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BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Final *Barraba Community News* for 2022

Thank you to our contributors, advertisers, readers and the volunteers who ensure the '*Barraba Community News*' is published each week.



The next edition will be Wednesday 18th January 2023.

Send any articles, news, pictures and reports to
news@barrabacommunitynews.org.au

Have a Merry Christmas and drive safely if you're planning to be on the roads of the holiday period.



Salvos lunch on Christmas Day.

Lunch is at the Salvation Army Hall at the rear of the church at 11.00 am with lunch at 12.00

We would love to have people come for lunch and not stay at home on their own.

Please call Julie Fenwick on 0400318544 or Margie Francis on 0416869045.

Bookings are limited so please ring to book.



Interested in commencing a Country Women's Association (CWA) in Barraba?

Give Judy Brady a call on 67821158 and have a chat. If there is sufficient interest the Manilla group are will to help with establishing a Barraba CWA.

For Sale

1996 Isuzu Truck + crate
Rego 02/23

1985 Windsor Caravan
Rego 11/23

P.O.A. Phone: 0455 788 815

What did one snowman say to the other?

"Is it just me, or do you smell carrots?"



Position Vacant

General Assistant – Barraba Preschool Incorporated

Barraba Preschool is looking for a motivated General Assistant to help maintain the Preschool grounds on a weekly basis.

Details of Employment are as below:

- Employment Type: Casual
- Hourly Rate of Pay: \$28.30 minimum (per award)
- Requirements: Working With Children Check & Police Check (or willingness to obtain prior to commencement)
- Days/Hours of Employment: Minimum 3-4hrs per week (during Monday to Friday)
- Roles & Responsibilities:
 - Mowing lawn (push mower) & edging
 - Garden maintenance (including spraying, weeding, hedging & pruning)
 - Regular maintenance (including cleaning gutters & drains)
 - Basic repairs as needed
- (All Equipment will be supplied as required)
- Start Date: January 2023

The successful applicant will be reliable, self-motivated, have basic maintenance and gardening skills and have a responsible attitude towards equipment and its operation in a public space.

Interested persons should contact Katie at the Preschool directly either by phone or email, contact details are as below

Phone: 0267821097 or Email:

barrabapreschool@gmail.com



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 \$1,600

SATURDAY: 10AM-

SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 1PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1,900

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

COMING EVENTS

16th DEC - TOY, HAMS, MEAT, FRUIT VEG TRAYS RAFFLES

17th DEC - XMAS PARTY (BOOKING PREFERRED)

\$25ph ENTERTAINMENT ROB BREEZE

18th DEC - CLUB AGM 10AM

NSW COVID-19 weekly update

In the past 7 days to 4pm Thursday 8 December 2022

40,194

new cases

16,076 RAT

24,118 PCR

48

lives lost*

As at 4pm Thursday 8 December 2022

1,526

people in hospital

40

people in ICU

* Not all COVID-19 deaths occurred in the week in which they are reported as there is sometimes a delay between a death occurring and it being notified to NSW Health.



COVID 19 isn't over!



Check out the NSW Health stats from last week.



Christmas Markets

On Saturday 17th December

4.30p.m. to 8p.m.

All usual stalls including

Jams, Honey, Plants,

Books, Gift Ideas



Richardson House Aged Care

Address: 24 Gotha St Barraba NSW 2347
Postal: PO Box 165 Barraba NSW 2347
Phone: 02 87821 563
Fax: 02 87821 937
Email: joanna.bridges@richardsonhouse.com.au

*"Success is not final, failure is not fatal:
It is the courage to continue that counts"*
Winston S Churchill

CHAIRMANS REPORT

Barraba & District Retirement Homes Inc.

2022

Richardson House and the Aged Care Sector experienced many well publicised challenges throughout the year. Pleasingly Richardson House was able to celebrate many successes as well. Our staff and residents demonstrated great resilience, patience and above all commitment in the face of a year that has again tested us.

The Covid 19 health pandemic continued to test our staff and residents and with our own outbreak staff were unable to take planned leave and families were unable to gather with residents as they had previously enjoyed.

Vaccination offered relevant protection for our residents and during the course of the outbreak we were able to operate successfully.

Our workforce has remained our most significant challenge nevertheless we have continued to operate notwithstanding the reduction in staffing levels.

Our residents have remained our paramount consideration. A focus on continuous improvement has seen Richardson House deliver innovative programs and approaches. This includes the introduction of a Virtual Aged Care Service provided by Rural and Remote Medical Services Limited. The service has been received positively by residents, families and staff. The service supplements that provided by our local GP's.

The financial viability of the Aged Care Sector has continued to deteriorate over recent years and we have not been immune from this trend. While we recorded a net deficit for the year we have maintained a strong cash flow position.

We have continued to incur costs associated with Covid 19 and protecting our staff and residents.

The pandemic has contributed to lower occupancy across the aged care sector yet our facility has been able to withstand that trend and we are confident with increased funding and reform for the aged care sector we will realise enhanced financial viability and performance in future years.

To our Manager Jo Bridges, her staff and our Board of Directors I wish to extend my thanks for your commitment and expertise over the year in steering our organisation.

We look forward to a happy and healthy future.

Phillip John Kruit
Chair

History Notes

Last notes for the year: don't forget the Christmas Evening Markets on Saturday night, commencing at 4.30pm – check the advertisement for details. No more markets after Saturday until at least February. Members have you put your name in for the lunch on Tuesday 20th.

This week we have had a request for information from a member of the Brindle family who lived along the Jump – up road some years ago. We have found a school photo or two but perhaps someone has other photos or information about Charlene.

An early photo of the site of the present-day Goldman's Building has appeared – anyone with Maurie Conway's book will find similar photo of The Commercial Store on page 53 but this one appears to be earlier one. There is a store on the right and the attached residence has a white fence along the same line as the store. Also in the photo are six people – two women, two men and two small children. Now the question is who were White and Lampert - was Lampert meant to be Lambert who lived at early Rockmore – remembering that this was around 1895 on the present-day old information site.

In reference to last week's notes re the Murray family information on several descendants of the original family were omitted.

The eldest daughter, Caroline married William Howard just before her 17th birthday on the Bingara goldfields. They had a son, William, who died on the goldfields 9th March, 1863 at 2 years of age. I imagine there were more children but I do not have the records. Her husband died a few years later and she married William Brooks in 1871, at Bingara and had a big family. Sadly, she died on 15th September, 1887, aged 47 years.

Second daughter, Martha, married William Lockrey, a widower from Inverell. She lived in the Stannifer area rearing her step- children and a family of her own. One of her stepsons married Maria Capel's daughter, Emma Maria, and they lived at Wyndella near Barraba for a number of years while he was headmaster of the Barraba School. I am sure residents will have heard of Bill Lockrey, who ran the school for many years. Possibly there are still people who remember the old man living in Alice Street with a couple of his children – I remember his big white beard – a bit like Santa Claus!!

Third daughter, Maria, as stated married John Capel and lived at Piedmont Woolshed for 40 years. The only child who died is buried near where the old Woolshed stood and several daughters were married from there before they moved to Rocky Creek Station early in the 20th century. Sadly, both Maria and John were deceased by 1914.

Wishing everyone

A Merry Christmas and

A Happy 2023

Markets this Saturday at 5p.m.



The dire flood crisis continuing to grip huge areas of land and communities within New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia has prompted the urgent relaunch of Rural

Aid's Buy a Bale rescue campaign in the lead up to Christmas.

Rural Aid has now made an urgent plea for donations through the Buy a Bale program, which first came to prominence when it raised \$100 million for drought-affected farmers between 2015 and 2020.

Rural Aid CEO, John Warlters, said "It's time to bring Buy a Bale back, not only to provide much-needed fodder deliveries, but also to offer financial assistance, clean drinking water, volunteer and counselling support to Aussie farming families facing this crisis."

Rural Aid predicts at least a two to three-year recovery for communities, with the funds required to adequately support farmers and families estimated to be in excess of \$50 million.

"These families need help, and they need it now. Without it, they face a frightening and uncertain time as the rest of the country gears up to celebrate Christmas."

All donations received by Rural Aid ensure the ongoing provision of critical economic and empathetic assistance to farmers, including the expansion of their national mental health and wellbeing program.

To support Rural Aid or make a donation go to:
www.buyabale.com.au

QUILT RAFFLE PROCEEDS SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE

The Barraba Potters and Craft Guild have presented 50% of the net proceeds of an Armistice Day Quilt made, and donated by, Robyn Brown to the Barraba Hospital Auxiliary. The quilt raffle, won by Annmaree Bridges, raised \$1,170 with a net result of \$1,010 being shared between the Guild and the Hospital Auxiliary.



Guild members, Annette Brittain and Judy Sautchuk, presented representatives of the Hospital Auxiliary with \$505 at a special meeting at the Fuller Gallery recently.



Photo supplied by Judy Sautchuk



LIFE-SAVING DEFIBRILLATORS FOR LOCAL SPORT CLUBS

The NSW Government's popular Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program is now open with local sport clubs and organisations encouraged to apply for up to \$9,000 in funding.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said sport is an important part of living in our communities for people of all ages and it was important that we are all safe while we stay active.

"Medical experts say the first eight minutes following a cardiac arrest are critical, so early access to CPR and a defibrillator is essential to saving lives," Mr Anderson said.

"I know that local sporting organisations and councils have been taking advantage of previous rounds of our defibrillator program and this is a great opportunity to for even more clubs to equip themselves with these life saving devices.

I encourage any local sporting organisation to get their applications in soon to help ensure we prevent the heartache that cardiac arrest can cause families."

Minister for Sport Alister Henskens said the NSW Government has committed an additional \$2 million over four years to the program.

"Whether you're at your local sailing club or playing footy with your mates, when someone has a cardiac arrest, time is crucial – they can happen to anyone, anytime, or anywhere so it's vital that a defibrillator is readily accessible," Mr Henskens said.

"Through this funding, the NSW Liberals and National Government is ensuring our sport clubs and venues are safe environments for everyone, both on and off the field."

The Local Sports Defibrillator Program is available to sport and recreation clubs, associations and organisations as well as councils and service clubs. Up to \$3,000 is available per device with organisations able to apply for up to three devices valued at \$9,000.

Applications are open and close Friday, 10 February 2023. For more information on the Program, visit: <https://sport.nsw.gov.au>.



Snakes are native to the region so be aware and try to discourage them from living near your home. Residents must be aware of the potential danger of snakes, particularly in the warmer months. Snakes are most active in warm weather and are often found in bushy areas. To discourage snakes from entering your property, ensure your garden is well maintained, clear of rubbish, and keep your grass short.

What do I do if I see a snake?

- do not approach it, attempt to kill it or try to capture it - leave it alone.
 - keep your distance, stay calm and advise others that there is a snake close by and to be aware.
 - if the snake poses a risk to a person(s) safety or is aggressive, you should contact the following for assistance; Wires (1300 131 554)
National Parks and Wildlife 1300 072 757 (13000 PARKS)
Fire Rescue NSW - 000 (Fire and Rescue teams have trained personnel to handle and remove snakes. However, they may/may not have someone on duty who can attend, so should not be your first point of call).
- * Tamworth Regional Council staff are not trained or authorised to handle or dispose of snakes.






What if myself or someone else thinks they have been bitten by a snake?

1. Call 000 for an ambulance
2. Do not wash the venom off skin or clothing –this may be used to identify the type of snake
3. Stay calm and lie down
4. A first aider should apply a pressure bandage firmly from the fingers (if bitten on arm) or toes (if on leg) upwards along the limb
5. Immobilise the limb with a splint
6. Write down the time of the bite and when the bandage was applied
7. Mark the location of the bite on the skin with a pen or take a photograph of the site
8. First aider should always stay with the person until the ambulance arrives

COMING SOON – JOBS, JOBS

Keep your eyes peeled for our upcoming intake of trainee and apprentices!

Kicking off January 3 we'll be recruiting for:

-  Trainee Lab Technician
-  Apprentice Fitter Machinist
-  Trainee - Headworks
-  Trainee Operator - AELEC
-  Trainee People & Culture

Stay tuned for more information at

www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/jobs from 3 January 2023.

Recent Anniversaries

- Dutch explorer Abel Tasman 'discovering' Van Diemen's Land (1642)
- the publication of Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*, which explained his theory of evolution by means of natural selection (1859)
- Helen Clark becoming the first elected female Prime Minister in New Zealand's history (1999)
- women voting in a national election for the first time, in New Zealand's general election (1893)
- the deaths of author Enid Blyton (1968) and artist Sidney Nolan (1992)
- the Ford Motor Company establishing the world's first moving assembly line (1913)
- the signing of the Antarctic Treaty (1959)
- Papua New Guinea gaining self-governance from Australia (1973)
- the earliest traceable patient, a 55yo man, developing symptoms of COVID-19 in Wuhan, China (2019)
- the Smith Family charity marks its centenary (1921)
- the Eureka Stockade (1854)
- the death of author Robert Louis Stevenson (1894)
- Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and US President George HW Bush declaring the Cold War over (1989)
- LOL c u l8r, it's the anniversary of the very first text message (1992)
- the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty that created Northern Ireland (1921)
- the death British naval officer William Bligh (1817)
- the passing of same-sex marriage legislation through the Australian Parliament (2017)
- the publication of the first edition of *Encyclopaedia Britannica* (1768)
- the birthday poet Emily Dickinson (1830)
- Anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) (1946)

Christmas – An Invitation to Join the Choir

Rev. Daniel Avenell, Barraba Anglican Church

The angels sang a glory song because God in Christ had come to earth, to unleash his glory on all who would put their trust in him. There is something particularly glorious about the hymns that explain and define the significance of the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Words like “Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity” or “He comes to make his blessing flow far as the curse is found” radiate with glory. Such songs echo the glory song that the angels first sang on the night when the most glorious thing in history happened: God took on human form. These words should ring in our hearts: God took on human form. God became a man. Deity took on humanity. Glory came to earth in human form. This could never be a story of mere human invention - that God should actually come on a rescue mission as a real human person. There is only one word that captures this one amazing, history-altering event: glory.

The angels sang a song of glory because the One who came was, is, and will ever be the sum and definition of glory. The angels sang of glory because Glory had come to earth to rescue us from the in-glory of sin and to unleash the forgiving and transforming glory of his grace on all who would believe. The hymn of the angels, and the hymns that have been written by God’s people since, shimmer with glory because the incarnation of Jesus is about a glorious Saviour coming to give grace to people who have forsaken his glory for the temporary and shallow glories of the created world.

But more than that, the angels as they sang that night, began a song that would never end. God’s people have penned and sung such songs about Jesus ever since. Whenever and wherever they gather, they sing together of the birth, the life, the death, the resurrection, the promises, the presence, the power, and the grace of Jesus. Around the world hearts lift and hope comes rushing in as melodies carry the precious truths of God’s most wonderful gift to us, the gift of his Son.

And in the final book of the Bible, Revelation, we are invited to listen to the voices of those who have passed over to their final and eternal home. What do we hear them singing? We hear them singing songs of glory about Jesus, just as the angels did on the night of his birth. “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God” (Rev. 19:1); “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory” (Rev. 19:6–7). On into eternity the songs echo. They are the celebration songs of the redeemed. And one day we will join that multitude, no longer looking forward in hope but looking back with the security of redemption accomplished, and with the angels

and the saints of old we who have trusted Jesus will sing songs of glory about Jesus forever. It’s true, the song that the angels began shall never ever end. And the Saviour who rescues, now invites all to join the choir.

Catholic Church Christmas Message

In a certain rural town where a friend of mine once served in, there was only one full time police officer to serve and protect the 1,200 residents.

He recalls saying casually to the officer; “I’m sure that Christmas is a great day for you and your young family.” He gave me a sad half smile and said, “The first half of the day is great but from 3 pm onwards I dread as I constantly receive calls from parents who want to see me about refereeing their custody disputes between their estranged partners, mainly over their children.”

He then told me that in as many words if only adults would make the effort to work in simply being more civil and respectful towards each other it would then make life so much better for themselves and their children. Especially at Christmas time.

It causes me to think: what is true success in life? I’m sure it must be to be able to heal relationships through being more understanding and kind, even to members of our family estranged from us. Christmas can be a very difficult time for people in a situation where they want to be with their family but cannot due to conflicts. There is no easy answer, and please do not take offence because it may definitely not be your fault.

Jesus of Nazareth had something to say about this reality when he spoke these words; *“Love one another as I have loved you. A peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. This is what I command you: love one another”*

We wish you a joyful Christmas and a very happy New Year especially blessed by our loving God.

Fr John Curran and the Catholic parish of Barraba and district





CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2022 – UNITING CHURCH in AUSTRALIA

So, this is Christmas!

As we prepare for our time of Christmas, thinking of presents, holidays, family, lost loved ones, those who will be missing from around our table, let us spend some time to reflect on the demise of so many others in our country, and around the world, who's Christmas only contains fear of war, death from starvation, disease from rampant infectious viruses and bacteria, struggle with the effects of the floods, and simply oppression from tyrannical leaders who destroy hope, freedom and lives.

In the words of John Lennon's song (*© Lennon Music, Chester Music, Ono Music*) we find the question –
So, this is Christmas
And what have we done
Another year over
And a new one begun.

Maybe it is important for us to reflect on what we have done in the past year, a year that has joys and sadness, filled with wonder, and regrets for missed opportunities. A year we have traded for a year of our life.

It doesn't matter who you are or who others try to make you, Christmas is for everyone –
The weak and the strong,
the rich and the poor,
those impacted by war and famine and disaster
people of all colours
the old and the young
those who are near and dear to us.

Christmas isn't just about "me", what we are going to get, it's about what we are going to give!

Let us be reminded that God freely gave his Son to everyone. Jesus came to bring love, joy, hope, and peace to earth. Maybe this Christmas we can do our part and help the world find peace.

Maybe we need to be mindful of those communities still suffering the effects of the floods, or those who (*because of rising cost of living*) cannot afford to put food on their tables, or people who no longer have a roof over their heads, or people who are suffering grief due to loss of someone close to them, or those who will have Christmas by themselves.

May you know love, joy, hope, and peace this Christmas and be ever mindful of those who continue to suffer around you for whatever reason.

Rev Jim Furze.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE DETAILS:

Manilla

9th December – Christmas

Fellowship 7.30pm

18th December – Community

Morning Tea 10.00am

CHRISTMAS DAY 25TH – Manilla
8.30 am.

SUNDAY Jan. 1st, 2023 – Manilla
11.00 am.

Barraba

CHRISTMAS DAY 25TH – Barraba
10.00 am.

SUNDAY Jan. 1st, 2023 – Barraba
8.45 am.

From Sunday 1st January Service time
8.45am for next four months.

Please note time change

All Welcome

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

Christmas Day Mass 9am

Barraba 1st & 5th Sunday, 6pm Saturday evening

2nd 3rd & 4th Sunday 9am

Upper Horton 3rd Sunday 11am

Weekday Mass Wednesday 10am

St Laurence's Barraba

Christmas Eve at St Laurence's 11pm

Christmas Day Morning service at 9.00am

We're live on the web

**Now you can get the local news
updated more frequently by going to**

www.barrabacommunitynews.org.au

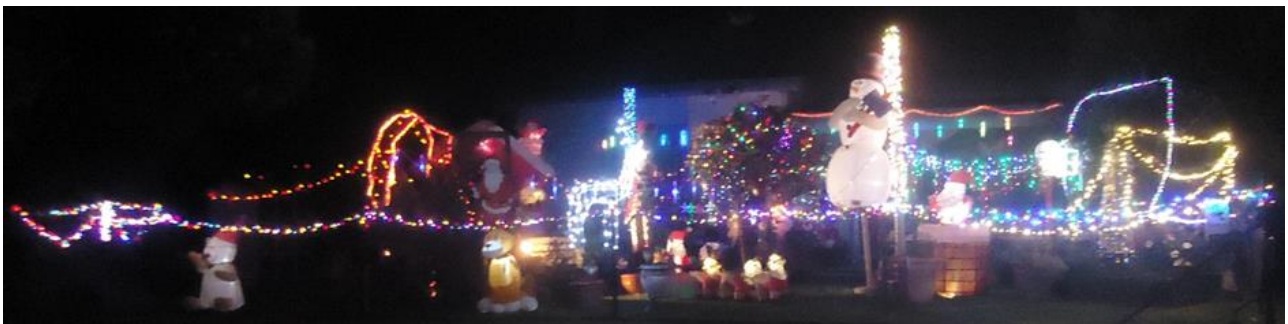
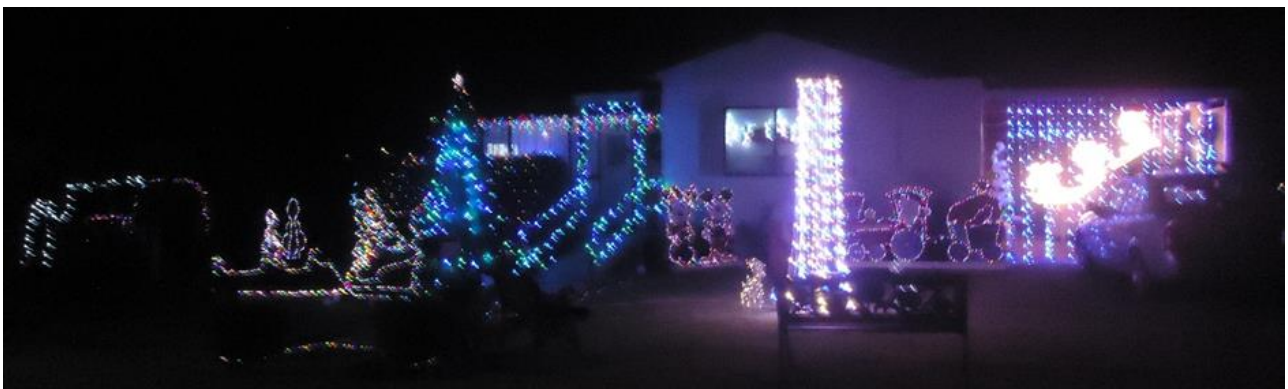
Snippets from St Laurence's

Christmas to me always means carol singing, so do you remember choirs from the Central School and St Josephs on the bank in front of the Primary School, each choir in turn moving to the steps to present an item for the audience seated in Gotha Street and overflowing into spare blocks, and then one of the Infants Departments making a tableau as we all sang carols accompanied by the Salvation Army Band?

On Christmas Eve there will be a late service at St Laurence's starting at 11pm. On Christmas Day there will be a service at 9am. Do join us. Daniel's last service with us will be on 8th January, 2023, and our new minister, Rev Matthew Hearne and his family will be with us on 28th. As we approach Christmas Day, and celebrations become more hectic, take time to think about what the prophet Isaiah said of the birth of Christ: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end." (Isaiah chapter 9, verse 6 and 7). Remember that the baby in the manger grew to be an adult, was crucified, died, and was buried, yet still lives and will return to claim his kingdom. Have a happy and holy Christmas.

Beth

SOME CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AROUND BARRABA





Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Trent, Lanie and staff at

Barraba Rural Traders

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your business and support over the past 12 months.

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Christmas Trading Hours:

Closed 24th December at 12md

Normal trading resumes 3rd January 2023 at 8am.



Barraba Pony Club

Merry Christmas and a Happy Horsey New Year ahead in 2023. New members always welcome Barraba Pony Club. 😊

*Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from John, Gayle and all our staff.
Cheers from The Pub*



C.W. Jeffery Bus Service & Charter
Servicing Barraba & District
0267821767 0427254385

Chris, Andrea and staff wishing all friends, family and clients a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CATERING TO BARRABA AND DISTRICT



The Barraba Caravan Park

Phone 02 67821818, man to talk to is Bobby Richardson.

But if you're going past – don't!

www.barraba.org 'click on' accommodation

***Thanking all guests and friends for their patronage in the past year
and extend best wishes to all for 2023.***



Wishing our clients and community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your continued patronage throughout the year.

Charlie & the team at Hart Rural





Barraba Pharmacy & Newsagency

Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years from all the staff.

Christmas Trading Hours

Sat 24/12/22 – Normal Trading
Sun 25/12/22 – CLOSED (Christmas Day)
Mon 26/12/22 – CLOSED (Boxing Day)
Tues 27/12/22 – CLOSED (Public Holiday)
Wed 28/12/22 - Normal Trading
Thurs 29/12/22 - Normal Trading
Fri 30/12/22 – Normal Trading
Sat 31/12/22 – Normal Trading (New Years' Eve)
Sun 1/1/23 – CLOSED
Mon 2/1/23 – CLOSED (New Years' Day Public Holiday)
Thurs 26/1/23 – CLOSED (Australia Day)



BARRABA MOTORS

Mark, Rachel, Amy and Max wish all customers a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year and thank them for their patronage during 2022.

We will be closed during the holiday period, reopening on 1st February 2023.

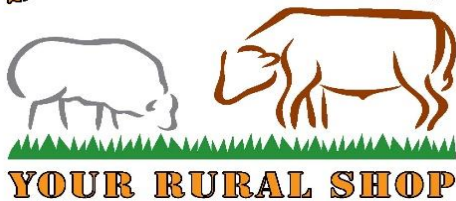
Queen Street Café

Phone 67822106

Wishing one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year. XOXO



STOCK & CROP



Wish all our customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you for your patronage throughout the year.



Christmas Drinks

Please come and join us for Christmas drinks on Wednesday 21st December from 1pm.

Christmas/New Year closure

Last trading day for 2022 Friday 23rd Dec 2022.
Reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.



Community College Northern Inland Inc.

The team at your local Community College wish you all a Happy and Safe Christmas and all the best in 2022.

The office will be closed from Friday 16th Dec 2022 to Monday 9th Jan 2023.





Shop 117-119 Queen St - Barraba
P. (0)2 6782 1585

Kylie wishes all Universal customers a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year and thank you for your support.



Closed from 24th December 12md
Reopen on 9th January 2023

Merlene's Fine Fibres Studio

86 Queen St Barraba
Phone 02 67821838

Merlene and Laurie wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Barraba Rugby Football Club Inc.

The Barraba Bulldogs wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thank you for your support this year.



SEE YOU ON THE PADDOCK NEXT YEAR!



THE CORNER STORE

21 Queen St Barraba
0267821058

Rakesh, Raji, and Yolanda wish all customers a MERRY CHRISTMAS and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR and thanks all for your patronage.

OPEN Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Barraba RSL and Recreation Amateur Anglers Club

Wish all members and friends a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Hope the fish are biting in 2023!



BARRABA MEN'S SHED



Members of the Barraba Men's Shed wish all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.



PJK LAW

149 Queen St Barraba
Phone 0267821103

Phil and Marilou wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We will be closing on Wednesday 21 Dec 2022 at 1pm and reopen on Wednesday 9 Jan 2023 at 9am

D.J. Kelly & Co.

Chartered Accountants
122 Queen St Barraba.
Phone 67821403



Wish their clients and friends a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

BARRABA SHIRE BAND

The Bandmaster and Band Members wish all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Thank you for your support during 2021.

We're always looking for new members.



Barraba Rugby Union Club

The Barraba Rams wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

A big thank you to all our supporters for a successful 2022 season.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE PADDOCK IN 2023!

THE ROTARY CLUB

Would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their continued support, and to the people who have assisted us throughout the year.



WE WISH ONE AND ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

TJ and WA ENDACOTT PLUMBING

Phone Tim 0428852054

AH 02 67852054

Tim, Wendy and James wish all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Members of the Barraba Potters and Craft Guild and Fuller Gallery wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a wonderful, safe and healthy New Year

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Nandewar
Historical Society Inc

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and thank you for supporting our Barraba Markets.

See you at the Markets in February 2023.

The Museum is closed from 23rd December to 5th January 2023.

Turning Heads Hair and Beauty Salon

130 Queen St
Phone 67821167

Jenny and Jon wish all clients a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Hope to see your hair there!

Closed from 22nd Dec
Reopen on 4th Jan 2023.



NORTH BARRABA DIESEL

Adam Russell phone 02 67821485

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thank you for your support in 2022.



Closed during the Christmas break.

John, Robyn, Ben, Josh and Kahlee of

Barraba Beef

Wish all customers and friends Peace and Happiness at Christmas and all through 2023

Merry Christmas

The President and Members of the Barraba Lions Club

Take this opportunity to wish the people of Barraba a happy and prosperous Christmas and New Year and thank all for your generous support in the past.





Dr Jay, Dr Neil, Dr Hein and Staff of



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Wish all a very Happy, Healthy and Safe Christmas and Happy Holidays.



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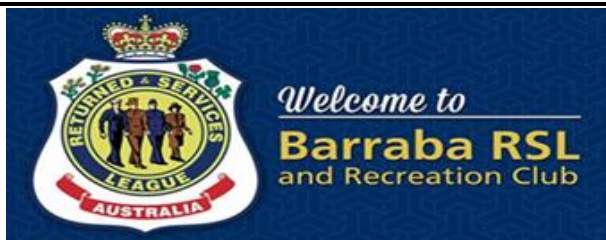
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Phone 0408117358

Steve, Alison, Jack and Kane wish all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you all for your generous support in the past.



Thanks all members, friends and guests for their patronage in the past year and extends best wishes to all for 2023.



Club closed Christmas Day. Bistro closed 25th to 28th Dec





Saunders Fruit and Vegetable Supplies

Merry Christmas and thank you for your support throughout 2022. Best wishes for 2023.

John and Toni

Closed 25th to 27th Dec

Merry Christmas

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107-109 Queen St Barraba

Wishing all our clients and friends a happy and healthy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and look forward to continuing to enjoy your company in 2023.

Rhonda and Kelly

For trading hours and hair dressing with Rhonda phone 67822111.

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Barraba Bakery

Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



We will be closed from 4pm on 23rd December and reopen on 30th January 2023.



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Sandra and staff would like to wish all their customers and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New year and thank all for their support during 2022.

Barraba Senior Citizens

Wish all their members and Housie Players a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
See you all in 2023.



All new members are welcome
phone 67821920 or 0419983153

BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Letters to the Editor

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It is important to ensure the opinions expressed are not discriminatory or offensive. The Editor reserves the right to use judgement to edit or decline to print should a letter not meet editorial standards.



Golf Notes

Adam Russell won the chicken with 24 points and ensuring his "Hackers" team will almost certainly win the Twilight competition. Close behind were Finn Allan and John Harris with 23 points, Jesse Phillips and Josh Austin 22 and Dustin Hiscock, Bevon Benson, Des Kelaher, Ed Lockrey and Phil Hiscock all with 21 winning balls. Tom Mellor, Lincoln Brown, Dan Lott, Brock Phillips, Sam Faint, David York, Kerrie Smith and Sam Knight all scored 20 points and unlucky not to win a ball but would have broken the bank. Maybe the course drying out is contributing but last week scores weren't all that high.

With one week to go "Hackers" lead the comp with 286 points followed by "Bareela Birdies" 273, "Lotta Piggins" 272 and "Manilla Boys" 64. The other 12 teams are pretty much playing for pride and planning for next year.

Michael Artis won the meat.



- **When does it become too wet to play golf?** When your golf cart capsizes.
- **Why is it that computers are so good at golf?** Because they have hard drives.
- **Among golfers, which bird is their favourite?** Any birdie will do.
- **Why do golfers carry pair of gloves?** In case they get a hole in one.

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Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology

Thursday 15 Dec
Summary Max 23
Sunny
Chance of rain: 0%



Friday 16 Dec
Summary Min 6 Max 26
Mostly sunny
Chance of any rain: 0%



Saturday 17 Dec
Summary Min 8 Max 26
Mostly sunny
Chance of any rain: 5%



Sunday 18 Dec
Summary Min 8 Max 25
Partly cloudy
Chance of rain: 20%



Monday 19 Dec
Summary Min 8 Max 23
Cloudy
Chance of any rain: 20%



Tuesday 20 Dec
Summary Min 6 Max 26
Sunny
Chance of any rain: 5%



Wednesday 21 Dec
Summary Min 8 Max 27
Cloud clearing
Chance of any rain: 10%



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Copeton 97.0%
Keepit 99.0%
Split Rock 100.0%

Hitting the beach this summer? Here are some of our top animal picks to look out for

*John Turnbull, Postdoctoral Research Associate, UNSW
Emma Johnston, Professor and Dean of Science, UNSW*

Australia has one of the longest coastlines in the world. And it's packed with life of all shapes and sizes – from lively dolphins leaping offshore, to tiny crabs scurrying into their holes.

Here is just some of the diverse coastal life you might expect to see this summer, if you spend some time at the water's edge.

Dolphins and turtles

We're fortunate to have 15 species of dolphin (and one porpoise!) living in Australian waters. The large bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops* spp.) are relatively common and can be spotted all the way around our coast.

You might see them playing in the waves, jumping out of the water, or even surfing among humans.



Bottlenose dolphins are generally grey with a lighter underside and have a pronounced, curved dorsal (upper) fin.

Turtles are less obvious, but can be spotted as they bob their heads out of the water to breathe. Australia's coasts are home to six of the world's seven sea turtles (all listed as either vulnerable or endangered).

The more common green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) can be found everywhere except in the coldest southern waters. In summer, the turtles travel north to the tropical waters of QLD, NT and WA to reproduce – laying their eggs in the warm sand.



Green turtles often get tangled in discarded fishing gear and nets and can die from ingesting plastics, so don't litter! John Turnbull/Flickr

Another reptile you might encounter in the eastern coastal areas is the water dragon (*Intellagama lesueurii*). You'll find them hovering around beach-side picnic areas, looking for tasty treats such as flies, ants, bugs, native fruits and flowers. As with all native animals, it's important not to feed them.



Water dragons are good swimmers and stay near the water. John Turnbull/Flickr, Author provided

Heads in the clouds

If you cast your eyes up, you'll see many coastal bird species soaring above.

Two of our favourites are the protected white-bellied sea eagle (*Haliaeetus leucogaster*) and the sooty oystercatcher (*Haematopus fuliginosus*). Both rely on marine animals for food, and nest in coastal areas right around Australia.



With a wingspan of up to 2m, you can find white-bellied sea eagles soaring above headlands. WikiCommons

The sea eagle mostly feeds on fish, turtles and sea snakes. It was recently listed as either threatened, endangered, or vulnerable in four states, largely as a result of coastal developments.

Meanwhile the sooty oystercatcher is, well, all black. It has distinctive bright-orange eyes and a long beak. Sooties can be found strutting among the seaweed and sea squirts on rocky shores.

As the name suggests, these birds enjoy eating molluscs and other invertebrates.



The sooty gives a loud whistling call before taking flight. John Turnbull/Flickr,

Crawling coastal critters

Many a critter will run for cover as sooties (and humans) approach, including the swift-footed crab (*Leptograpsus variegatus*). This crab's mostly purple body is sprinkled with flecks of olive, and sometimes orange.

The species lives among the rocky shores around southern Australia, from WA to QLD, and even Tasmania.



The swift-footed crab can grow to about 5cm in shell width. John Turnbull/Flickr,

You're much less likely to see another common crab, the sand bubbler. But you might see the results of its industrious activity on flat, wet and sandy areas.

Sand bubblers live in underground burrows, emerging during the low tide to filter sand through their mouthparts looking for food.

In this process, they end up making little pea-sized sand balls. When the tide starts to rise again, they return to their burrows and wait in a bubble of air, which they use to breathe, until the tide recedes.



Sand bubblers, from the family Dotillidae, are tiny and will quickly hide if they sense danger. John Turnbull/Flickr,

Magnificent molluscs

Molluscs are another diverse group of marine animals on our shores, and one of the best known molluscs is the octopus. Along with squid and cuttlefish, this trio of cephalopods is considered to be among the most intelligent invertebrates on Earth.



Near urban areas, octopuses have been known to make homes of bottles, jars and even discarded coffee cups. John Turnbull, Author provided

In the case of the octopus, this may be due to having nine “brains”, including a donut-shaped brain in the head and a mini brain in each tentacle, which allow the tentacles to operate somewhat independently.

Australia has several octopus species, from the gloomy octopus (*Octopus tetricus*) on the east coast, to the Maori octopus (*O. maorum*) in the south. The potentially deadly blue-ringed octopus (*Hapalochlaena* sp.) is found right around Australia.



This gloomy octopus made a move for my camera as I took its photo. John Turnbull/Flickr, Author provided

Octopus forage at night, in shallow waters and to depths exceeding 500 metres. During the day they'll return to their lair, which may be a hole, a ledge or a crack in a rock. They'll

often decorate their home with the discarded shells of their prey.

(Sometimes) stingers

You've probably seen jellyfish at the beach before, too. Species such as the moon jelly (*Aurelia aurita*) are harmless. But others can deliver a painful sting; bluebottles (*Physalia utriculus*) might come to mind here, also called the Pacific man-of-war.

Bluebottles and their relatives, blue buttons (*P. porpita*) and by-the-wind sailors (*V. velella*) don't swim. They float at the ocean's surface and go where the winds blow, which is how they sometimes get washed onto the beach.



By-the-wind sailors have an angled 'sail' which takes advantage of the wind, moving them large distances to catch prey. John Turnbull/Flickr, Author provided

than being one animal, they are made of many polyps or “zooids” living together in a floating colony. Each polyp has a specialised role such as flotation, stinging, catching prey, digestion or reproduction.

Anemones are also related to jellyfish, and come in many shapes and colours – from the bright red waratah anemone (*Actinia tenebrosa*) found in all states, to the multi-coloured shellgrit anemone (*Oulactis muscosa*) found from SA to QLD. They use their tentacles to sting and catch prey, but have no impact on humans.

Many anemones live among the rocks and rock pools in the intertidal area, although some species, such as the swimming anemone (*Phlyctenactis tuberculosa*), live as deep as 40m underwater.



Top left: shellgrit anemone, top right: swimming anemone, bottom left: red waratah anemone, bottom right: green snakelock anemone (*Aulactinia veratra*) John Turnbull/Flickr, Author provided

Fancy fishes

Of course there are many fish to be seen along our shores – more than we could possibly mention here! In the shallows, we particularly like to find big-eyed gobies.

Some of the most colourful fish in this zone are young damselfish. These are most diverse in tropical Australia, but still found in temperate waters. Their juvenile forms can be striped and spotted, with colours ranging from bright yellow to iridescent blue.



Immaculate damsels are endemic to Australian waters. John Turnbull/Flickr, Author provided

It's best to photograph any fish you want to identify. Resources such as Reef Life Survey and Fishes of Australia can help with this.

If you upload your photos to the iNaturalist website, other users can help you ID them too. Uploading is also a big help to scientists, who then have a record of each sighting.

Finally, the diversity of marine life on our coast isn't something we can afford to take for granted. So if you hit the beach this summer, make sure you:

- do not bring any single-use plastics
- never leave anything behind (and preferably pick up any litter you see)
- and keep pets and cars away from sensitive habitats, such as dunes and bird nesting areas.

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