads to excessive gambling. Also, our news media constantly reports who is the new world champion in a sport or who has made the most money in a year!

Then each year there are awards as to who is the best actor, movie director, producer in the film industry, these winners receive an Oscar or an Emmy award. So often the winners of these awards will have their life reputation defined in receiving such an award.

All these achievements and awards are like mirrors where people gauge their value according to their ability *against* other people. The downside to these achievements and awards is that the people who don't get them are often left disappointed and crushed in their efforts.

Children are different; so often they value themselves not at the cost of other people but simply in sharing their time and joy with other people and other kids. There is a significant difference in life in an adult being *childish* as distinct

from being *childlike*, an adult is childish when they don't show much maturity according to their age.

Our saviour and Lord Jesus of Nazareth had something to say about this reality in these words; "unless you change and become LIKE little children you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18, verse 2-3)

Fr John Curran

Uniting Church Notice

Sunday 18th 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



Community impact grants now open

Applications for the Community Impact Program – Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought Initiative are now open.

Part of the Future Drought Fund, this program is investing in the future, enabling an agriculture-dependent community to identify and act on their drought preparedness priorities at a grassroots level. It will do this by investing in projects that seek to strengthen social and community networking, support, engagement, and wellbeing by

delivering a tailored package of support.

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said The Nationals are still fighting for you and this program is vital to ensure the region isn't thrown into serious periods of drought seen just a few years ago.

"Community-based organisations will be eligible to apply for a grant of between \$200,000 and \$500,000 to strengthen community networks, capabilities and facilities that support drought preparedness.

Successful applicants will also be able to access tailored leadership development support for their communities delivered by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation," Mr Joyce said.

The Future Drought Fund was established by the former Coalition Government in 2020 and provides secure and continuous funding for drought resilience support across Australia.

More information on the Community Impact Program is available at www.frrr.org.au/impact-program or on the Future Drought Fund website www.agriculture.gov.au/fdf.



DRIVING YOUR PENSION DOLLAR FURTHER

September is shaping up to be the month of savings for pensioners as federal pension payments rise and record savings are delivered through the NSW Budget.

The NSW Government has more than 70 discounts and rebates available through the Savings Finer program,

with a range of them specifically designed to assist pensioners in meeting the rising cost of living.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said a significant number of pensioners in the region were eligible for unclaimed discounts and rebates and encouraged them to apply.

"Rising cost of living affects everyone in a different way, and it can be especially tough for those on a fixed pension," Mr Anderson said.

"The NSW Government has a number of savings available through Service NSW for things like council rebates, free glasses, energy bill rebates, as well as the hugely popular Regional Seniors Travel Card which goes a long way towards easing the cost of living for our seniors."

The Savings Finder tool via the Service NSW website makes it really easy to see what help is available.

If pensioners don't have access to the website, they can make an appointment with a savings specialist at a Service NSW centre or they can call 13 77 88.

Here are 10 ways for NSW pensioners to save:

1. **Council rate rebates:** Pensioners are entitled to up to \$250 a year off their council rates.
2. **Electricity rebate:** The Low Income Household Rebate will shave up to \$285 a year off your electricity bill.
3. **Gas rebate:** This rebate will give you a discount of up to \$110 a year.
4. **Water rates:** Eligible pensioners can access a quarterly rebate.
5. **Regional seniors travel card:** The regional seniors travel card provides eligible seniors living in regional, rural and remote areas of NSW with a \$250

prepaid card to help ease the cost of travel.

6. **Revenue NSW Unclaimed Money:** Find "lost" money waiting to be claimed from inactive bank accounts, shares and investments, insurance policies, unpaid wages, unclaimed super and deceased estates.
7. **Travel vouchers:** Pensioners are entitled to four Pensioner Travel Vouchers each calendar year.
8. **Free car rego:** Pensioners in NSW don't pay registration fees or motor vehicle tax on one of their cars. They also receive free driver's licences, free driving tests and concessions on the cost of Mobility Parking Scheme permits.
9. **Free glasses:** You can get yourself one pair of single vision glasses or one pair of bifocal glasses in a two-year period under the NSW Spectacles Program.
10. **Seniors Card:** The NSW Seniors Card is packed with discounts for thousands of retailers and services across the state from groceries to tradespeople and insurance.

THE SEARCH BEGINS FOR THE 2023 NSW WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nominations for the 2023 NSW Women of the Year Awards are now open with the community invited to identify the most outstanding and influential women in NSW.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the annual awards play a huge role in celebrating the

region's high achieving and inspirational women.

"Our region is blessed with amazing women who go above and beyond to positively impact their community and the people of NSW," Mr Anderson said.

"Our region is home to the 2022 NSW Woman of the Year Anna Barwick and now is the time to identify the next great woman coming from our region."

Nominations are open for the following six categories:

- Woman of Excellence
- Aboriginal Woman of the Year
- Community Hero of the Year
- Young Woman of the Year
- Regional Woman of the Year
- One to Watch

The 'One to Watch' category is in its third year. This award recognises girls aged seven to 17, who have supported others through acts of courage, strength, determination and kindness.

"The One to Watch award is our way of giving a huge shout out to rising young super stars who are showing strength and resilience."

The winners will be announced at the NSW Women of the Year Awards ceremony on 9 March 2023 as part of NSW Women's Week.

To nominate an extraordinary woman or girl in your community, visit:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/women-nsw/awards-and-events/nsw-women-of-year-awards>

Nominations close Friday, 30 September.

COMMUNITY INVITED TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES FOR HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson has invited the community to express their condolences for Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II at his office, 13 Fitzroy Street, Tamworth.

Mr Anderson said the community had expressed an enormous amount of sadness over the passing of the Queen on Friday with many sharing their thoughts in private and on social media. "The passing of Queen Elizabeth has affected many in our community and I know there will be many more days and weeks spent reflecting on her 70 years of service," Mr Anderson said.

"The Queen touched many in our community on her visit to Tamworth in 1977. Many have shared personal experiences of that visit, seeing her open Ray Walsh House and meeting local school children and community members.

Many have contacted my office wishing to share their condolences with the Royal Family and I have made a condolence book available in my office should anyone wish to share those condolences.

These messages will be sent to Buckingham Palace where they will be archived by the Commonwealth and may be displayed at its national institutions, cementing our community's strong relationship with the Queen."

Community members wishing to sign Mr Anderson's condolences book can do so between 9am and 5pm on business days prior to the 23rd of September.

"While we mourn her passing, we give thanks for a lifetime of public duty to the Crown. The Commonwealth, and to the people of our country, our state, and our region," Mr Anderson added.

"May she rest in peace. God save the King."

GIVING DISADVANTAGED YOUTH A LEG UP IN LIFE

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson is calling on our region's youth to get their applications in for the 2023 Youth Development Scholarships.

"The NSW Government's Youth Development Scholarships helps bridge the gap for disadvantaged youth, giving them a much-needed financial boost to help them finish their studies," Mr Anderson said

"The \$1,000 grant can make a real difference in the life of a young person in need so I would encourage any eligible young person in our region to apply.

Previous scholarship recipients have gone on to become doctors, architects and teachers and I look forward to hearing more success stories from our region."

Minister for Families and Communities and Minister for Disability Services Natasha Maclaren-Jones said that doing well in school will open up incredible opportunities for disadvantaged youth and provide them with the strong foundation they need to reach their full potential.

"The scholarships aim to remove some of the financial burdens that students face so they can focus on achieving greater results and finish their studies," Mrs Maclaren-Jones said

"From textbooks to internet access, the scholarships will ensure our young people are well-equipped to reach their full potential."

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be living in social housing or on the housing register, receiving private rental subsidy from DCJ, or living in supported accommodation or out-of-home care.

The Youth Development Scholarships are open to students studying Years 10 to 12 at high school or TAFE equivalent. Students who received a scholarship previously may be eligible to re-apply.

More than 4700 students have been supported by the scholarship program since it was established in 2017.

For more information on how to apply, visit Youth Development Scholarships dcj.nsw.info/YDS2023

\$40 MILLION FUND TO INVEST IN REGIONAL YOUTH

From developing work ready skills, improving health services, to improving access to digital technology, young people in the Tamworth electorate will be given the power to build their own future through a \$40 million investment by the NSW Government.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the new \$40 million 'Our Region, Our Voice' program would offer grants of up to \$3 million for targeted local initiatives to help regional youth reach their full potential.

"One thing I always hear from youth in our region is they want to be at the table when it comes to making decisions that affect them," Mr Anderson said.

"One of the key initiatives from the NSW Government is to actively engage our regional youth, ensuring we're best supporting them as they make their way through high school and into adulthood.

This funding program will be a big part of that, ensuring that our youth have the resources they need to drive initiatives that benefit their whole community."

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW Paul Toole said the

record investment has been shaped by youth for youth.

"We've engaged with 2000 young people in regional communities across our state to understand what matters to them and to ensure this investment will meet the needs of the next generation, now and into the future," Mr Toole said. "We know young people experience challenges differently depending on where they live, and the 'Our Region, Our Voice' Regional Youth Investment Program is about empowering regional youth to drive local solutions to local issues."

Minister for Regional Youth Ben Franklin said the funding will be allocated across nine areas identified as high priorities by the Regional Youth Taskforce and Regional Youth Insights - the largest regional youth research project ever commissioned by the NSW Government. "From more mental health support and improved career pathways to greater recreational activities and reliable public transport, this research told us exactly what our regional youth want and need," Mr Franklin said.

"This record investment allows the NSW Government to deliver targeted and collaborative support measures that build on the work we are already doing to ensure regional youth reach their full potential, without having to move to a major city."

Youth Community Coordinator for New England North West Anna Cooper said the 'Our Region, Our Voice' program would provide significant benefits for youth in the Tamworth and Gunnedah communities.

"It has been a difficult few years for the New England Northwest and young people have felt the repercussions of lockdown, social isolation, job losses, breaks in education and changes to life as we know it, but we know through speaking with our youth that they are

keen to take part in activities that will help them and their communities thrive," Ms Cooper said.

The 'Our Region, Our Voice' has funding available for projects to:

- Enhance high school engagement and retention
- Develop work ready skills, knowledge and networks
- Increase access and quality of health services including provision of youth services
- Improve access to public and private transport
- Better access to digital technology and digital skills
- Deliver more community youth projects
- Support at risk-youth
- Assist young people to secure affordable housing

The priority for the New England and North West region is to improve access to mental health services. 36 per cent of young people cited 'Health care that meets my needs' as a priority. 65 per cent of young people listed "Better mental health support" as an initiative that would help them live healthier lives.

The second priority is to improve access to affordable housing. Young people noted issues, including the cost of renting, prevalence of couch surfing and homelessness. 32 per cent of young people listed 'Access to affordable housing' as an initiative that would improve their town and surrounding areas.

Applications for the Regional Youth Investment Program are now open and will close at 10am, October 4, 2022.

For further information on the 'Our Region, Our Voice' Regional Youth Investment Program, visit www.nsw.gov.au/regionalyouthinvestmentprogram

NSW FOOTBALL LEGACY FUND OPEN FOR LOCAL CLUBS

Local football clubs and players in the region could be in line for a funding boost with the opening of the NSW Government's Football Legacy Fund.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson encouraged local clubs and councils to get their applications in soon, ensuring we build on a strong legacy of sports infrastructure investment.

"Over the past decade, we have seen significant investment in our athletics, hockey, basketball and cricket facilities right across the Tamworth electorate," Mr Anderson said.

"The region has quickly become a must-visit destination when it comes to sport tourism, bringing millions into the local economy and keeping local accommodation providers busy.

I want us to build our sport infrastructure and programs even better which is why I am encouraging local clubs and associations to get their applications in for this significant fund."

The program, delivered in partnership with Football NSW and Northern NSW Football, will focus on inclusive projects that encourage the participation of females and people with disability.

Round 1 has two streams available; Infrastructure, with up to \$2.5 million available for the upgrade or construction of new community facilities; and Participation, with up to \$650,000 available for programs that support increased football participation and leadership development.

To apply, find out more at www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/nsw-football-legacy-fund.

Rugby Union Report

The Ram/Rats travelled to Narrabri on Saturday to play Pirates in the final to see who would advance to the Grand Final next week and they were narrowly beaten 15-8. Barraba led early in the game after a penalty.

Territory seemed to favour the Rams in a tight game, as those games tend to be, but Pirates were able to score 2 tries to lead at the end of the 1st half. A try to both teams in the 2nd half sealed the result.

The Ram/Rats can be pleased with their season, to have gone so well after the early days looked so shaky. But with Gary Walsh's help, as coach, the team produced some really good rugby throughout the year.

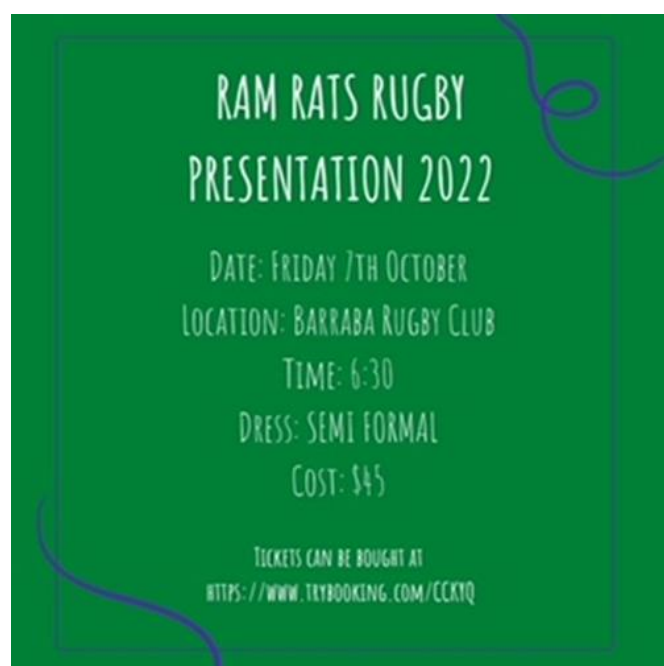
"Thanks" must go to S. Ward and S. Middlemiss for the strapping and water during the games and also to the bus drivers who took them to games and got them home safely. The Presentation Night to be held at the Barraba Club on the 7th October, 6.30pm start. Tickets can be bought on <https://www.trybooking.com/cckg>

The Grand Finals will be played at Gunnedah on Saturday and are as follows;

11.45 Women's: Pirates v Narrabri

1pm Seconds: Moree v Pirates

3pm Firsts: Gunnedah v Narrabri



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"Living with COVID" Australia Disaster Report: August 2022

602,413

Total new cases August

9,612,134

Total new caes in 2022

2093*

Deaths in August

11,704

Total deaths in 2022

68**

Deaths per day

2,863

People in Hospital on 1/9

74

People in ICU on 1/9

68.9%***








People over 16 with 3rd dose

2985

Deaths in Aged Care in 2022

August was the deadliest month in the pandemic Australia so far
The death rate in Australia is now one of the highest in the world
*3rd dose boosters increased only 0.5% this month

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<u>Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology</u>	
Wed 14 Sep  Summary Max 20 Partly cloudy	Sat 17 Sep  Summary Min 7 Max 21 Mostly sunny
Thurs 15 Sep  Summary Min 6 Max 18 Rain increasing	Sun 18 Sep  Summary Min 5 Max 18 Partly cloudy
Friday 16 Sep  Summary Min 10 Max 21 Rain easing	Mon 19 Sep  Summary Min 3 Max 20 Mostly sunny
	Tues 20 Sep  Summary Min 4 Max 23 Partly cloudy

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Recent Anniversaries

- Christine Hardt patenting the first modern brassiere (1889)
- the premieres of The Huckleberry Hound Show featuring Yogi Bear (1958) and The Muppet Show (1976)
- the death of Mother Teresa (1997)
- Ferdinand Magellan's Spanish expedition aboard the Vitoria returning to Spain becoming the first to circumnavigate the earth (1522)
- the Mayflower departing Plymouth, England for the New World (1620)
- Australia observing a 'day of humiliation' and praying for rain during a bad drought. Rain started falling 3 days later... (1902)
- the start of the Blitz when Germany bombed London for 57 nights as the Nazis prepared for an invasion (1940)
- the unveiling of Michelangelo's *David* statue in Florence (1504)
- 3M selling its first roll of Scotch tape (1930)
- the start of the Siege of Leningrad by German troops during WWII (1941)
- 9-month-old Mary Stuart being crowned Queen of Scots (1543)
- Congress officially renaming the United Colonies the United States of America (1776)
- the birthday of explorer William Bligh (1754)
- Tibet becoming an autonomous region of China (1965)
- the death of Mao Zedong (1976)
- Queen Elizabeth II becoming our longest-reigning monarch at 63 years and 7 months, beating the previous record set by her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria (2015)
- the founding of OPEC aka the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (1960)
- Enid Blyton publishing the first of her *Famous Five* children's novels, which went on to become one of the best-selling children's series ever with over 100 million sold (1942)
- the release of the Atari 2600 video game console, which revolutionised the video game industry (1977)
- the last known smallpox death - that of medical photographer Janet Parker who was infected in a British lab (1978)
- the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which killed 2,996 (2001)
- the collapse of Ansett Australia (2001)
- the disappearance of 3yo William Tyrrell from Kendall, NSW (2014)