



# BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

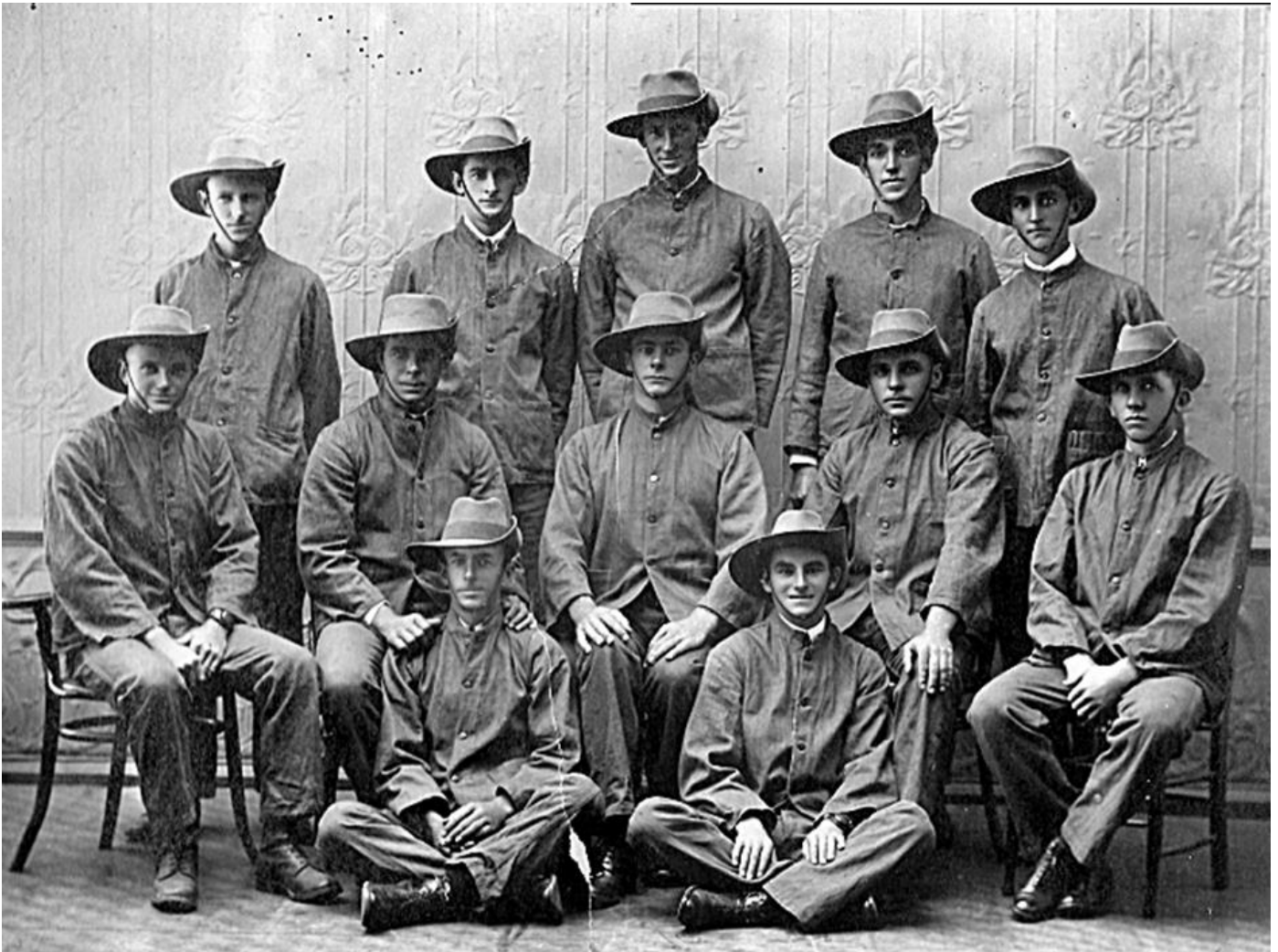
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## Lest We Forget



**Bingara and Barraba, 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Soldiers Basic Training, Armidale, c April 1916.**

Back L to R. William Clifford Spencer, Nangarah, Barraba; Arthur Burton Capel Crowley, Glan Artur, Cobbadah; H. G. Williams; Thomas Howard Faint, Gulf Creek; George Herbert Victor Davidson, Glen Innes.

Middle L to R. Harold Innes Spencer, Nangarah, Barraba; Royston Stanley Capel, Campo Santo, Barraba; Fred Ditzell, Inverell; Edward Allan Turnbull, The Forrest, Cobbadah; Clive Stanley Crowley, Cobbadah, Cobbadah.

Front L to R. Herbert Caldwell MacLean, Gundamulda, Barraba; Norman Marshall King, Eulourie, Bingara.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

### 11<sup>th</sup> Hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month

This year we will be having our commemorative service for Remembrance Day at the Barraba Lawn Cemetery on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am. We will particularly remember the achievements of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion as so many Barraba men were members of this Battalion. The 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion was formed in early January 1916, being one of the 4 battalions of the 9<sup>th</sup> Brigade and along with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Brigades, forming the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, commanded by General Monash. The 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion was commanded by Lt- Colonel Moreshead and was trained at Armidale, NSW. The composition of the 33<sup>rd</sup> was made up as follows: Men from Armidale and Tamworth made up the bulk of A company, B company from Walcha, Uralla, Barraba, Bingara and Manilla, C company from Narrabri, Moree and Inverell and D company from Glen Innes, Guyra and Tenterfield. On the 24<sup>th</sup> January, 1916, 80 men enlisted from Barraba and Bingara. After initial training, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion was moved from Armidale to Rutherford camp near Maitland for brigade training under the command of Brigadier Jobson.

The battalion departed Sydney aboard the H.M.A.T. Marathon on the 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1916, for the journey to England taking 67 days with some 1100 officers and men on board. They arrived at the Larkhill training camp on Salisbury Plains, 80 miles from London, in mid July, some said it was the coldest place this side of the South Pole. After months of hard training the battalion left for France arriving on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, 1916 at Le Havre and thence to the Armentieres sector. This was regarded as a quiet sector and was an ideal introduction for the latest recruits of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division. Their first major battle was to be the battle of Messines, which lasted from the 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, 1917. The 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion has a brilliant war record, in all its active service the battalion never failed to take a position it attacked and was never evicted from one it held. Among its greatest achievements was the taking of the whole of the German right flank at the battle of Messines. It occupied the heights of the Passchendale Ridge and held the position for 6 days and at Villers-Bretonneux, in company with the 34<sup>th</sup>, it was the first of the allied army to halt the victorious oncoming German army and drive it back. Reinforced by the 36<sup>th</sup> battalion it was in the van of General Monash's magnificent victory of August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1918, and from then on fought successfully at Bray, Bouchavesnes, Mont St Quentin and the Hindenburg Line.

The battle of Messines was regarded as a major victory, but the casualty figures were horrendous, costing the Allies

13,900 casualties. The 33<sup>rd</sup> lost 8 officers and 382 men of other ranks, of the 58 Barraba men that enlisted with the 33<sup>rd</sup> battalion, 20 were killed in action while many others were wounded, some several times during the course of the war. Four men were awarded military medals, W. D. Booth, L.J. Clifton, C.W. Spencer and H. I. Spencer while C. S. Crowley received the distinguished conduct medal. Many other cases of remarkable merit were never officially recognized, such as the case of Sid Witten of Barraba who was wounded no less than 3 times at Hangard Wood, yet fought on to the end. "Crab" Wallace of Barraba was also highly regarded for his courage under fire and was one of only 19 of the first enlistment men into the 33<sup>rd</sup> to fight continuously through to war's end.

We also remember on this day all those who fought in the conflicts following World War 1, World War 2, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and many others. The names of the men and women who participated in many of these conflicts are proudly recorded on the Barraba War Memorial Clock or on the 4 plaques diagonally opposite the clock.

Lest We Forget

Thank you to Bill Crowley for this information and pictures



*L to R. Clive Crowley, Bert Crowley, Norman King*



## Remembrance Day 11th November

To coincide with Remembrance Day there will be a WW1 Military display in the shopfronts opposite the old Court House on Queen St, from Saturday 5th Nov to Thursday 17th Nov. To remember and honour those who served and died in WW1, which ended at 11am on the 11th Nov 1918. Germany having signed the armistice at 5am that day to surrender and end the war. 416,809 Australians served in the war, of which 59,341 were killed and 166,789 wounded.

Lest We Forget



**Remembrance Day Commemoration**  
**11am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
**Barraba Cemetery**  
**Lest We Forget**

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**  
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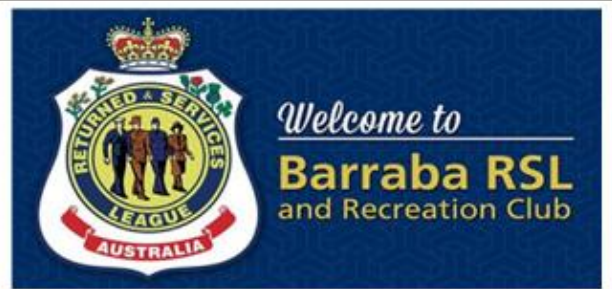
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**ENTRY - \$15 PER PERSON**

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- \* Prizes for best dressed table
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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 \$1,400

**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**

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**Barraba Branch of  
the United Hospital  
Auxiliaries**

**Street Stall**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 Between 8.30am  
and 11.30am in Queen Street outside the  
Pharmacy.**

**Homemade baking and plants will be on offer.  
We look forward to seeing you!**

We fundraise for the hospital to provide additional  
equipment and services for the benefit of patients'  
comfort.

*The*  
**PLAYHOUSE**  
HOTEL SAXOPHONE QUARTET AT THE  
PLAYHOUSE HOTEL



Under the auspices of new independent touring organisation *Music in the Regions*, a remarkable saxophone quartet is currently touring NSW with a special program celebrating 20th Century French music. Known as Nexas Quartet, the group will play works by Claude Debussy and Alfred Desenclos, plus a new piece by celebrated Australian composer Lyle Chan and also George Gershwin's jazz-influenced *An American in Paris*. The four amazing saxophonists who make up the quartet are Michael Duke (Soprano), Nick Russoniello (Alto), Nathan Henshaw (Tenor) and Jay Byrnes (Baritone). They began playing together 20 years ago as students at the Sydney Conservatorium. Since then they have established themselves as leading exponents of not only existing repertoire for the saxophone but also the champions of new works, especially new Australian music. Combining personality with outstanding musical virtuosity, the group has become known for creating concerts with wide popular appeal. Now, they are coming to Barraba. Hear them in the intimate surroundings of the Playhouse Hotel theatre at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 8th November. Concert tickets are \$35. If you like you can stay on after the show for a candlelit two course French dinner in the hotel's dining room @ \$45 pp. Book now for the concert and/or the dinner on 6782 1109, or [play@playhousehotel.com](mailto:play@playhousehotel.com)

*The*  
**PLAYHOUSE**  
HOTEL SAXOPHONE QUARTET

6:30 pm Tues 8 Nov: NEXAS QUARTET - "The French Saxophone". Live performance of saxophone music by Debussy, Gershwin & Lyle Chan. All tkts \$35. French dinner afterwards \$45. Book now on 6782 1109

*The*  
**PLAYHOUSE**  
HOTEL MAIGRET  
(M, 89 mins).

2:30 pm Sun 6 Nov: MAIGRET (M, 89 mins). Gerard Depardieu stars as Georges Simenon's immortal detective in this superb crime thriller. All tkts \$10.



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov The Playhouse Hotel (67821109) will be showing the WW1 movie, Beneath Hill 60 at 6pm. The medals, discharge certificate and photo of Richard Tierney Casey, whose unit, IST Tunnelling Company A.I.F., served on the Western Front as soldiers/miners, tunnelling under hill 60, will be on display at the Playhouse on 11<sup>th</sup>, as well as the Queen Street display.



## Museum Markets

**On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 8.30am to 2pm. The BBQ sausage will be available till lunchtime.**

**James, preserves, honey, plants, second hand-books, calendars.**

**Museum open from 9.30am.**



Another busy week at the museum but not quite as busy as we have been. The markets are on again this Saturday in conjunction with the Claypan who have a big day and evening planned. We just hope that the weather holds.

We have Urquhart descendants visiting next weekend - descendants of Andrew Clarence and his wife Mary Lorimer. Some residents might remember Bluey Urquhart, a son of the above couple. Unfortunately, I am not sure which days.

The Urquhart family are of course one of Barraba's early families but as I have been asked for some of the very early settlers of the district, I need to go back to the 1830's when settlers and their flocks crossed the Liverpool Range and settled on the rich Liverpool Plains.

The NSW governments tried in vain to stop the settlers crossing beyond the boundary of the nineteen counties so they introduced Pastoral Licences and asked that the settlers pay for grazing their stock "beyond the boundaries of the Colony".

Not everyone paid up at first but a list of those who had paid was published in 1837 and there are a few familiar names in the list. Otto Baldwin who settled near Manilla, John Hoskisson at Barraba Creek, William Newton, whom I think was related to Esther Hughes, although she did not appear on that list, and Robert Pringle who settled at Rocky Creek.

The next list appeared in the Government Gazette in 1840 and had the state divided up into 7 or 8 districts. Barraba was included in the Liverpool Plains district and Archibald Bell, as in Bell's Mountain appears although he never lived in the area and he sold Cobbadah Station to the Eaton family about this time. William Cox was at Burindi instead of Esther Hughes. F.G. Foote was at Piedmont and John Hoskisson was still at Barraba Creek. Robert Lethbridge was at Currangandi and Robert Pringle was still at Rocky Creek. Joseph Thomas Threlkeld was running Barraba Detached (north-east of Barraba) and Armitage is not mentioned at Barraba Station although he was mentioned in the 1840 "Census".

Barraba appears in the Liverpool Plains in the 1848 Government Gazette and more of the familiar names are also there – ready for next week's notes.





## Nutrition, massage and plenty of laughs in the old schoolhouse

Northern Slopes Landcare hosted a fun and engaging event with women on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> at the Gulf Creek Hall and what a fabulous resource that is for the community. In attendance were many who had never been to the Hall at one end of the spectrum and a few women who went to school in this building at the other end! We had one family with 4 generations represented. What a testament to the community spirit this gathering was. Sue Russell was true to her name – rustling up attendees, thermos' and chairs a plenty. Big thanks to Sue for her efforts before, during and after the event!

Cait Muller from [Redwood Nutrition in Inverell](#) shared with us her 'recipe' for good health and nutrition – one that is realistic and factors in our busy and sometimes stressful lives. Kim Mather from [Pure Heaven Massage in Inverell](#) demonstrated some techniques to use at home that can help us unwind and relax – and we got to try some of these for ourselves.

Sandy McNaughton from the National Emergency Response Agency (NEMA) was on hand for anyone who wanted more information on what services are available through them (think flood, drought or other emergency). Information will also be emailed to all attendees shortly to ensure they have easy access to current and future opportunities through NEMA.

When we had a moment, there was also a sensational array of goodies provided for morning tea – thanks to [Bavarian Mama](#) in Bingara.

This program provides opportunities for women in smaller communities across our footprint to come together for networking and community connection while learning some skills to take home. In addition, we try and have service providers available on the day so everyone can put faces to names and know who to call when they need support.

The program has been enabled through funding from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and the National Emergency Response Agency (NEMA).





BICENTENNIAL PARK, BARRABA

## REGENT HONEYEATER HABITAT PLANTING

INCLUDES A WALK AND TALK WITH  
STEVE DEBUS FROM UNE

WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER  
9AM START

Morning tea and lunch provided

RSVP by 10th Nov to  
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The critically endangered regent honeyeater is known to  
breed in our area  
Come along and find out how we can help them!



This project is supported by Local Land Services  
through funding from the Australian Government's  
National Landcare Program.



### Demo Day at the Claypan

Set aside some time this Saturday afternoon to drop into the Fuller Gallery and Claypan from 2pm to 5pm to see what some of our talented local crafts people can do. Demonstrations of hand and machine embroidery, crochet and knitting, loom weaving, patchwork and sewing, scrapbooking, pottery, both hand building and wheel and the Shutterbugs will be showing how to enhance your photographs. Some spinners will be spinning and the gardeners will have some plants for sale.

Browse the Museum Markets, grab a sausage from their BBQ for lunch and then wander over to the Claypan to see the demos.

The Gallery will be open and a 'specials table' if you're looking for a Christmas idea or two.

At 6pm the Camp Oven Dinner is available but must be booked today as numbers are limited. Contact Judy Sautchuk to book and arrange payment. Cost \$20/person for a 2 course meal and BYO.



### Claypan Demo Day and Dinner

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November Gallery open from 10am to 5pm with demos commencing at 2pm. Drop into the Fuller Gallery and Claypan to see what our clever locals are doing.

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# MultiSpecies Farm visit Amarula Dorpers

**Justin & Lorroi  
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Gravesend, NSW**

**National Landcare  
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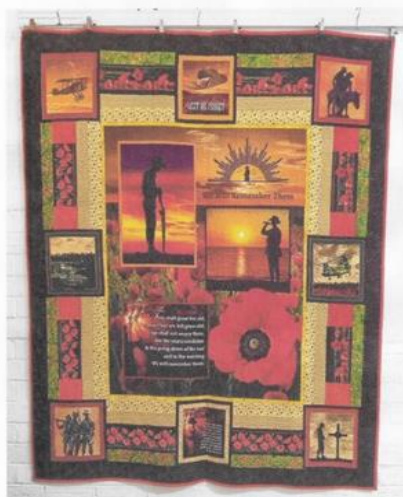
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**You might win this special quilt. To be drawn at 10am on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
Time is running out the buy some tickets. Act now.**



Material donated by Shirley Simmons Family.  
Sewing, backing and quilting donated by Robyn Brown.

Proceeds of the raffle shared by Barraba Hospital Auxiliary and Barraba Potters and Craft Guild.

Tickets \$2 each. Available at The Claypan & Fuller Gallery or look out for them around town.

**Drawn on Armistice Day 11th November.**

The quilt is currently hanging in The Fuller Gallery, 74-78 Queen Street, Barraba.



## You're never too young to create change

With multiple Youth Councillors finishing school and moving on to new endeavours, Tamworth Regional Council have re-opened Expressions of Interest for young people aged 15 – 18 years wishing to join the Tamworth Regional Youth Council.

The Youth Council is made up of a diverse cross-section of young people from across the Tamworth region. The diversity of the group promotes innovative ideas, networking between schools, and collective leadership.

Young people living in Manilla, Barraba, Nundle or other regional villages are strongly encouraged to apply and become a voice for young people in their communities. Youth Councillors residing outside the Tamworth urban area have the option to participate in Youth Council meetings remotely via Zoom, to ensure young people from right across our region can get involved.

Youth Councillors can sit for up to a two-year term, and play an important role in advising Tamworth Regional Council on issues that are relevant to young people across the region. The Youth Council discuss relevant issues in the community, advocate for change and facilitate events throughout their term including Youth Week, youth leadership forums and other youth-led recreational activities.

Expressions of Interest opened, Wednesday, 19 October and close on Tuesday 15 November. To find out more about the Tamworth Regional Youth Council or to apply head to; [www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/youthcouncil](http://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/youthcouncil) or call (02) 6767 5749.



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business OR any other place  
of convenience like your  
favourite coffee shop



My name is Sandy Hart and I have family connections to the Barraba area. I am one of the Counsellors with the Farmgate Support Program and provide a service outreaching across the Hunter New England Local Health District. I am from a farming and rural background and now live in Tamworth. I will be travelling to Barraba and surrounding areas regularly to provide support and advocacy for rural people.

The Farmgate Support Program provides peer support, counselling, information and advocacy for rural people living in farming communities or on farm. Our team includes Peer support workers and Social workers. We travel to farms or meet people in their local area across the Hunter New England local health district. I have attached our flyer for the program. People can self-refer or be referred with their consent by calling 0477 322 851 or email [HNELHD-FarmgateSupport@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HNELHD-FarmgateSupport@health.nsw.gov.au)



## **\$50 million boost to tackle potholes on regional roads**

This week I've welcomed the decision of the State Government to set aside a \$50 million lifeline for regional and rural councils for 'pothole funding'

The funding will be provided to 95 councils across the state including Armidale Regional Council, Glen Innes Severn Council, Gwydir Shire Council, Inverell Shire Council and Moree Plains Shire Council in the Northern Tablelands.

This year's extreme wet weather has caused havoc across the state road networks, with rural and regional roads coping the hardest hits across the vast network. Our councils are responsible for maintenance on these local roads networks and this funding will go toward fixing the many potholes caused by recent heavy rains and flooding as a priority. This additional support will help ease the pressure local councils are facing and boost the resources they can draw upon to repair their most damaged roads to improve safety and reduce wear and tear on vehicles. The funding will be allocated to each council on a per kilometre of sealed road basis and allow repairs to be done ahead of the more permanent remediation once the ongoing wet weather conditions have eased. This isn't a silver bullet for our local roads – that will be dry weather – but it will help in making our journeys in regional areas safer.



## **NSW GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO TAMWORTH'S WATER SECURITY**

The NSW Government is forging ahead with plans to secure Tamworth's water security despite the Federal Government deferring funding for the New Dungowan Dam.

Minister for Lands and Water and Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the NSW Government has reserved 50 per cent of the funding for the dam and remains committed to delivering water security for Tamworth and the Peel valley.

"We are frustrated with the delays but nothing is ever easy - we are committed to the New Dungowan Dam and we will continue to work on a way forward to deliver water security for our region," Mr Anderson said. "Water security is one of the biggest issues impacting regional NSW. That is why NSW is continuing to work on a path forward to deliver the New Dungowan Dam which we know is part of the plan to secure Tamworth's future water security. The Environmental Impact Statement for the New Dungowan Dam has gone on display today and NSW will continue with early works and the construction of the pipeline to ensure this project is shovel ready by 2023.

Construction of Stage One of the Pipeline from the Calala Treatment Plant in Tamworth to the Dungowan Showgrounds began in February this year and is progressing well. Work is expected to be completed in early 2023. Geo-technical investigations at the dam site are continuing and extensive work is being carried out on the final design of the dam. Although the Federal Government has deferred funding for the New Dungowan Dam seeking more information, NSW will continue working hard to get this project shovel ready."



## **Coulsons Creek Road funding**

I am pleased to see that the hard work put in for the Coulsons Creek Road from Merriwa to Willow Tree (MR 358) has been rewarded with the continuation of funding to repair this important arterial link.

The New England needs a second range crossing, and this is the alternate arterial link for the Liverpool Range, it is also a vital link between the Liverpool Plains and the Upper Hunter. We fought to seal it and build it and then through engineering faults we lost it.

We said we would build it again and now the funds are there to complete this vital task.

I look forward to the project starting as quickly as possible.







## CSIRO ANNOUNCES NEW PHASE OF NATIONAL KOALA MONITORING PROGRAM

CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, have announced a new phase in its National Koala Monitoring Program which is set to deliver

a robust estimate of the national koala population. The new phase includes \$10 million in funding over the next four years, which was announced by Minister for the Environment and Water Tanya Plibersek last month. The funding comes at a much-needed time for Australia's koala population. In January 2022, the koala (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) was up listed to 'Endangered' under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

"This valuable funding enables us to develop new innovative approaches to using koala data, collected from different sources and methods, to assist koala recovery and management efforts," Co-project leader for the National Koala Monitoring program, CSIRO Senior Research Scientist Dr Andrew Hoskins said.

The new phase of the National Koala Monitoring Program will deliver a robust estimate of the national koala population. This will result in a long-lasting capability to monitor and assess trends in koala populations across the entire species range. CSIRO researchers have spent the past year co-designing the national koala program with key research, agency, Indigenous and community partners.

"The koala is an iconic species for all Australians, and of enormous cultural and spiritual significance to First Nations people," CSIRO Senior Research Scientist Dr Andrew Hoskins said. "Partnerships are core to the National Koala Monitoring Program. As such, we recognise that the only way we can recover this iconic species is having everyone involved, the broadest community minds possible," he said.

CSIRO will be working with university, agency, Indigenous and citizen science groups to build on existing on-ground efforts and use state of the art scientific surveying and modelling techniques.

Boots are already on the ground for the new phase of the program, which kicked off in the Northern Murray Darling catchment, Queensland earlier this month. This included CSIRO working with the Queensland Murray Darling Catchment Aboriginal Rangers (QMDCL), Millmerran

Landcare and fellow community members to conduct survey work and workshop discussions.

The QMDCL Aboriginal rangers are working with CSIRO to develop cross-cultural monitoring methods to find and share information about koala population status and trends. This includes supporting QMDCL to collect koala data using structured survey techniques, such as on-ground transects and drone surveys.

"There is much to learn about where koalas are in our region, how many there are, and if they are healthy. This collaboration is important for koala and country," Senior Queensland Murray Darling Catchment Aboriginal Ranger William Taylor said. "We are co-designing a dashboard which allows koala data to be appropriately used and shared for Guda (koalas) and country. Koalas are easy to identify. But our ability to see (or detect) individual koalas is extremely low and varies in different habitats, and even between different people using different monitoring methods.

The new National Koala Monitoring Program will collect koala sightings using consistent methods across the country and build survey know-how with citizen scientists. This will help achieve the rigorous, national snapshot of koala populations and koala distribution. Good science is key to good conservation. This new National Koala Monitoring Program will help us make better investments and better conservation decisions, so that we can protect the iconic koala for generations to come," Threatened Species Commissioner, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water," Dr Fiona Fraser said.

### For more information

Visit: [Collaborative partnerships for the National Koala Monitoring Program - CSIRO](#)

Video link: <https://vimeo.com/763642406>

Ecos link: [Working with all Australians to win the game of koala hide and seek – ECOS \(csiro.au\)](#)





## Golf Notes

We had two chook winners this week with Ally Smith and newcomer Phil Dawson both scoring 21 points. Balls went to Peter Simpson and Dave Kelly with 20 points and Tom Mellor, Adam Russell and Bill Simpson all with 19. The course is still a treat to play and looks like more rain coming this week. Just hope we don't wear out our mowers - people and machines. In the Teams Event we see the Hackers, Tom Mellor, Lincoln Brown, Tim Coombes and Adam Russell off to a good start and have a two-shot lead over the Bareela Birdies consisting of Kerrie Smith, Josh Austin, Thabiso Msiza and Ally Smith but fair to say there's a long way to go yet. We will have a few sausages organised for this week. Tom Mellor won the meat tray.

### Barraba Shotgun Club AGM.

It will be held on Sunday 13th November at midday at the Barraba Gun Range, followed by the monthly shoot.

All welcome.

### St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 9.00am  
Woodsreef: 2nd Sundays 11am

### Uniting Church Notice

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Service at 10.45am  
ALL WELCOME

### CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

Barraba 1st & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 6pm  
Saturday evening  
2nd 3rd & 4th Sunday 9am  
Upper Horton 3rd Sunday 11am  
Weekday Mass Wednesday 10am

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## Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology

**Wednesday 2 Nov**

**Summary** Max 16

**Partly cloudy**

Chance of any rain: 10%



**Thursday 3 Nov**

**Summary** Min 4 Max 19

**Partly cloudy**

Chance of rain: 0%



**Friday 4 Nov**

**Summary** Min 5 Max 22

**Partly cloudy**

Chance of any rain: 5%



**Saturday 5 Nov**

**Summary** Min 8 Max 23

**Partly cloudy**

Chance of any rain: 30%



**Sunday 6 Nov**

**Summary** Min 8 Max 24

**Mostly sunny**

Chance of rain: 10%



**Monday 7 Nov**

**Summary** Min 8 Max 24

**Sunny**

Chance of any rain: 20%



**Tuesday 8 Nov**

**Summary** Min 7 Max 25

**Mostly sunny**

Chance of any rain 20%



### Regional Dam Levels from Water NSW

Chaffey 100.7%  
Copeton 95.9%  
Keepit 91.7%  
Split Rock 101.2%