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Remembrance Day Commemoration

11am on Friday 11th
November 2022
Barraba Cemetery

Lest We Forget

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



Friday 11th 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 11th, as well as the Queen Street display.





Our leadership team attended a Professional Development day in Tamworth last week where we were introduced to the MaST Project. This project looks at the teaching and learning of mathematics. As a Nation, results in numeracy have not been as good as we would like. This is an exciting project that looks to develop teachers of mathematics and provide them with the latest research-based evidence of what works in the classroom for students. We will have a specialist teacher of mathematics whose role will be to support and coach our teachers to become even better at what they do. We will also be able to call on the support of subject matter experts from the Catholic Schools Office.

In staffing news it is with a degree of sadness that we farewell Mrs Natalie Anderson from the front office. Nat has been a stalwart of the school over the past 17 years. I have found Nat's knowledge of the community and its culture invaluable. She is also highly skilled in her position, reliable and trustworthy. Even though we will miss Natalie we know that she is looking forward to her new position and a new chapter in her life.

Mrs Justine Harris has also decided to revert to her original teaching time being 3 days per week in 2023. We are seeking a part time teacher for 3 days but this can be negotiated. The application and role description can be found on the CSO Website. If you would like any information on any of these positions please contact the school and I would be happy to assist.

Kind Regards
Mr Simon Fleming
Principal



St Josephs Primary School

Last Friday students from Years 2 through to 6 travelled to Manilla for a gala sports day against students from St Michael's Manilla. This was a fun day of friendly competition. The purpose of the day was to expose our students to situations where they needed to demonstrate teamwork, resilience and leadership. Our students were able to meet new people and it was pleasing to see so many sitting with students from St Michael's at lunch. We are looking forward to hosting St Michael's next year, with our intention to expand the format of the visit to include cultural and academic challenges.

A team of students from Years 4,5 and 6 attended the Brain Olympia challenge in Inverell where we finished 2nd in the Small Schools Challenge which was a great achievement. Students competed in four discipline areas; general knowledge, mathematics, drama and public speaking. Congratulations to those students involved and a big thank you to Mrs Penny Kelly and teacher Mrs Justine Harris for taking the students.

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A VERY SUCCESSFUL DEMO DAY

On Saturday 5th November the Fuller Gallery and Claypan opened its doors to visitors and showed them how talented our members are. It was also an opportunity for visitors to watch live demonstrations by our crafty locals. We hope that seeing all the arts and crafts available at the Guild may entice interested locals to join some of our groups to learn a new skill.

There was plenty to see with Ann Smith, Sue Retschlag and Cathy Maher showing two different pottery techniques. Ann encouraged interested spectators to have a turn on the wheel to “throw a pot”. There were some interesting outcomes, but everyone had fun. Cathy was crafting highland cattle from clay using a hand building technique – these miniature cattle, along with some of Cathy’s other critters, were very popular.



The sewing and craft ladies provided numerous interesting demonstrations, including; hand and machinery embroidery, crochet, knitting, spinning, loom weaving, patchwork and sewing.



Mandy Cabot was our draw card, spinning outside the Gallery, encouraging visitors to stop and watch Merino fleece being spun into yarn ready to knit, crochet or weave. Our “specials” table outside the Gallery also created interest with the passers-by, especially those who wandered across from the Museum Markets.



The Shutter Bugs (Sue Retschlag, Margaret Harris and Brenda McColl) put together a slideshow of their works for

visitors to watch. Margaret also explained to those interested about finding interesting ways to display your photographs – calendars, for example.



Alison Ward presented an incredible display of her scrapbooking, whilst Allison Ervine demonstrated and showcased some of her loom weaving articles.



The Gallery display looked amazing with lots of new items and great Christmas shopping ideas. There was lots of favourable feedback about the display and the demonstrations.



At the end of a busy day, 27 guests were treated to a delicious camp oven dinner in the pop-up restaurant at The Gallery. It was a team effort with member husbands; John Sautchuk and Des Brittain roasting the meat in camp ovens throughout the afternoon whilst their wives Judy Sautchuk (Guild Treasurer) and Annette Brittain (Guild President) cooked all the vegetables. Further member volunteers helped with setting and decorating of tables, cleaning up and washing up.

Barraba is certainly very fortunate to have such a passionate group of ladies who are the Barraba Potters and Craft Guild Inc. If you are new to town or a local looking for a new and interesting past-time, why not consider popping down to the Claypan and make yourself known.



Rural Aid announces immediate financial help for flooded farmers

Australia's most trusted charity is offering immediate financial assistance to primary producers impacted by the recent flooding events. Eligible, registered farmers across Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania can now apply for a \$500 pre-paid visa card from Rural Aid. Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said the financial assistance will help farmers make ends meet in this difficult time.

"Many farmers are in an anxious state right now, with flood water putting livestock, crops and livelihoods at serious risk," Mr Warlters said. "When the flood water recedes and farmers survey the damage, the true extent of this flooding crisis will become clear. Rural Aid is standing with our farmers to help them work through what will be a lengthy, expensive and overwhelming recovery. This flood-specific financial assistance will help make the recovery that little bit easier."

Leading agribusinesses GrainCorp and Elders have made generous donations collectively totalling \$250,000 to support Rural Aid's flood response efforts. Mr Warlters said the donations were very welcome and meant Rural Aid would be able to assist more families in more communities.

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Deniliquin farmer and Rural Aid board member, Airlie Landale said the floods have been devastating.

"It is nearly summer, yet it still feels like winter is rolling on and haunting us. It feels wrong to be speaking about too much rain, but the impact of recent floods has been devastating for so many," Airlie said.

"Farmers have lost thousands upon thousands of hectares of crop, producers have lost livestock, fences and their homes, and rural communities and businesses have been isolated and inundated with water. It will take months – if not years – for people to recover, but I know the strength and resilience of our rural people will once again shine through."

Mr Warlters added that the Rural Aid counselling team is ready to travel to the worst-affected communities.

"Where flood waters have safely receded, Rural Aid's counsellors are preparing to head on-farm to offer dozens of farmgate chats, cups of tea and formal counselling sessions.

"I'd encourage any primary producer not already registered with Rural Aid to sign up today to access the full range of assistance measures on offer," Mr Warlters finished.

Farmers can register at www.ruralaid.org.au or by calling 1300 327 624. Flood-affected farmers can apply for assistance here:

<https://www.ruralaid.org.au/service-s-provided/flood-assistance/>

For more information or interviews, contact Rural Aid media on media@ruralaid.org.au or 0447 116 757.



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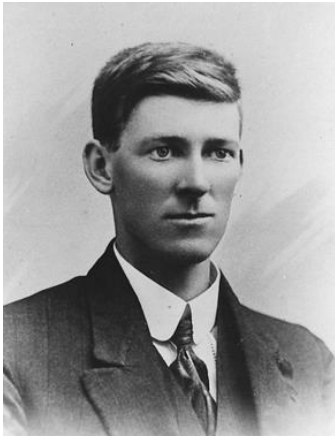
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Letter to the Editor



KARL GORDON WILLIAMS

14th January 1891 – 31st
August 1971

I noticed in the very good photo on the cover of the Barraba Community News on 2nd November that the tall man listed as “H. G. Williams” is actually my

grandfather, Karl Gordon Williams, known as Gordon or “KG” as distinct from his father Charles Gordon Williams who was often called “CG”.

Gordon was the oldest son and second child of Charles Gordon Williams and Emily Anne Crowley. According to my aunt, Rita Williams, he was named “Karl” because it sounded like “Charles” – not as I cheekily suggested, after Karl Marx. The Gordon name comes from his grandmother Mary Innes Gordon, the wife of Henry Edwin Williams. Gordon owned and worked on the property “Sadowa”, which is in the area of Rocky Creek, but he often came to Barraba and a number of local people have worked at “Sadowa”. People who knew him have various stories to tell about him, not all of them very flattering. However, I doubt anyone would deny that he was hard working and honest. He had definite views about some things. Recently his daughter Rita told me that one day when he came to Barraba he met his brother Guy Williams in the street. Guy had just been playing tennis and he had his white tennis clothes on and he was wearing shorts. Apparently, Gordon found that highly offensive and he told Guy to go home at once and get dressed decently and not be out in public in a such a state of undress! I am unclear as to whether Gordon thought Guy should not be wearing shorts and revealing bare legs, or if the problem was only that he was on the street and he would have been okay on the tennis court.

Gordon never served overseas with the 33rd Battalion. I was aware that it was for some health related reason, but I hadn’t realised until I asked Rita last week that he had actually boarded the ship before a senior officer noticed he walked with a slight limp. Apparently, he had suffered an accident involving a horse some years before. So, he was declared not fit to serve and sent home.

Julie Williams



History Notes

The Markets this week were quite successful after a very slow start – the stall holders had time to walk around and talk to each other before anyone else arrived! There are now just two market days left for this year – the 26th November and the 17th December – the first one next year will probably be in February. In the meantime, members do not forget the meeting next week.

The anticipated visit by members of the Urquhart family was an enormous success with lots of talk and studying of Wayne Schmidt’s Urquhart history – from the arrival in 1840 to branches of the present-day family.

Congratulations to Bill Crowley for his Remembrance Day article in last week’s news. It was very well done, easy to read and understand. Unfortunately, there are a couple of small, possibly typo errors which may have confused readers. Under the front-page photo – Arthur Burton (Burt) Crowley was from Glen Arthur, Gordon Williams first initial should be K and Clive Crowley was from Cobbadah Station. Towards the end of the article on page 2, Uncle Cliff Spencer was William Clifford Spencer not C.W. Spencer.

Returning to the early settlers in the Barraba District in the 1840’s John McKid and his wife and daughter, Jane, arrived in Barraba in the early 1840’s. They set up a store on what is now the eastern side of the main street about where the Fuller Gallery is now. Their second daughter, Louisa, was born on 8th August, 1844 – probably the first white child to be born at Barraba.

John McKid’s brother, Ralph, died in Barraba, two months later and was buried in the old cemetery just across Edward Street from the Uniting Church. The early history of the McKid family was generally sad as both John and his wife died in the next decade. Fortunately, they left some family to carry on the store and rear the orphaned children.

Turning to the early settlers around Barraba, the 1848 Gazette lists Mr Armitage at Barraba Station holding 45 square miles on the Manilla river although we know that William Cox was at Burindi and Ogilvie was to the west of Burindi at Tareela, George Gally is listed at Gineroi, John Hoskinson was still at Barraba Creek Station and Esther Hughes is registered as being in charge of Barraba Station.

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Detached although we know it was under the management of Threlkeld. The Spencer Brothers were at Ironbark and William Wentworth owned Glen Riddle.

A study of family histories shows that a number of the above owners had actually sold their land by 1848. The Adams family were already at Barraba Station having purchased the station some years before Piedmont now appears in the Gwydir section under Capel while Cobbadah Station does not get a mention at all although the Crowley family were living there by about 1845.

It is rather obvious that those in Sydney really depend on the settlers keeping the records up to date. There are a couple of early letters in the archives from A. A. Adams who protested about paying rates on land around the town of Barraba which was used by residents for their milking cows and the teamsters who rested their horses on his land. There is also the 1864 letter re the flood covering his land and destroying his property but he had to pay rates on this land that he was unable to use.

Next week might be the week to record an early family or two.

St Laurence's Barraba

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

Uniting Church Notice

Sunday 13th Nov
Service at 10.45am
ALL WELCOME

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

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



**Why is lemon juice made
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Recent Anniversaries

- the release of the first ballpoint pen, manufactured by Biro (1945)
- the first Boeing 737 MAX plane crash with Lion Air flight plummeted into the sea just after takeoff near Jakarta. All 189 on board were killed (2018)
- the Communist Party of Australia's foundation (1920)
- Clarence Birdseye selling the first frozen peas (1952)
- Kashmir officially losing its autonomous status with India bringing it under federal control (2019)
- the birthday of explorer Christopher Columbus (1451)
- China announcing its population had reached 1 billion people (1982)
- the birthdays of explorer James Cook (1728)
- the first use of a lead (graphite) pencil (1492)
- the eradication of smallpox, with the last natural case of smallpox discovered in Somalia (1977)
- Jacinda Ardern being sworn in as PM of New Zealand, becoming the world's youngest female head of government (2017)
- the Uluru climb ban coming into force (2019)
- Michelangelo completing the painting of The Last Judgement in the Sistine Chapel (1541)
- the 'last successful cavalry charge in history' by the 4th Australian Light Horse during the Battle of Beersheba in WWI (1917)
- the premiere of William Shakespeare's play Othello (1604)
- the deployment of the first aerial bomb during the Italo-Turkish War (1911)
- the birthday of Marie Antionette (1755)
- the start of 'The Great Emu War' when Aussie soldiers were engaged to cull crop-destroying emus in WA (1932)
- archeologist Howard Carter discovering the tomb of Tutankhamun in Egypt (1922)
- the death of Catherine the Great (1796)
- Australia voting against a proposal to become a republic (1999)
- the English parliament passing the Act of Supremacy, which saw Henry VIII and subsequent monarchs become Head of the Church of England (1534)
- the Soviet Union launching Sputnik 2 with space dog Laika aboard, the first animal in space (1957)
- Michelle Payne becoming the first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup (2015)
- the landmark Harvester Decision which became the basis of Australia's national minimum wage system (1907)



Opportunity for residents to request planning changes

Residents wishing to request a change to planning legislation affecting properties across the Tamworth region have an opportunity to do so from this week, with the Tamworth Regional Local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP) going under review.

Tamworth Regional Council is accepting Expressions of Interests (EOI) from members of the public between Monday 24 October and Monday 5 December 2022.

The Expression of Interest period will provide the opportunity for people to request changes to the LEP in areas such as zoning, minimum lot size, building heights, floor space ratios or heritage listings. Council will then review requests and respond to submissions accordingly on a case-by-case basis.

Tamworth Regional Council's Director of Liveable Communities, Gina Vereker said that the Local Environmental Plan is reviewed periodically to ensure it meets best planning practices.

"We want to ensure that the LEP is aligned with community values and aspirations, as well as with the directions of Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement and state plans such as the New England North West Regional Plan 2041", she said.

"We are now undertaking a comprehensive review of the LEP and this EOI process provides the community with an opportunity to submit a request for changes to be made prior to the preparation of a new LEP in 2023", said Ms Vereker.

Once the review process is complete, the new LEP will go on formal Public Exhibition in 2023.

[Blueprint 100](#) plans for future growth to ensure that Tamworth is a smart, sustainable, regional leader. The review of the Tamworth Regional LEP is essential for updating and revising planning provisions that will guide our housing, business, agriculture, industry, and employment opportunities within liveable, sustainable and prosperous communities, in line with the vision of Blueprint 100.

Submissions can be made online via the Council Have Your Say platform at <https://haveyoursay.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/tamworth-LEP-review>

Tamworth Intermodal Freight Facility moving ahead

Tamworth Regional Council and Australia's largest integrated provider of import and logistic export services, Qube, today confirmed that the Tamworth Intermodal Freight Facility, within the Tamworth Global Gateway Park, is expected to be fully operational in mid-2023.

Russell Webb, Tamworth Region Mayor said that he was excited to see construction of the facility about to begin.

"The Tamworth Intermodal Freight Facility will enable suppliers, businesses and producers to have competitive rail access to ports for imports and exports, opening Tamworth up to international markets", said Cr Webb. "With the Tamworth Global Gateway Park and intermodal facility key components of Council's Blueprint 100 strategy, the Tamworth Intermodal Freight Facility will help us continue to create a prosperous and connected region."

Qube Logistics and Infrastructure Director, John Digney, said today's announcement underscored Qube's commitments to regional NSW and to expanding the businesses rail services offering, as increasing volumes of freight shift from road to rail. "We're very pleased to be backing the Tamworth Regional Council's investment in the local economy with the construction of the Tamworth Intermodal which will enable local producers to efficiently get their products to market, through Qube's unprecedented Paddock to Port export supply chain. Delivering the Tamworth intermodal is consistent with our plans to continue investing in intermodal and rail infrastructure - getting trucks off highways, contributing to emissions reductions and supporting regional communities with competitive and cost-effective freight and logistics services."

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson welcomed the latest announcement which would see the \$35.4 million intermodal rail line find a home.

"We are giving businesses the confidence to choose Tamworth by investing in major rail and road infrastructure projects," Mr Anderson said. "Today's announcement welcomes big business into our region which means more jobs and more investment into our local economy."

The reactivation of the West Tamworth rail line has been funded by the NSW Government's Restart NSW Fund of a total \$35.4 million, with work carried out by John Holland Rail on behalf of Transport for NSW and the Department of Regional NSW. Construction of the Tamworth Intermodal Freight Facility is expected to cost approximately \$8 million, with this cost to be funded by Qube.



COST OF LIVING RELIEF FOR APPRENTICES AND STUDENTS

The NSW Nationals in Government are boosting the budget of the region's apprentices and students with a new \$250 travel card to help with the cost of getting to and from work, training, or university.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the initiative will take the pressure off the hip pocket of apprentices, trainees and university students across regional NSW who are on a shoestring budget with the rising cost of living.

"We know that being an apprentice or a university student can be tough with limited income and rising costs," Mr Anderson said.

"With the price of fuel so high, travelling long distances to get to and from work or training is particularly tough and we want to make it easier for our apprentices and students to get on the job and into the classroom.

"This \$250 voucher will go directly towards meeting that cost and help our apprentices, trainees and students continue with their training.

"Vouchers just like these have a proven track record with the success of the Regional Seniors Travel Card and I know that card has made a real difference in the lives of local seniors."

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Sam Faraway said apprentices will be the first to access the card under the two-year trial which will open to applications from February next year with Uni students to follow in April.

"Whether you're a 16-year-old mechanic apprentice or a 60-year-old university student studying teaching, if you live in the bush you may be eligible for the travel card," Mr Faraway said.

"The prepaid debit card can be used for taxi trips, fuel, Opal card top ups, public transport and privately-operated coaches, and electric charging stations.

"Putting more money back into the pockets of apprentices and uni students is one way the NSW Liberal and Nationals Government is securing a brighter future for NSW families.

"We know supporting regional apprentices and university students through this initiative will make a difference."

To be considered eligible a participant must:

- meet relevant citizenship or permanent residency requirements
- reside in a regional location outside Greater Sydney and the Newcastle and Wollongong City Council boundaries
- be between the ages of 16 and pension age (currently 66 and 6 months)
- be undertaking an active apprenticeship or traineeship registered with Training Services NSW or an undergraduate university course. Courses must be full-time and face-to-face
- be enrolled in an eligible campus. (Select campuses are still being defined).

For more information please visit Service NSW.

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. I am seeking further clarification from the Federal Government on what further information is needed for them to ensure funding is available next year for construction to commence."

Rifle Club

Saturday was our last shoot for 2022 and we had an early start to the day with a working bee, to have a tidy up around the range. Thanks to those who turn up to help, we accomplished a great deal.

The Centrefire event in the morning had five shooters with some good scores recorded. Congratulations to Noah for scoring his first possible in Centrefire and to Rohan for also scoring a possible.

The Benchrest in the afternoon saw nine shooters enjoying the last shoot for the year. Congratulations to Andrew shooting two possibles and Brendan who shot one as well with Casey, John, and Darren not far behind with 99's.

Our first shoot back next year will be the 4th February for Centrefire and Benchrest and 5th Feb for Handguns.

Unlimited 50m

B. McIlrick 94.1, 96.3, 97.3 = 287.5

D. McIlrick 95.2, 91, 94.2 = 280.4

AA Grade 50m

A. White 96.3, 97.2, 98.3, = 291.8

D. Dewson 91.3, 92, 97.2 = 282.5

G. Urquhart 87, 93, 93.3 = 273.3

R. Bridges 75, 91 = 166

A Grade 50m

C. White 89.1, 87.1, 90.1 = 266.3

B. Grade 50m

N. Hull 92, 91, 92.1 = 275.1

J. Moloney 94, 84 = 178

Unlimited 100m

B. McIlrick 100.9, 98.5, 97.3 = 295.17

D. McIlrick 96.3, 93.1, 94.4 = 283.8

AA Grade 100m

A. White 100.5, 100.4, 98.2 = 298.11

D. Dewson 99.2, 98.4, 99.5 = 296.11

G. Urquhart 94.3, 93, 97.3 = 284.6

R. Bridges 93.3, 98.4, 92 = 283.7

A Grade 100m

C. White 99.4, 99.1, 99.2 = 297.7

B. Grade 100m

N. Hull 97.4, 97.3, 98.1 = 292.8

J. Moloney 99.4, 93, 96.3 = 288.7

Centrefire

N. Hull 99.3, 100.7, 99.5 = 298.15

B. McIlrick 92.1, 95.1, 97.4 = 284.6

D. McIlrick 92.1, 94.1, 92 = 278.2

R. Clark 89, 100.5, 87.1 = 276.6

J. Moloney 88, 86, 83.1 = 257.1



Golf notes

Scores were pretty hot

for last week's twilight golf. Lincoln Brown came in with 24 points to win the chook and copped the handicapper's wrath and teamed with Tom Mellor (19) to score 43 points for their Hackers team. It was the young guns from "Next Gen" however, ball winners Dustin Hiscock (23) and Finn Allan (22) that scored 45 points that had the best team score. Dave Kelly had another good week to get a ball with 23 points with Peter Summerell, Des Kelaher and Chris Sweeney with 20 points and Brock Phillips, Josh Austin and Adam Scanlon with 19 completing the ball winners. Garry Allen won the meat.

With the worst week now removed for the team score we that Hackers with 81 lead by four over The Pottaroos, six over Lotta Piggins and seven over Next Gen.

In other golfing news, Craig Ruttley turned it on to defeat Campbell Tonkin 7 and 6 in the match-play final. Rutts was three over par after thirteen holes.

Our annual AG-Day celebration is Wednesday 16th of November. Starts at midday with lunch followed by 9 holes of golf. It is a four-person ambrose but we need to spread some bank representatives around so organise a team of three if you wish.



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Dogs can get dementia – but lots of walks may lower the risk

Susan Hazel, Senior Lecturer, School of Animal and Veterinary Science, University of Adelaide

Tracey Taylor, PhD Candidate, School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Adelaide

Dogs get dementia too. But it's often difficult to spot. Research published today shows how common it is, especially in dogs over ten years old.

Here are some behavioural changes to watch out for in your senior dog and when to consult your veterinarian.

What is doggy dementia?

Doggy dementia, or canine cognitive dysfunction, is similar to Alzheimer's disease in humans, a progressive brain disease that comes with behavioural, cognitive and other changes.

It is generally seen in dogs over eight years old, but can occur in ones as young as six. Pet owners may dismiss many behaviour changes as just a normal part of ageing. So, it's likely there are more dogs with it than we realise.

Veterinarians can also find it difficult to diagnose. There is no accurate, non-invasive test for it. And, just like humans, senior dogs are likely to have a number of other health issues that can complicate diagnosis.

Does my dog have dementia?

Dogs with dementia can often get lost in their own backyard or home. They can get stuck behind furniture or in corners of the room, because they forget they have a reverse gear. Or they walk towards the hinge side of a door when trying to go through.



Sixteen-year-old Sheedy 'stuck' behind the foot rest, unable to figure out how to walk around. Used with permission, Samantha Hobbs

Dogs' interactions with people and other pets can change. They may seek less or more affection from their owners than before, or start to get grumpy with the other dog in the home where once they were happy housemates. They may even forget faces they have known all their lives. They also tend to sleep more during the day and be up more at night. They may pace, whine or bark, seemingly without purpose. Comfort does not often soothe them, and even if the behaviour is interrupted, it usually resumes quite quickly.



Senior dogs may get confused. Editor supplied, CC BY

Sometimes caring for a senior dog with dementia is like having a puppy again, as they can start to toilet inside even though they are house-trained. It also becomes difficult for them to remember some of those basic behaviours they have known all their lives, and even more difficult to learn new ones. Their overall activity levels can change too, everything from pacing all day, non-stop, to barely getting out of bed. Lastly, you may also notice an increased level of anxiety. Your dog may not cope with being left alone any more, follow you from room to room, or get easily spooked by things that never bothered them before.



Watch for gradual changes in behaviour. Editor supplied, CC BY

I think my dog has dementia, now what?

There are some medications that can help reduce signs of doggy dementia to improve quality of life and make caring for them a little easier. So, if you think your dog is affected, consult your veterinarian. Our group is planning research into some non-drug treatments. This includes looking at whether exercise and training might help these dogs. But it's early days yet. Unfortunately, there is no cure. Our best bet is to reduce the risk of getting the disease. This latest study suggests exercise might be key.



There is no cure for canine cognitive dysfunction. Pexels/Klas Tauberman, CC BY

What did the latest study find?

US research published today gathered data from more than 15,000 dogs as part of the Dog Aging Project. Researchers asked pet dog owners to complete two surveys. One asked about the dogs, their health status and physical activity. The second assessed the dogs' cognitive function.

Some 1.4% of the dogs were thought to have canine cognitive dysfunction. For dogs over ten years old, every extra year of life increased the risk of developing dementia by more than 50%. Less-active dogs were almost 6.5 times more likely to have dementia than dogs that were very active.



Keeping your dog active could help prevent doggy dementia. Used with permission from Lauren Bevan

While this might suggest regular exercise could protect dogs against dementia, we can't be sure from this type of study. Dogs with dementia, or with early signs of dementia, may be less likely to exercise.

However, we do know exercise can reduce the risk of dementia in people. So, walking our dogs may help them and us reduce the risk of dementia.

'I love my girl so much'

Caring for a dog that has dementia can be hard, but rewarding. In fact, our group is studying the impact on carers.

We believe the burden and stress can be similar to what's been reported when people care for someone with Alzheimer's. We also know people love their old dogs. One research participant told us:

I love my girl so much that I am willing to do anything for her. Nothing is too much trouble.



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