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BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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BARRABA SHOW COMING UP -

New, exciting attraction on Saturday –

SPORTS SHEAR - 9 AM SATURDAY 4 MARCH

See Australia's best Shearers in Action!

For the first time ever, there will be a Sports Shear competition at our local show. Chief Steward Jock Mallise expects fifty plus shearers, including some of Australia's best, to be competing in the four divisions, as well as twenty plus competitors in Wool Handling, all in the Sheep Pavilion. "There will be fast thrilling action all day, as the competitors show their skills to earn a place in the finals and a shot at the big prize money," Jock told me. "Come and have a look; Sports Shear showcases the best of this very skilled occupation, and it is certainly entertaining!"



PHOTO:

Jock Mallise at work in the shed

The Mallises are Barraba's shearing clan. At the Sports Shear held at Guyra Show recently, Jock came 5th in the Open Division,

his brother Zac won the Senior Division, brother-in-law Blake York came second, and cousin Callum Mallise won the Intermediate Division. Jock himself has been shearing for 11 years and is obviously highly skilled; he has always worked for the same contractor from Inverell. He first hit the tally of 300 sheep in one day in 2018; he shored 320 in one day last year, he hopes to better that this year.

The Mallise clan will be out in force to improve their rankings in the Sports Shear on Saturday 4 March at the Barraba Show – and collect the big prize money! I suspect

FRIDAY 3 MARCH TO SUNDAY 5 MARCH

that there quite a few other shearers who will also have their eye on the prize money. It will make for a really entertaining day.

"By bringing Sports Shear to Barraba, we also hope to raise the profile of shearing and wool handling as career options for young people," Jock said. "I am very happy to talk to anyone on Saturday about the opportunities available in the wool industry, in the shearing sheds in Australia. It is one of our largest rural industries and we really need more young people."

Look out for Jock on Saturday as you take in the action. Finals commence at 3.30 pm; be there to see all these skilful young people chasing the prizes and prestige!

AND ALSO AT THE SHOW – FRIDAY 3 MARCH

A great new family program on Friday evening –



See more Show news on page 6



Blending life with work and learning

By Alison Heagney, Executive Officer

As the Executive Officer of Community College Northern Inland and also a farmer, entrepreneur, wife and mother (and the rest) at home; it's easy to become overwhelmed at times. So why encourage my own skill development and that of my staff, and how? Well, it's part of workforce and personal development—and that's particularly important when employees are looking for more value in their work roles, when business owners need to improve productivity, and there are candidate shortages making it difficult to replace migrating staff.



Alison Heagney, EO

I'm sure like me, you're finding that work is becoming more complex and even personal transactions require some savvy skills. If your business is struggling, my advice is to grow your own staff into roles that increase

your business, through training and opportunities—given where warranted of course. And if you are reading this as an employee, you will benefit personally and also your business will benefit. If we can't raise productivity together then that pay rise will not be available, no matter how many times you ask.

The college has listened to the needs of businesses and our students. We recognise that it's hard to find the time or the place to study—particularly when you are working hard already. You want a quality trainer, new up-to-date learning, to be part of a student group to make new friends and for support. But you also want to train when you are available—at a time that works for the business and for you.

So the college didn't go "online". Instead we have developed programs in Business, Community Services, Ageing and Disability that are blended. Blended programs

BLENDED LEARNING PROGRAMS

**LIFE
WORK &
LEARNING**



are a mix of monthly regional workshops, Zoom video learning sessions, and online access to training 24/7. We also have local campuses staffed and available to give support and access to technology or to provide a place to meet up with other students or the trainer.

The college is very conscious that a student—whether a business owner or manager, a worker delivering a service or an administrator—needs to be able to learn skills when they are available. We also know that students at all levels want to meet new people and create friendships, professional networks and have "working on myself time/me time".

I am personally doing training this way myself—picking out times that are available in the day or evening and looking forward very much to meeting the other students in my class in person soon. And last year I completed training the same blended way and I have made some great friends, contacts and broadened my professional network. It wasn't all easy but it has given me an overall boost professionally and personally.

The college is offering regional programs starting soon. Students interested in enrolling in a blended learning course should contact their local campus.

PROGRAM	CAMPUS	STARTING
Qualifications		
BSB30120 Certificate III in Business	Gunnedah	22 February 2023
	Inverell	11 February 2023
BSB40120 Certificate IV in Business	Moree	14 March 2023
Pathways		
Pathway to Caring Careers	Inverell	7 February 2023
	Narrabri	21 February 2023
Pathway to Community Services	Inverell	TBA



Tuesday 14 February 2023 Council meeting update

Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting of 14 February 2023:

➤ Councillors have unanimously agreed to participate in the Regional Water Leak Reduction Pilot Program which has been established by the Department of Planning and Environment. The program aims to identify and reduce leakages and losses from water supply systems throughout regional NSW which in turn will improve water security and water infrastructure. Council participating in the program will mean the Tamworth region will be included in projects such as leak reduction and awareness training, pressure data logging, advanced pressure management, leak noise loggers, district metering areas meter installation and district metering areas analysis over the 2022- 2024 period.

➤ Councillors noted and received a “Waste Sustainability Program and Project Update” which is a regular report providing an update to Council on various waste sustainability programs, projects and activities in the current financial year. These initiatives include the return of face-to-face educational opportunities following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions as well as the opening of Clean Up Australia Day registrations for 2023, which last year saw a total of 340kg of litter collected from across our region. Also reported on was the bin tagging program for residential kerbside bins, the permanent implementation of waste vouchers, the roll out of additional waste and recycling infrastructure in the towns and villages as well as Waste Wagon and the roll out of the residential soft plastics recycling program (Curby).

➤ Councillors received and noted meeting minutes from the Tamworth Regional Community Safety Working Group this evening. Included in the working group’s recent discussions were the positive outcomes that could be achieved by having a dedicated and funded Education Court Liaison Officer. The working group resolved to request support for funding this program from the Member for Tamworth as it was considered that this role would provide support to the youth of the Tamworth region who are entering or exiting the justice system. The report to

Council highlighted how the group also considered the outcomes of the recent Community Safety Survey which was undertaken at the end of 2022. General responses revealed that the community felt safe to live in the Tamworth region, that CCTV gives a sense of security, and, the community feel a lot safer when there are events on at night due to the greater amount of people around. The outcomes of this survey will form part of the new Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan which is currently being drafted.

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

Robodebt Royal Commission – Hearings recommence Monday 20 February 2023

During the final public hearing the Commission intends to focus on the following matters:

1. The impacts of the Robodebt scheme on individuals and employees of the Department of Human Services, now Services Australia, during the administration of the scheme;
2. What was known in the offices of ministers for Social Services and Human Services about the legality and fairness of the scheme during its establishment, implementation and dismantling;
3. The report from the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner on data matching and income averaging;
4. The extent of the inquiry by the Commonwealth Ombudsman into the Robodebt scheme;
5. Defence of the applications for review to the Federal Court in Amato and Masterton and the advice of both the Australian Government Solicitor and the Solicitor-General;
6. The proposal for the expansion of the scheme to sensitive cohorts;
7. The ongoing defence of the legality and justifications of the scheme, despite evidence mounting that the scheme was not lawful or fair;
8. The class action brought by Gordon Legal representing victims of Robodebt and the response to the Federal Court’s judgment by Services Australia and with the Office of Legal Services Coordination; and
9. The winding up of the scheme, including the recalculation of “debts” and the payment of refunds and settlements, and the administration of this by Services Australia.

Hearings will be held at the Grand Windsor Ballroom, Pullman Hotel King George Square, corner Ann and Roma streets, Brisbane.



POWER OUTAGE: SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY **8 AM TO 4 PM**

Electricity network maintenance

Essential Energy will be completing maintenance on the high voltage electricity network that supplies power to Barraba, Manilla and the surrounding areas to ensure the ongoing reliability of the local power supply.

Operations Manager Northern Tablelands, Mark Summers, said the project involves the replacement of five high voltage power poles, four pole crossarms and 15 damaged insulators on the high voltage transmission line between Attunga and Barraba. "As these areas are serviced by one main powerline, electricity can't be re-routed from an alternative source, so completing maintenance is crucial to ensure the power network remains safe and reliable," Mark said.

A planned power outage is necessary for crews to complete the works safely and has been scheduled for **Sunday, 26 February 2023 between 8.00am and 4.00pm**. More than 3,200 homes and businesses will be affected by the outage and have been notified in advance. "Significant planning has been undertaken to complete a large scope of works during this outage, including bringing in crews and specialist equipment from Armidale, Gilgandra and Walcha to assist our Tamworth and Barraba crews to complete the work as quickly and safely as possible," Mark said.

The scheduled works are reliant on suitable weather conditions and may be postponed if the conditions are unfavourable or any unforeseen circumstances arise. "We appreciate that planned power outages can be inconvenient for some customers however they are necessary to ensure a safe and reliable power supply and to also allow communities to grow," Mark said.

FACT FILE:

- Essential Energy builds, operates and maintains one of Australia's largest electricity distribution networks, servicing 880,000 customers across regional, rural and remote NSW and parts of southern Queensland.

- Our footprint covers 95 percent of NSW, traversing 737,000 square kilometres of landmass with 183,612 km of powerline, 163,417 of those in designated bushfire zones.
- The network services more than 855,000 customers with approximately 5.1 customers to each kilometre of powerline, which is almost one-tenth the customer density compared with our counterparts in NSW.
- Essential Energy's footprint also includes 1.38 million power poles, equating to 1.6 power poles per customer.



BARRABA POTTERS AND CRAFT GUILD **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022**

First I would like to thank the committee for doing a tremendous job especially during my 4 month absence.

The Pottery area has had a bad year with the kiln not wanting to do its job; we hope this year will be better, as we have been trying a new small kiln. We have applied for a Grant with Regional NSW Community Grants, we have our fingers crossed for a good result there. There have been several well attended classes this year. The one that I was able to attend was fully booked with Andrew. We had a great day and the ladies were doing a much appreciated morning tea and lunch, thank you for all your hard work.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way at all in the running of the Potters and Craft Guild. The Show weekend was a good money earner for the Club. To the members who helped out on Friday, Saturday and Sunday - we appreciate your time and effort and for all the members who made cakes slices biscuits; you have all put in an awesome effort.

The rest of the club is doing very well. We have a new account for raising funds for the new kiln and have had two donations; we thank them for their generosity. I would like to thank David Jennar for the many times he has worked on the kiln, Noel Chester for the installation of the small kiln, John Sautchuk and Des Brittain for their work at the Claypan.

Annette Brittain 10/02/2023



History Notes

Another week has flown past with visitors to the museum on Saturday afternoon taking a great interest in some of the items in the museum as well as the second hand books, which was unusual. We still wait for the person who purchased the old Women's Weekly at the markets some months ago – unfortunately we do not have a point of contact so we cannot find out if she still wants them. This is meeting week with quite a bit to discuss so I hope we have a good roll up and don't forget we have a street stall coming up soon.

Last week's article on the NAB closure was a great idea and the photo of the original building is one of the clearest that I have seen. However the very early history of the building is not quite correct. The first branch of the C.B.C. bank opened in a building just on the north side of the present Victoria Hotel. It so happens that the Society recently had a request for information on the passing of an early bank manager's child. This family were residing and conducting the bank in Salter's building – some readers will know about the old Salters Hotel – the first pub after the McKid family opened their shop in Barraba in the 1840s.

William Mell, his parents and siblings, arrived in Australia in 1863 and took up land to the west of town. Young William later sold his selection and invested his money in a new hotel. It was a single-story brick building built about 1890 and this is the building pictured in last week's news. The old bank building was in a poor state and ready to be demolished as soon as a new home for the bank could be found and so William leased his building to the bank in the early 1890s. The second bank manager to live in the new building, Mr McKay, arrived in 1893 and in less than a year he had been shot and killed by the bushrangers.

A new bank manager was appointed and in a couple of years the new bank building and residence had been completed on the present bank site. Thirty years later this building was demolished and the present was erected. After the Bank left, the building became the Victoria hotel circa 1898 when Mrs Carmody obtained the license to open the hotel – some sources have a Mr Simpson actually holding the license for her as in those days it was not legal for a woman to hold a license. However there needs to be some investigation here as the Central Hotel had Eliza Kelaher holding the license in the 1890's.

Mrs Carmody stated that there were 6 rooms in the building excluding those for the use of the family. Her control of the hotel only lasted a short time as she married Charley Tufrey and by April, 1904 he held the license. The marriage failed and Mrs Carmody/Tufrey left the Victoria Hotel. It is likely that Mr Tufrey added the second story in 1910 and it appears in the well known photo of the council machinery entering the main street in 1911.

Memorial Service

Carol Ellis (The Cat Lady)



Carol Ellis 19th February 1945 – 11th January 2023

Her Memorial will be held on -

Thursday 2nd March at 11am

Salvation Army Church Queen Street Barraba

R.I.P. Carol

Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising Group

AGM

Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 12 midday

Andy's Guest House

New members are welcomed

BARRABA SHOW 2023 - Barraba Show Snippets

Friday 3 March to Sunday 5 March 2023

SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY



Last year's winning display.

The 2023 Barraba Show is fast approaching, **only 2 weeks to go!** The show society is once again asking all businesses to promote the show with a window display. Do you think you have this year's winning window display? The pavilion theme is "Fish" but displays are not limited to this. Displays are getting better & better every year and becoming very competitive. We all wait & look forward to see what ideas everyone comes up with this year. Once again thank you everyone for your support & promotion of our show.

Judging of the Shop Window displays will take place on **Wednesday 1st March** commencing at 3.30pm.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Membership fees: New memberships and renewals are to be purchased at the show office prior to the show. Note:

Membership fees will not be accepted at the gate.

Family membership: \$25 per annum for admission of two adults and children of member's family under the age of 18 years, to all exhibits for the duration of the Show.

Single membership: \$15 per annum.

Aged Pensioner membership: \$8 per annum.

GATE ENTRY for Non-Members: CASH ONLY

Family Pass \$30. (2 Adults and children under 18 years. Each family member gets a ticket).

Friday & Saturday: Adults \$10.

Sunday: Adults \$8

Friday – Sunday: School children up to 18 years \$4

Aged Pensioners: \$4

LODGING OF ENTRIES

Early entries may be lodged in person at the Secretary's Office, Barraba Showground 10am – 4pm Monday 27th February – Thursday 2nd March 2023
Show Office Ph: 0447 222 347.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Entries close 3:30 pm on Tuesday 28th February. Lodge at the Show Office at Showground.

STUD CATTLE: Entries close Friday 24th February 2023. All entries to cattle secretary: mctswalker@bigpond.com
Tammy Walker PH: 0429 310 479 or 02 6782 7378 Entry form on website: www.barrabashow.com.au/forms

POULTRY: Entries close Friday 24th February 2023. All entries to the Secretary, Barraba PA & H Association Inc, ph 0447 222 347, barrabapah@hotmail.com or PO Box 108, Barraba NSW 2347.

WOOL: Fleeces can be left at the show office during the show week or at the wool pavilion by 2:30pm on Thursday 2nd March.

HORSES: Entries are taken on the day under the marque in the horse section.

DRESSAGE: Friday 3rd March.

PAVILION ENTRIES: Delivered to the Secretary's Office at the Showground between 10am - 4pm on Weekdays, from Monday 27th February to Thursday 2nd OR to the Showground Pavilion on Friday 3rd March, 8am – 10am.

CUT FLOWERS: Luncheon Pavilion from 2pm – 4pm, on Friday 3rd March. **NOTE NEW TIMES.**

GARDEN PRODUCE: Luncheon Pavilion from 2pm- 4pm, on Friday 3rd March. Please note times.

BARREL RACES & XTREME BRONC RODEO:

Saturday night from 5pm

All entry forms and waivers are available on our website or from the show office and to be completed when submitting your entry. The show schedule & entry forms are available on the website

www.barrabashowsociety.com.au

*****FAMILY NIGHT FRIDAY 3 MARCH*****

The 2023 Barraba Show Young Woman of the Year, Amie Middlemiss said, "One of my favourites at this year's Show will be the 'Family Fun Friday Evening' which involves a Mullet competition judging, Pete the Clown, show bags, Mechanical Cow, Abbey's Face painting, Kids games, Piñata, Mini Young Farmer Challenge & Chocolate Wheel. It's just a bit of fun and is a new attraction for Friday evening at the show. "The best part about the Show is bringing city and rural people together". As part of her role, Amie will be opening the Show, judging competitions, running different competitions, presenting awards and ribbons.



MORE DOCTORS IN THE BUSH: GP SINGLE EMPLOYER MODEL APPROVED FOR REGION

JUST days after a large community crisis meeting in Armidale about the deleterious state of the primary health care (GP) workforce in the region, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall has today announced a major shot-in-the-arm to help turnaround the decades-long GP exodus trend.

An elated Mr Marshall said the region had been approved by both the Commonwealth and State Governments as the next trial site for the successful GP Single Employer Model, an initiative which has been endorsed by the New England Division of General Practice and called for at this week's public meeting. "This is a massive shot-in-the-arm for the ailing GP workforce and the best news we've had on the primary healthcare front in a very long time," Mr Marshall said. "While this is no silver bullet, it will go a long way to addressing the sharp decline in GP numbers in the bush and our region and bolster the existing clinics and every hospital in the Northern Tablelands."

Under the Model, junior doctors are directly employed at local public hospitals, while still enjoying the flexibility to practice as a private GP in a local practice, under supervision, accessing the Medicare Benefits Schedule.

"This is really the best of both worlds for GPs starting out their careers in medicine and makes being a rural GP so much more attractive and on par with specialists for graduating medical students. They are remunerated at high levels, enjoy all the leave and insurance entitlements of salaried NSW Health staff, while still being a private GP accessing the Medicare Scheme and all the benefits which comes with that. It's a real win-win scenario and has been hugely successful in the Murrumbidgee Health District, which pioneered the Model some years ago. This new model of practice also ensures that when someone presents to their local emergency department there is a doctor present as they are directly employed by the hospital, rather than utilising costly and unreliable locum doctors as is the case now."

Mr Marshall said the next steps would see NSW Health engage with the Commonwealth's Primary Health Network to sign up GP practices across the Northern Tablelands to take junior doctors, then recruit for multiple positions across the region.



*Photo caption:
A huge win for the future to the GP workforce with news today that the region*

will be the next to rollout the successful GP Single Employer Model later this year, New England Division of General Practice Secretary and Treasurer Dr Michelle Guppy, Chair Dr Vicki Howell and Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall.

"The next two intakes of junior doctors are late this year and early next year and the intention is still to have four based in Inverell, three and Glen Innes and around 12 at Armidale," Mr Marshall said.

Mr Marshall paid tribute to the hard-working GPs right across the region who were doing more for less and seeing more patients than ever. "They are the backbone of our country health services but are not often recognised as such," he said. "I want to especially single out Dr Vicki Howell and Dr Michelle Guppy from the Division of General Practice, who have spearheaded the push for the rollout of the single employer model here. The 16,000 signature petition last year did its job to shift focus onto workable solutions and pressure government to act and apply to the Commonwealth, but it's been the grassroots support locally which had helped push this up the agenda."

Fire & Rescue Bingara Station closure attempt

Adam Marshall writes: "I confirmed today with the Deputy Premier and Minister for Emergency Services that Bingara Fire Station would be 'remaining open and servicing the local community'. Gwydir Shire Council, the local community and I are in lockstep on this one – we'll never allow the station to close and services to be withdrawn from the community. "I trust now this latest attempt has been stopped dead in its tracks, Fire & Rescue will resume genuine recruitment efforts to fill vacant retained firefighter positions at the station."

Both these articles have been heavily edited for space reasons. The full articles are available on Adam Marshall MP's website: www.adammarshall.com.au

LETTER TO THE EDITOR – FAMILY HISTORY

Dear Editor,

I was doing a google search & found this story (below) in your paper. Leah Legge is my great grandmother but she married Cyril Cross. I'm wondering now if your Leah Legge might have been her mother. The previous generation names match up with what I have. There is info on the Cross boys in the Bingara museum because of all them going to war. Charlie was only 14 & lied to enlist. Sadly he was borderline insane when he came home.

Joe (Oliver) Cross ended up shooting himself in the early 1950s. Monty was in intelligence. In one of the TV miniseries they showed a lonely outpost in New Guinea where a captured soldier was having his flesh sliced off & another soldier hiding in the bush. That was my great uncle & his war records were sealed because of the work he did. My grandmother told me the story of that when I was a child. My grandmother was Sylvia Cross & she married Charlie Saunders. Grandma Legge was badly bashed by her father when she was only 12 & had a wooden leg. My mother remembers it & says it had leather straps to keep it on. Eventually her mother murdered the bastard & it's still an open secret in Bingara. I think Hanmar Legge might have been one of her brothers & I have a silk postcard sent back from the middle east. I think it's WW1 but not sure.

Anyway, I enjoyed reading your story & have kept it to add to the info I have. I live in Emmaville now & know there are scattered relatives around the region.

Yours Sincerely,
Gail Campbell

Here's the story Gail was referring to –

"BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS", 6 October 2021 -

A FAMILY MYSTERY – WHO WAS TRACY KIMBER'S GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER?

Bellingen resident, Tracy Kimber, visited Barraba last Thursday on her to quest to identify her great-great grandfather. Months ago Tracy had contacted Julie Williams through the Nandewar Historical Society Facebook page, seeking answers.

There is no doubt who her great-great grandmother was – a very well-known local historical figure, Elizabeth Legg, (nee Rumsby) who, in 1892, killed her husband James Henry (known as Harry) Legg outside their slab hut on the Manilla River west of Barraba, near where the current "Plumthorpe" homestead stands. Reports from that time suggested the couple were engaged in a violent argument about visitors..... (you can read the rest on our website)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR – FAMILY HISTORY

(Your response is welcome. Please write to 'The Editor': by email news@barrabacommunitynews.org.au or drop a letter at the Barraba Community College.)

Dear Editor

Yaama ngindaay, My name is Adam McGregor.

One side of my family line is from Barraba/Manila area. Do you have any information on Hayman, Baldock, Odell or McGregor Family's from the 1800's till 1900's?

Predominantly the Aboriginal side of things? Your expert knowledge here would be a great help. Who knows we could be related.

Yanay Baayandhu,
Adam

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It's hardly surprising that residents of towns in the Tamworth LGA get cynical about Tamworth. Not only are Barraba's Show dates that we've had since 1904 now encroached on by the Tamworth Show, but the Taste Tamworth Festival also clashes with the Manilla Show! Disappointing.

Julie Williams
Barraba



Tuesday 14th March 2023
9.30-3.30pm
Bingara

Book now for a day with Stuart Andrews from Tarwyn Park Training
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coordinator@nsla.net.au

This project is supported through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and the Smart Farms Initiative

Australian Government National Landcare Program

CHURCH NOTICES

UNITING CHURCH TIMES

Sunday 25th February 2023

Preparation 8.30am, Service at 8.45am.

All welcome

World Day of Prayer

10.30am on Friday 3rd March

Light lunch follows

Barraba Uniting Church – All welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday 3rd March members of Barraba churches will gather at the Uniting Church at 10.30am to celebrate this year's World Day of Prayer. This year we celebrate the people of Taiwan. The theme is "I have heard about your faith" and our speaker will be Mrs Faye Heywood of Manila. All women and men are welcome and will join for a shared light lunch following the service.

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 9.00am

Woodsreef: 2nd Sundays 11am

Snippets from St Laurence's

Did you enjoy your pancakes?

For a generation whose only experience of fasting is before blood tests or some form of surgery, the idea of without sustenance or with only minimal sustenance for day or weeks can be confronting and seem pointless, yet the Bible abounds in reports of this discipline actually bringing people closer to God. Personally, I find it hard enough just keeping to a regular prayer time. If I can keep that up for Lent I might get somewhere.

Friday 3rd March is World Day of Prayer, being hosted in Barraba this year by the Uniting Church. The service is at 10.30am, and has been prepared by Christian women in Taiwan. Do join us if you can.

That is also the first day of Men@Glen, a time for the men of our congregation to meet with others from across the Diocese for study and fellowship. It runs on Friday evening and Saturday, 3rd and 4th.

Then there will be a working bee on Saturday, 18th March and the Barraba Bash, a gathering of young people from across the Diocese, is on Saturday 25th. Good Friday is 7th April.

This week I send you these thoughts from Paul's letter to the Philippians, chapter 1, verses 9 and 10: "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ."

CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

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

2nd 3rd & 4th Sunday 9am

Upper Horton 3rd Sunday 11am

Weekday Mass Wednesday 10am

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For the information of members and guests

MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE

THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY: 11AM-

FRIDAY: 11AM-

MEAT/VEG RAFFLES 6PM

PLUS BONUS PRIZE DRAW AFTER THE RAFFLES

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1100

COURTESY CAR AVAILABLE FROM 5.30PM

SATURDAY: 10AM-

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 4PM

COURTESY CAR AVAILABLE FROM 5.30PM

SUNDAY: CLOSED DUE TO POWER OUTAGE

MONDAY: 11AM-5.30PM

TUESDAY: 11AM-5.30PM

BINGO 11AM

WEDNESDAY: 11AM-5.30PM

HAPPY HOUR: 11am-1pm Wed & Fri

BISTRO HOURS

Phone 0427330808

DINE IN OR TAKE AWAY

MONDAY: 12 NOON-2PM

TUESDAY: CLOSED

WEDNESDAY: 12NOON-2PM

THURS/FRI/SAT: LUNCH 12-2PM DINNER FROM 6PM

SUNDAY: CLOSED DUE TO POWER OUTAGE



POSITION VACANT

BARRABA RSL & RECREATIONAL CLUB LTD

BAR ATTENDANT/ KITCHEN HAND

Casual Position

- Must be willing to work weekends and nights
- Must be able to perform both Bar & Kitchen Duties
- Award wages paid
- Must be available to work weekends and nights
- Must be 18yrs & over to apply

We are looking for a casual Bar Attendant/ Kitchen Hand

Successful applicants must have:

- Current RSA & RCG Certificates
- Food handling Certificates

Knowledge of Keno, TAB, and Gaming Machines are an advantage but not essential

- The successful applicant must be willing to obtain /Complete Keno, TAB, AML/CTF training

If you are interested in this job, please email your resume to manager@barrabarsl.com.au or drop into the club.

Applications close on Tuesday 28th February 2023

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS TAMWORTH

EVENING FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2023

One of the most beloved community events on the calendar is making a triumphant return to Tamworth, with Newcastle Permanent's Cinema Under the Stars bringing a jam-packed evening of family-friendly fun to Bicentennial Park.

The free event includes live music, children's activities and roving acts, with the feature film, Sing 2 (PG, 2021), to begin at sundown.



Congratulations

Brook Smith! What an amazing achievement by the Barraba Show 2022 Young Woman and this year's Young Woman Competition Coordinator. Brook was announced the winner of the Classic Ladies Foundation Young Ambassadors Quest this week at the Nutrien Equine – Performance Classic in Tamworth. Brook will be drafting, coordinating the ASH classes and helping with the Farmer Challenge Competition at this year's Barraba Show from the 3rd to 5th March 2023.



AT AELEC TAMWORTH

A poster for the Show Jumping Championships. The top half is yellow and features the PRP (Peel River Produce) logo and the Jumping NSW South Wales logo. The bottom half is pink and features the text 'SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS 23 - 26 FEBRUARY' and 'INCORPORATING THE 2023 JUMPING NSW INDOOR TITLES'. A close-up of a horse's head is on the right side.

SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS
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BACK TO BINGARA ROXY DINNER DANCE



SATURDAY, 18 MARCH 2023
THE ROXY THEATRE, BINGARA
7PM

\$95pp

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CEFTQ>



AFTER THE SUCCESS OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE ROXY THEATRE IN BINGARA IN 2016, THE GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL OF BINGARA TOGETHER WITH THE KYTHERIAN ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, HAVE ORGANISED THE BINGARA ROXY DINNER DANCE. MAKE A WEEKEND OF IT AND JOIN US ON WHAT IS GOING TO BE AN AMAZING NIGHT!

A BREAKFAST GET TOGETHER IS ALSO BEING ORGANISED FOR SUNDAY 19 MARCH AT THE ROXY CAFE.

GETTING THERE

By car: 6.5 hours from Sydney
By train: Train departs Central at 9.30am on Friday and connects with bus at Tamworth arriving in Bingara at 6pm. Return journey - bus departs Bingara on Monday at 7.58am, train arriving in Central at 4.38pm. Entire journey covered in one ticket.

By private bus: Register your interest if you would like to travel by private bus (email: admin@kytherianassociation.com.au)

ACCOMMODATION

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Imperial Hotel Motel Bingara - (02) 6724 1629
Bingara Fossickers Way Motel (02) 6724 1373
The River House Bingara 0428 834 281
Bingara Riverside Caravan Park (Cabins) 0427 241 300
Lemon Gum Cottage 0412 081 642
The Sportsman's Hotel (02) 6724 1880
Warialda (30 mins from Bingara)
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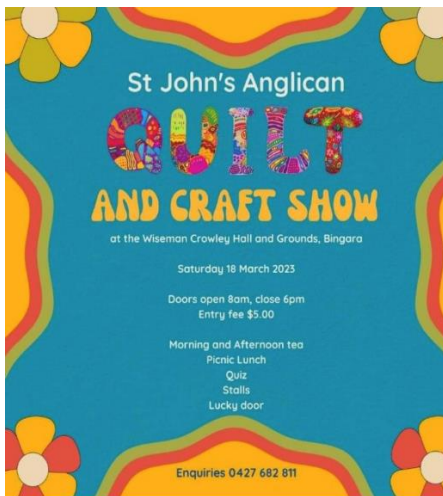
What is Jump Rope for Heart?

Established in 1983, Jump Rope for Heart is the skipping and fundraising program run in Australian primary schools throughout the year. It encourages kids to have a positive attitude towards exercise, healthy eating and heart health while raising vital funds to fight heart disease.

The 40th anniversary of Jump Rope for Heart is coming up – now it is time to make sure your local school gets involved this year in this excellent healthy fundraising program.



BARRABA SHOW
Friday 3 to Sunday 5 March



Message from the Editor

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Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology

Wednesday 22nd Feb



Summary Max 31

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 50%

Thursday 23rd Feb



Summary Min 14 Max 30

Sunny

Chance of rain: 5%

Friday 24th Feb



Summary Min 11 Max 31

Sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%

Saturday 25th Feb



Summary Min 11 Max 31

Sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%

Sunday 26th Feb



Summary Min 14 Max 32

Mostly sunny

Chance of rain: 20%

Monday 27th Feb



Summary Min 14 Max 33

Possible Shower

Chance of any rain: 50%

Tuesday 28th Feb



Summary Min 15 Max 33

Possible shower

Chance of any rain: 50%

Regional Dam Levels from Water NSW

Chaffey 100.0%

Copeton 86.0%

Keepit 89.0%

Split Rock 100.0%