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BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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REFLECT, RESPECT & CELEBRATE THIS AUSTRALIA DAY IN

BARRABA

AT THE BARRABA GOLF CLUB

6PM
Australia Day Awards Ceremony

7PM
Entertainment from Brothers Hollow and Al Buchan and The Buccaneers

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Reflect, respect and celebrate Australia Day 2023

Residents and visitors alike are being called on to come together across this region this Australia Day to reflect, respect and celebrate the strength and spirit of our local communities. Wherever you will be spending Australia Day this year, Tamworth Regional Council has made sure there is a community event nearby for you to take part in.

Council's Manager Events, Barry Harley, said he is excited to be providing more opportunities for people to get involved in. "This Australia Day will be one of the biggest we have seen with events in seven locations across the region", Mr. Harley said. "Thanks to funding from the NSW Government and the National Australia Day Council, plus support from local community groups, there will be something for everyone". Celebration highlights will include Australia Day Awards ceremonies at Barraba, Manilla, Nundle and Tamworth, a best Aussie hat competition at Bendemeer, fireworks at Kootingal and Tamworth, and a classic Australia Day cricket match at Woolomin.

Barraba – Celebrate your local heroes with the Barraba Australia Day Awards from 6pm at the Barraba Golf Club with Australia Day Ambassador Dr. Tanya Silveira-Price. Then round out the night with music from 7pm until 9:30pm including Brothers Hollow (7pm) and Al Buchan and The Buccaneers (8:15pm).

Manilla – Manilla residents and visitors will be kicking off celebrations with an event on Australia Day Eve (25 January) at the Manilla Showgrounds. The event, hosted by the Manilla Matters Committee, will be attended by Australia Day Ambassador and homelessness advocate Suzanne Hopman. The program includes the Manilla Australia Day Awards starting at 6pm, followed by entertainment from 7pm including Sally-Anne Whitten & The Rumour Mill from 8pm and Al Buchan and The Buccaneers from 9pm. Celebrations will finish at 10pm.

The events in Barraba, Bendemeer, Kootingal, Manilla, and Nundle, plus the events held in Woolomin and at the Tamworth War Memorial Town Hall, have received \$10,000 funding from the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council. For more details about Australia Day events across the region visit www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/ausday2023

Barraba Lions Club inc.

Christmas Tree Raffle Winners

- 1st Trevor Hill - \$1000 meat voucher donated by Barraba Lions Club
- 2nd Chris Jobson - \$600 Meat voucher donated by Barraba Lions Club
- 3rd P Heywood - \$400 Meat voucher donated by Barraba Lions Club
- 4th Lee Jackson- \$200 voucher donated by About Barraba
- 5th Lyn Bridges - \$100 voucher donated by Barraba IGA
- 6th Paul Sheddon- \$100 voucher donated by Barraba Rural Traders
- 7th Lee Jackson - \$100 voucher donated by Barraba Pharmacy
- 8th Don Watts - \$100 voucher donated by Frocks 'N' Locks
- 9th Judy Crowley - \$100 voucher donated by Barraba Beef
- 10th Lyn Louis - \$50 voucher donated by Saunders Fruit & Veg

100 Club Winners

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| 1 st Lyn Simpson \$250 | 5 th Ken Hiscock \$20 |
| 2 nd Ron Bridges \$100 | 6 th David Bridges \$20 |
| 3 rd Julie Trotter \$50 | 7 th Doug Drew \$20 |
| 4 th Hamilton Trotter \$20 | 8 th Gary Bridges \$20 |



Dorrie Crowley dies at 102

Doris (Dorrie) Crowley, late of Bingara, died on 11 January 2023, one week short of her 103rd Birthday. Her funeral will be held at St Lawrence's Anglican Church, Barraba, on WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2023, commencing at 11.30am.



**BARRABA SHOW
IMPORTANT DATES**

WORKING BEE AT BARRABA
SHOWGROUND STARTING AT 8AM:

4TH FEB 23
11TH FEB 23
25TH FEB 23

NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY 15TH FEB 23
6:30PM AT BARRABA BOWLING CLUB

Any help for the working bee's appreciated as well as attendance at the last meeting before the show

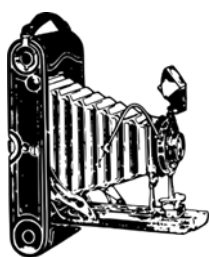


2023 BARRABA SHOW (3-5 MARCH 23)

The Barraba Show invites all shop owners to take part in the 2023 Window Display Competition with this years pavilion theme being "FISH".

The competition will be judged on the 1st March 2023.

GET CLICKING FOR THE 2023 BARRABA SHOW



It is definitely time to start thinking about your photography entries for the 2023 Barraba Show – March will be here before you know it!

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

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

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

Thanks to all the wonderful sponsors who are supporting the photography section, allowing us to provide wonderful prizes for the winning entries. Our 2023 sponsors are: Caremore Pharmacy Barraba, Wentworth Travel, Guy

Derrick Memorial, Manilla Express Digital Print Kiosk, Rocky Glen Ag, Chloe Renee Photography, Sandra Allen, Paula McIver Photography, Nanette Bowman, Janene Randall, Jennylyn King, Daisy Groth Memorial, Mandy Cabot, Andy's Guest House, Gerda Gamper, Jenny Farrar, Sue Retschlag, Barraba Potters & Craft Guild Inc and Barraba Shutter Bugs.

BARRABA SHOW 2023 - WOOL SECTION



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

With more producers moving to shorter shearing intervals, we have decided to introduce a "Merino Short Wool" class in 2023.

This class will be open to fleeces with 6-8 months of growth. If this class receives sufficient support; it is intended to incorporate further short wool classes in future years as producers move away from 12 monthly shearing.

The Chief Steward of the Wool Section, Ian McColl, was very happy with the number of entries last year but is hopeful of even more in 2023.

The wool section would like the continued support from their sponsors; Taminda Wool Trading, IT & N Spencer Memorial, Schute Bell Badgery Lumby, Stock & Crop, Appledore Pastoral Company, JF & AM Doak, Barraba Show Society and Rocky Glen Ag.



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Barraba Preschool gets a kitchen garden

"The staff at Barraba Preschool are thrilled to be participating in the HealthWISE kitchen garden program. We have been planning to implement a kitchen garden into our daily program and this grant will help us achieve this," Katie Shadbolt said.

Local early childhood centres have been given a share of \$65,000 in small grants to aid in the creation of kitchen gardens.

HealthWISE has gifted 15 centres in the New England North West region of NSW and another two from the Darling Downs and West Moreton regions of QLD up to \$4000 each to provide resources for building kitchen gardens and membership in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation. HealthWISE aims to support children to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh seasonal food and create positive food habits for life.

Katie Shadbolt said "Our goal is to design a learning environment that educates children about food and helps them to form positive food habits for life. The program will naturally support sustainable learning for children as they will learn how to interact with and care for the natural environment."

"We know that fruit and vegetable intake is a key factor in preventing most illnesses, yet the majority of Australians, including children, consume far less than the recommended number of servings per day – especially in regional areas," HealthWISE preventative health officer Kritika Jain explained.



Kritika Jain, preventative health officer, who is running this initiative

"There is evidence that exposing children to a variety of fruits and vegetables in early childhood and engaging them in the process of growing their own produce can increase habitual consumption of these foods throughout life and prevent major illnesses."

Kitchen garden initiatives have led to improvements in child nutritional status, food security, and fruit and vegetable consumption. Gardening can be an excellent form of therapy for conditions as wide ranging as autism spectrum disorder and childhood cancer. It provides sensory input, helps improve fine motor skills and coordination and encourages outdoor physical activity.

The grants came from the HealthWISE gift fund, through which the local non-profit supports community projects that promote health and wellbeing.

The fund has previously supported Pilliga New Generation Football Club, Tamworth Cycle junior skills sessions, a Moree Secondary College girls fitness program and the Gomeri Gaaynggal Centre's Indigenous childhood study.

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation memberships will guide the centres through the building process.

Following an enthusiastic response from local early childhood centres for the kitchen garden program, \$15,000 was added to the existing fund late last year. This will allow funding for smaller centres, and will also support the children to explore Aboriginal cultural learnings of native plants and food.

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Recognising Warren Woodley OAM.



In 2010 the movie 'Beneath Hill 60' was released and this is where Warren first had his long association with Barraba school children and the community of

Barraba and our Military history. Warren had a link with the movie as his grandfather was one of the Australian soldiers that served as a tunneller at Hill 60. As we know, Warren arranged for students to go to Tamworth to see the movie.

In 2012, on the 10th November, the Barraba Military History Group, with the kind donation from Warren, were able to pay respect to those who served in the 33rd battalion WW1 and to those who paid the supreme sacrifice with a nominal and pictorial plaques that are positioned to complement our town clock memorial.

Warren, and descendants of the 33rd Battalion, unveiled both plaques.

In 2013 the Barraba Military Group, under the guidance of Warren, erected another historical and pictorial plaque to honour one of Barraba's finest, James Darlington. This plaque was funded by Country Energy. Once again well received by the community.

On Remembrance Day 2014, Warren once again was instrumental in the planning of acknowledging the contribution of the Barraba Women who served in WW2. It was very fitting that Warren and Joyce Abra unveiled this plaque that is now placed around the town clock memorial. Warren also organised a dinner where Joyce spoke to the guests about her life, post war, with a husband who had been a prisoner of war and the difficulties they both had adjusting.

Warren was also responsible for arranging Vietnam Veterans to go to the Barraba High School to talk about their experience and in particular the Year 10 students studying the Vietnam conflict. A true hands-on living classroom.

Without Warren's support these projects would not have transpired. He has promoted the military history of Barraba at a community level, but to me, I think it was the individual family level that I believe his best work was done.

Thanks to Robert Sweeney and Paula McIver for this tribute to Warren Woodley

The Handkerchief Project: Afghan women sew hopes during the war

An artistic exchange between Afghan and Australian women, The Handkerchief Project, has been acquired by the Australian War Memorial. More than 40 mixed media handkerchiefs were sent to Afghan women by Australian women during the Afghanistan War. On each handkerchief an Afghan woman sewed her response. The handkerchiefs will be taken into the National Collection to represent the lives of women during the war.

Afghanisan participant, Mursal Rahimi, said the teamwork between the Australian and Afghan women was important. "It means a lot to me and lots of other people in my country. It was amazing that women from two different countries with very different levels of education, with different languages, and very different cultures worked together very closely and provided such wonderful artworks," Rahimi said.

Project founder Gali Weiss said: "The objective of the project was to support women in Afghanistan in their quest to acquire and use literacy skills."

The Australian women's work was sent in 2018 to the Organisation for Promoting Afghan Women's Capabilities (OPAWC) in Kabul, which was running literacy and vocational classes. Handkerchiefs were selected because they were easy to transport and could be used with various media, including printmaking and embroidery. The handkerchiefs were then delivered to OPAWC's Vocational Centre in Kabul. Afghan women learning literacy skills there were invited to write or embroider directly on, over or around the Australian women's imagery, using any medium. The handkerchiefs were returned to Australia, bearing messages such as: "My aim is to become a judge"; "Our country needs peace"; "I wish to see my family healthy"; "I want to live in freedom forever"; and "I hope that no more Afghan mothers shed tears from the loss of their children". The collection has found the right home to share this important message with Australia: messages of connection and friendship, but most importantly, solidarity between two cultures.





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MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$2,000
SATURDAY: 10AM
SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM
ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 1PM
MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$2,000 (3 draws)
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THURS/FRI/SAT: LUNCH 12-2PM DINNER 6-8.00PM
SUNDAY: LUNCH 12-2PM
COURTESY CAR NOW AVAILABLE

The **Westpac Rescue Helicopter** was tasked by New South Wales Ambulance just after 2pm on the 2nd January to a camp drafting accident at Upper Horton SW of Bingara. NSW Ambulance Paramedics and the Helicopter Critical Care Medical Team treated and stabilised a man in his 50's who had suffered leg and rib injuries and was airlifted to Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital in a stable condition for further treatment.



The Royal Commission into the Robodebt Scheme is urging anyone who was impacted by the Robodebt scheme to share their story before submissions close in less than a month. The Robodebt Royal Commission has received 522 submissions to date.

The final day to make a submission is 3 February 2023.

For anyone who is unable to use the online form, there are a number of other ways to make a submission:

- Phone 1800 317 022 to make your submission over the phone.
- Email RRC.enquiries@royalcommission.gov.au or write to us at GPO Box 546, Brisbane QLD 4001 to receive a paper submission form.
- We can receive your submission via video or audio recording. Email RRC.enquiries@royalcommission.gov.au and ask for instructions on how to record and securely upload your video or audio submission or for assistance to make a video recording.

To fill out the online form or to find out more about other ways to make a submission, visit <https://robodebt.royalcommission.gov.au/share-your-story>

For more information about the Royal Commission visit <https://robodebt.royalcommission.gov.au/>

Lower Cost of PBS Medicines From 1 January

The new, lower cost of PBS medicines comes into effect on New Year's Day, meaning the most patients will pay for a PBS listed medication is \$30, down from \$42.50.

This follows Parliament passing legislation late last year to lower the maximum co-payment cost of PBS medicines.

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia's National President, Professor Trent Twomey, says this will be a big help to some 19 million patients, especially those who have been struggling to afford their medicines. "In 2019-20 we learnt that 900,000 Australian patients did not get a script filled because they could not afford it. As health professionals, this disturbed us immensely and led to our "Affordable Medicines Now" campaign which pressured both parties to commit to lowering the cost of PBS medicines in the lead up to the last election. January 1 marks a significant date as it will be the first time in the history of the PBS that the general co-payment for medicines has come down and not gone up."

You can find a local community pharmacist via <https://www.findapharmacy.com.au/>.

Karin Thurston has been researching edible flowers and has provided this very interesting website www.thompson-morgan.com/edible-flowers. Some extracts are included below:

“Flowers have formed part of our diet for thousands of years. Chinese cooks were experimenting with edible flowers as far back at 3,000 B.C.E. and the Romans used violets and roses in their food as well as lavender in sauces. The practice is still going strong today, with many restaurants using petals to add a unique flavour and appearance.



But it's not just restaurant chefs who can use flowers in cooking. You'd be surprised at how many edible varieties you can find in your own garden. Here are some of the most popular edible blooms, and ideas for how to use them.

Edible flowers are always best when picked fresh from the garden. They'll taste even better if you can pick them early in the morning before they've had too much sun.

But if that's not possible, don't worry. Put them straight in the fridge (in a plastic container) and try to use them within a few days.

Wash and dry them gently by dipping them in a bowl of water and gently shaking. This should also help remove any bugs or bees that might have stowed away within the petals.

Speaking of the petals – these are the best parts of many edible flowers. So remove the heel at the base of the petal (it's bitter), as well as the stamens, pistil and calyx of larger flowers. Some, like pansies, however, you can eat whole.

If you're in any doubt as to whether or not a flower is edible – don't eat it. It's a simple rule of thumb, but effective. Also, if you have pollen allergies, you might want to avoid eating edible flowers altogether.

Here are a few other important tips:

❓ Don't pick faded, dusty, old or discoloured flowers in your garden (or when foraging) that are near a road or an area that animals use.

❓ Don't treat your edible flowers with pesticides. Instead, if you have problems with pests, cut the flower back and encourage regrowth instead.

So, with that in mind, here are a few edible flowers you might already grow or choose to plant in your own backyard, plus a few to be sure to avoid.

10 COMMON EDIBLE FLOWERS:



Cornflower – A sweet-to-spicy clove-like flavour.

Dahlia – Flavours range from water chestnut and spicy apple to carrot.

Hibiscus – Great addition to fruit salads or to make a citrus-flavoured tea.

Honeysuckle – Enjoy the nectar fresh, or use petals make a syrup, pudding, or a tea.

Magnolia – The young flowers can be pickled or used fresh in salads.

Nasturtium – Tasting peppery, like watercress, these make a lovely salad addition.

Pansy – Mild and fresh-tasting, they're great in a green salad or as a garnish.

Rose – Lovely in drinks, fruit dishes, jams, and jellies thanks to its delicate fragrance.

Scented Geraniums – The flavours range from citrusy to a hint of nutmeg.

Cape Jasmine – Extremely fragrant, they're ideal for pickling, preserving, and baking

10 UNUSUAL EDIBLE FLOWERS:

Forget-me-not – Delicious as a trail snack on its own or as a garnish

Sunflower – The mild nutty taste makes the petals good in salads or stir fries.



Hollyhock – Remove the centre stamen (e.g. pollen) before eating.

Lilac – Enjoy mixed with cream cheese or yogurt as a dip or spread.

Camellia – Used fresh as garnishes or dried and then used in Asian cuisine.

Fuchsia – Enhance the flavour by removing all green and brown bits and the stamen.

Freesia – Great infused in a tisane with lemon juice and zest.

Gladiolus – Mild in taste (similar to lettuce), they're good in sweet or savoury dishes.

Peony – The petals taste lovely fresh in salads, or lightly cooked and sweetened.

Pinks – Tasting of clove, they're good in flavoured sugars, oils and vinegars.

10 POISONOUS PLANTS YOU SHOULD NEVER EAT:



Daffodil – Eating any part of a daffodil will cause distress due to the toxin, lycorine.

Poppy – Give these a wide berth as all poppies are poisonous.

Foxglove – These contain naturally-occurring poisons that affect the heart.

Oleander – The whole plant is highly-toxic – one of the most toxic garden plants in fact.



Clematis – Mild, but toxic, contact with clematis (mouth or skin) can cause irritation.

Bluebell – All parts of the bluebell contains toxic glycosides.

Rhododendron – Its toxins can impact heart rhythm and blood pressure.

Larkspur – Its toxic alkaloids are fast-acting and potentially life-threatening.

Hydrangea – The small amount of cyanide in Hydrangeas make them dangerous.

Lily-of-the-Valley – Pretty, but they contain convallatoxin, which should not be ingested."

REFERENCE: "Edible Flower Guide", *Thompson & Morgan*, www.thompson-morgan.com/edible-flowers

Thanks Karin for providing this interesting information for the cooks and gardeners. There is a full list of edible flowers (in table form) on the website, which is well worth perusing.

CLAYPAN RECEIVES A VISIT FROM OLD FRIENDS

Judy and Jim Parson's raised their family on a property down in the Horton Valley and were a big part of our Barraba community before selling their property over 20 years ago and moving away. Judy was very involved in our Potters and Craft Guild and served on the committee in the 1990's.

We had a lovely morning chatting with Judy, remembering her time in Barraba. Judy keeps up-to-date with our Facebook page and their Barraba friends.



Words and photo supplied by Jenny Simpson.



History Notes

Welcome to the new year – hopefully one with normal weather for a change. The

historical society will hold its first meeting this week to organize a couple of functions for the beginning of the year. There has been a steady stream of queries from family historians both visiting and on social media. The calendars are now almost sold out so be quick if you wish to buy one – Julie or Margaret can help or call at the museum on Friday.

Most Barraba residents will be aware that Alan Cunningham passed through the Barraba district in 1827 while exploring the countryside inland from the Hunter Valley to Brisbane – there is the Cunningham memorial erected near Taylor's Reserve on the way out to Hawkin's Creek. I wonder how many people have stopped to read the plaque unveiled by the late Elsie Capel in 1970?

Recently a 1960 Royal Historical Society Journal has appeared and it has an article on Alan Cunningham which may be of interest. Alan Cunningham was born in Wimbledon, Surrey in 1791 and was working at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew in 1814 when Joseph Banks sent him to collect plants in Brazil. Two years later he appears in New South Wales and joined Oxley's expedition to the Lachlan. He later visited what is now Queensland stopping at Magnetic Island and spending time on the Endeavour River.

Governor Darling decided that Cunningham was the most experienced man to lead an expedition to what is now northern N.S.W. following up on Oxley's 1818 expedition to the Peel and then exploring north to the New England Tableland. Rough country and the drought saw him head further west and north crossing the Namoi River, just north of Carroll, where he caught some fine cod fish.

Cunningham continued north crossing some very dry land until on May 17th he reached Buddle's River, now known as the Manilla River. He remarked "there was little water in the channel" and he also briefly saw five natives in the river but they took "instant flight". This crossing of the Manilla River was in the vicinity of present-day Taylor's reserve as mentioned earlier.

From here he proceeded north following the valley of Bingara Creek to the Gwydir River which he thought was the Peel River and then onto Warialda and north to the Darling Downs and the Condamine River. He stayed in this area for a little while before setting out on the return journey, passing through our area to the west of the northern journey. He followed the Horton River and then Rocky Creek before turning south about Hell Hole Creek where he found some very tough country to climb over to the Boomi and then up

over the Mount Kaputar Range and home via Boggabri/Gunnedah.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

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

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

Snippets from St Laurence's

"The old year now away is sped, / The new year It is entered," starts an old carol that I haven't sung and have rarely thought of for about seventy years. My silly brain threw it up this New Year so I share some of it with you: "So let us all our sins down tread/And joyfully all appear." I suspect that translates into keeping the best of our New Year resolutions.

January is always a quiet time, but our services continue at St Laurence's. We farewelled Daniel and Jenni on 8th January, though they have been around packing up since then, and we look forward to welcoming our new vicar and his family at the end of the month.

In his letter to the Romans (Chapter 10, verses 9 to 11) Paul says: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, 'Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.'"

So think on these words, and in the words of my old carol, "God send you a happy new year."

Beth

Uniting Church Notice

Sunday 22nd January
Service at 8.45am
ALL WELCOME



**Here is an overview
of outcomes from
Tuesday 13 Dec
2022 Council
Ordinary Meeting:**

- Councillors agreed to allocate \$250,000 from the Roadworks Reserve (Financial Assistance Grants roads component) to undertake urgent repairs to a substantial natural erosion issue between Jewry Street and the Peel River at Taminda. During the recent series of floods, the headcut has moved quickly upstream with progress of about 70 metres in the last two months. The headcut is now about 40 metres wide and five metres deep and it is likely to impact on Jewry Street within the next few flood events.
- A step towards establishment of the proposed Tamworth Organic Recycling Facility at Gidley was taken tonight with Council approving modifications to the development application. The changes included increasing the size of the Biofilter, removal of a dividing road within the maturation pad and inclusion of an additional hardstand area, increase in the height of the receivals shed, addition of a staff training room adjacent to the approved office, addition of a gatehouse adjacent to the approved office and reduction in the size of an equipment shed and the inclusion of a laboratory space in the shed. A report considered by Councillors said an independent consultant was engaged to assess the modified application and the modified development was seen to be “substantially the same” as that previously approved by the Northern Regional Planning Panel in September 2020. “The proposed increase in the biofilter results in an improved environmental outcome and the increase in height of the receivals shed is considered to be of negligible impact based on the approved setbacks and distance of the works from surrounding properties,” the report said. The report said a total of 22 public submissions objecting to the application were received with all but two being duplicate letters signed by different residents. The report explained how the concerns raised by the objectors had been adequately addressed by mitigating measures included in the design of the proposed facility. The Tamworth Organic Recycling facility, to be built on a 117.5ha site, will have the capacity to process up to 35,000 tonnes a year of food organics, garden organics and category 3 organics materials using a tunnel composting system within an enclosed facility. Council has \$3 million in funding from the NSW Environment Trust for the project and is seeking additional funding from the NSW Government.
- Councillors adopted the Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan 2022- 2026. Council’s sustainability

team will now work closely with stakeholders across all internal directorates to integrate sustainability across the organisation as well as the Local Government Area in way that successfully addresses the communities’ priorities and challenges, while complying with legislative requirements. The plan was prepared through extensive community consultation using data from internal and external surveys, interviews and workshops to develop the themes, targets, objectives and actions. The eight key themes identified through the external engagement include water, waste, energy, circular economy, natural environment, transportation and mobility, sustainable governance and climate change mitigation and adaption. A further report will be prepared and presented to Councillors to suggest how the \$220,000 needed to deliver the 2022- 2023 actions of the strategy may be sourced.

- Councillors have tonight supported a recommendation to renew alcohol free zones in Kootingal, Robert Street, Bridge Street, Coledale and the central business districts of Tamworth, Manilla and Barraba for a further four years until 29 December 2026. The zones, established in 1994, have been effective in discouraging the consumption of alcohol on public roads, footpaths and car parks within the CBD, and creating safer public spaces around our region, the report said. For more information visit <https://haveyoursay.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/alcohol-free-zones>

➤ After significant community consultation, the Communications Strategy was adopted by the Councillors at the meeting tonight. The Strategy includes an action plan to be rolled out in early 2023. The action plan includes actions for the whole of Council as well as the Communications team.

- This evening Councillors adopted new designs for the Kootingal Library and Hall redevelopment and made provisions of \$300,000 in the 2023/24 financial year to supplement the total budget for the project.

The report states that the additional funds are “due to significant market volatility in recent months in relation to material costs and subcontractor/ consultant contract prices.” Prior to the additional funds being allocated, the project budget of \$1.53 million consisted of: • LRCI Phase 3 grant funding - \$1.2 million; • State Library grant funding - \$200,000; • Council’s Building Services Special Rate Variation (SRV) - Kootingal Hall redevelopment allocation - \$80,000; and • Council’s Buildings Services budget - Kootingal Hall toilet renewal allocation - \$50,000.

For more information, see the full reports at www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/business-papers

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Rugby Union News

The 2023 rugby season is looking very promising with the Club President in touch with suitable coaches for the men's and women's teams and the Club staying in Reserve Grade for this year.

Training will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, commencing on the 17th January. Anyone wanting a game in men's or women's rugby would be welcome to come and have a run.

The Club is expecting 3 players from England to build the numbers up in both men's and women's teams. After a very good season last year players should be keen to get into early training and be fit for another good year.

Sponsorship Night has been set for Friday 3rd February, with the guest speaker to be Gemma Etheridge, daughter of Jeff, who played rugby for Barraba and in the '86 Grand Final which was the 1st of 4 straight wins and the 1st time in the Zone, has been equalled by Moree and Pirates.

**Barraba Hydrotherapy Pool
and Swimming Complex**

Opening Hours - 4 to 31 January 2023

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	11am to 6pm
Wednesday	11am to 6pm
Thursday	11am to 6pm
Friday	11am to 6pm
Saturday	11am to 6pm
Sunday	11am to 6pm

**Regional Dam Levels from
Water NSW**

Chaffey 100.0%
Copeton 92.0%
Keepit 99.0%
Split Rock 100.0%

**Barraba 7 day Forecast
from the Bureau of
Meteorology**

Wednesday 18th Jan

Summary Max 34

Sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%



Thursday 19th Jan

Summary Min 17 Max 30

Shower or 2, possible storm

Chance of rain: 70%



Friday 20th Jan

Summary Min 15 Max 25

Showers

Chance of any rain: 80%



Saturday 21st Jan

Summary Min 11 Max 29

Possible showers

Chance of any rain: 40%



Sunday 22nd Jan

Summary Min 14 Max 26

Shower or 2

Chance of rain: 70%



Monday 23rd Jan

Summary Min 13 Max 27

Shower or 2

Chance of any rain: 50%



Tuesday 24th Jan

Summary Min 14 Max 27

Shower or 2

Chance of any rain: 60%

