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# BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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## WHAT'S BOBBY RICHARDSON DOING?

Long time Barraba resident, caravan park owner and rugby league legend Bobby Richardson is selling up. I went to see him last week to learn more about his latest move.



Bobby was born in Hay NSW. On leaving school, he headed to Sydney to begin an electrical

apprenticeship with the NSW Railways. Over the years he worked as an electrician for various rail businesses; he worked on the first Sydney double decker suburban trains, and later on the Indian Pacific.

Bobby had always loved playing rugby league; when he arrived in Sydney at 16 he began playing in the Eastern Suburbs but was soon recruited to play in the Hornsby district, where he was a fixture in the second division side. In his last season in Sydney Bobby was voted best and fairest in the second division; he may well have played for Wests in the first Division if he had stayed.

Bobby Richardson, with his wife and three children, arrived in Barraba on the 27 January 1972. He was the first tradesman to start work on the new mill at the Woods Reef mine. When the mine closed in 1985, he decided to stay on in Barraba, working as a contract electrician. As well as rugby league, he had become heavily involved in the mine social club as well as a similar social club based at the Central Hotel. There were regular activities for families and children.

On the day he arrived in Barraba, Bobby tells us he was approached by the local rugby league club to become involved; his reputation had preceded him. That began a fifty year (and on-going) involvement as a player, official, coach, committee man, fundraiser, etc, etc. When he came

to Barraba Bobby was aged thirty, an age that most football players would be thinking about retiring from the game in a few years - not Bobby, he played on for another twenty!

"We were playing Bendemeer on Sunday for a spot in the semi-finals," Bobby told me. "We lost – by two points! That was my last game, and it was my birthday the next day – I turned fifty!" That feat earned him a feature article in *The Northern Daily Leader* and it didn't lessen his involvement in Club administration and fundraising. He has some great tales of fundraising events that were hard work, but fun and successful, such as the group pushing a wheel chair from Barraba to Manilla in five hours, and the raffling of tickets in the luxurious "corporate box", perched on the back of his old truck and parked in a prime spot at games.



Bobby moved into the Barraba Caravan Park thirty-five years ago. He purchased the Park in 1994, twenty-nine years ago. In that time he has put a huge amount of energy in improvements of the amenities and the grounds – the Park is a great picture and a great credit to his hard work. Over the years, he renovated the existing cabins, bought in other cabins (he even built one from scratch!), all to a very comfortable and convenient standard. Bobby is a great host; he has built a great reputation and a large number of satisfied returning customers.

Age and old injuries are catching up with Bobby; the physical demands of keeping things the grounds and amenities in top order, and looking after the customers is too much.

"Are you going to retire to the Coast?" I asked Bobby.

"No way," he said. "I am staying in Barraba. I have lots of good friends and good memories here."



## CLAYPAN POTTERS

January 2023 has seen the pottery ladies at the Barraba



Claypan very busy. They were asked, along with 3 other pottery groups, to make pottery poppies for

the local branch of Legacy.

It is the Tamworth Branch of Legacy's 75th anniversary this year and they were hoping to have 1000 poppies for the anniversary event. As we at Barraba are only a small group,



we agreed to produce 100 poppies and the balance was spread between the other 3 studios. As seen in the photos are Cath Maher, Sue Tanner, Lesley Grigg, Julie Nicholson, Annette Brittain and Annie Clough busy at various stages of production.



*The final product*



## History Notes

The markets on Saturday were a success with the usual number of stalls and the barbeque was popular with food running out, just as time was running out. Thank you to all those who provided assistance.

This week we had a visit from a member of the Steiger/Jenner family. John Frederick Jenner and Louisa Hagar married in Germany in the 1850's and their first child, Charles Frederick, was born there. They arrived in Australia with a number of other German immigrants and soon travelled north to the Hunter Valley and on to the Liverpool Plains. Their second child, Elizabeth, was born at Wallabadah in 1856 and she was followed by Mary, Mena, Christie and Emma as the family moved north to Barraba.

The Steiger family had also arrived in the Barraba area in the 1870's and in May, 1897, Henry Steiger married Emma Jenner. The young couple lived in the Horton valley at first and then moved to the Inverell area. It just so happens that this is the family who were looking for the history of the Barraba Bowling Club sometime back!

On Saturday we had a puzzling question from a visitor about the Garland family - the family of a retired Police Superintendent who settled to the west of Barraba on the property then known as Little Creek and which in later times has become Cairnton.

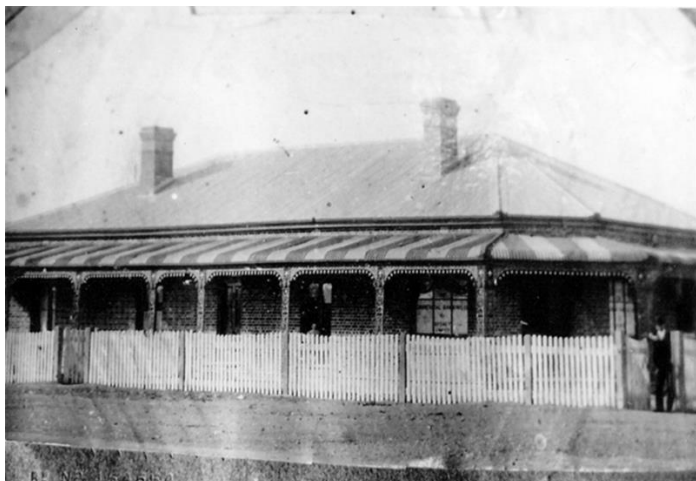
On 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1886, Elizabeth Salter married Kenneth Theodore Garland, who was warden's clerk and mining registrar in Barraba - a job he held in Barraba until 1887, when he was transferred to Nymagee. Elizabeth, the eldest of the Salter family, was born in Armidale and was living in Barraba with her family when she married.

There were three children connected to this marriage when the parents separated - Daisy, Lloyd and Elvie. Elizabeth remarried as a widow in 1916. The request is what happened to Daisy? She probably attended school in Barraba around 1900 and could have married here. She died about 1955- does anyone know anything about her?

I have traced the girl's mother and brother to the cemetery but Daisy and Elvie (born c 1902) do not appear in any records. Perhaps someone can help.



## MORE ON THE NAB CLOSURE



**Brian Coote writes** - This is the FIRST Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Bank (CBC) in Barraba. **The CBC became the NAB in 1983.** This historic image was shared by Bill McKid. Our sincere thanks to Bill for sharing this historic image.

This CBC Bank was built in 1876 near the corner of Alice & Queen Sts. where the Victoria Hotel now stands. An extremely important part of early Barraba it would have provided secure services for the many gold miners and pastoralists of the 1800s.

The building provided a bank and manager's residence and functioned as such until the first single storey stage of the Victoria Hotel was opened in 1890 and the bank moved into that building. It was in the single storey Victoria Hotel building that the manager Mr. William McKay was shot and killed during a robbery at 1:30pm on the 18th April 1894 for which Alex Lee & John Cummings were later hung.

After this crime a new single story CBC Bank was built next to the Courthouse in 1898. This had a managers residence attached and operated until it too was demolished in 1925 and replaced by the current two storey building.



*The current NAB premises – very well maintained for a building of its era*



### Senate Inquiry - Regional Bank Branch Closures

The Finance Sector Union (FSU) welcomes the new Senate inquiry into regional bank closures to be held by the Senate Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs.

Unlike the Coalition Regional Bank Closure Taskforce that was held in 2021 we hope that this inquiry will take it's time to examine in detail the plethora of issues that arise from the closure of bank branches.

FSU National Secretary Julia Angrisano said the Union had been calling for a serious examination of the branch closures as banks continue to reduce their branch networks.

"Banks are shutting branches across Australia leaving consumers and businesses without access to financial services," Ms Angrisano said.

"It is clear that cutting the branch network is being done to reduce costs and maintain profits."

"While hundreds of banks have been closed in recent years, a large number of bank staff have also lost their jobs."

"The Coalitions taskforce was a complete waste of time and money and was dominated and run by the Banks."

"We had this farcical situation where the Banks were overseeing an inquiry into themselves and consequently a range of important voices, including the FSU, were excluded from that process. This cannot happen again if this inquiry is to have any substance and impact."

"We know that regional communities are doing it tough without access to banking services. The FSU will also encourage the Senate Committee to examine the impact branch closures have on the workers who have lost their jobs."

"The FSU has been at the forefront of the branch closure issue for years and has campaigned long and hard not just for an effective and holistic Government inquiry into bank branch closures but as an advocate for the many groups of Australian who have been disadvantaged by bank branch closures."

### **CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES**

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

### **THOUGHTS FROM FR JOHN CURRAN**

The last few weeks, mainly the earthquakes in Turkey and in Syria have brought home to us all in a very cruel way just how fragile our existence is, and we hold out our prayers and ask for donations for the thousands of people who are homeless in those countries. Tragedies like earthquakes are caused by nature, but, as the current unjust war reminds us, we humans can cause tragedy too.

The book of Genesis in the Bible is one where we only think about how God made the world and the universe and made human beings to love and serve him, and how human beings in the form of Adam and Eve, eating the forbidden fruit, decided to leave the garden and do their own thing. They left the garden, wanting to be free agents, they accepted that they would have to work hard to survive rather than just pick fruit from trees and never have to work.

"Trouble in paradise" becomes only so true after Eve gives birth to Cain and Abel, where one brother murders the other out of jealousy. When God asks Cain what happened, Cain blurts out a weak response: "am I my brother's guardian?" Yes, God reminds him. You are; because you are a human, made in my image and likeness.

We are not only called to care for one another, but the blood of the suffering cries out to God for sympathy. No pain is ever unnoticed or lost. God hears the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor and so should we. How can we fulfil our call by God to be our brothers' and sisters' keepers? God is good, Eve then gives birth to Seth, and things settle down for a while.

May our Good Lord help us to look after each other a little better.

From St John's Parish Manilla/Barraba

### **Uniting Church Notice**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Preparation 8.30am, Service at 8.45am.**

**All welcome**

### **BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS**

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### **ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES**

**St Laurence's Barraba**

Sunday service at 9.00am

Woodsreef: 2nd Sundays 11am

### **Snippets from St Laurence's**

Thinking about the World Day of Prayer, which is now held on the first Friday in March, I remembered when it was held on the first Friday in Lent. My calendar this year doesn't have things like Ash Wednesday marked on it so I had to start at Easter and count back: Ash Wednesday is 22<sup>nd</sup> February. That means Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> is Pancake Day, for many centuries a last feast before the austerity and fasting of Lent.

Now that the Parrish Council have met with Matt Hearne our plans for the year may become evident. At the moment the calendar looks a bit sparse with Men@Glen on March 3-4 and the Barraba Bash on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March then nothing till May. However, our Bible study groups are in operation. At the moment four are functioning – Monday morning, Monday evening, Tuesday evening and Friday morning. New members are always welcome.

As we approach Easter, consider these words from Peter's first letter, chapter 1, verse 3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Beth





**BARRABA RSL & RECREATIONAL CLUB LTD**

Phone: 67821379

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 \$1000

COURTESY CAR AVAILABLE FROM 5.30PM

**SATURDAY: 10AM-**

**SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM**

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 1PM

MEMBERS DRAW \$1200

**MONDAY: 11.30AM-5.30PM**

**TUESDAY: 11AM-5.30PM**

BINGO 11AM

**WEDNESDAY: 11AM-5.30PM**

**HAPPY HOUR: 11am-1pm Wed & Fri**

**BISTRO HOURS (NEW!)**

**Phone 0427330808**

**DINE IN OR TAKE AWAY**

MONDAY: 12 NOON-2PM

TUESDAY: CLOSED

WEDNESDAY: 12NOON-2PM

**THURS/FRI/SAT: LUNCH 12-2PM DINNER 6-8.00PM**

SUNDAY: 12 NOON-2PM



**POSITION VACANT**

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**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](mailto:manager@barrabarsl.com.au) or drop into the club.

**Applications close on Tuesday 28th February 2023**

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updated more frequently by going to  
[www.barrabacommunitynews.org.au](http://www.barrabacommunitynews.org.au)**



## 2023 BARRABA SHOW

Friday 3, Saturday 4 and Sunday 6 March 2023

### Come & Join in!

Entertainment from:

- WOW Reptile Show with four live shows each day!
- Fun for the whole family at the animal nursery, side show alley, Mini & Junior Young Woman/Man competition, face painting, mullet competition
- The exciting junior and open six-bar jumping spectacular Friday afternoon
- Sports Shear & Wool Handling competition Saturday
- Traditional Barraba Show events including: Pet show, woodchop, 4 day camp draft, horse events, yard dog trials, sheep, cattle, fat lambs, wool, ute show, pavilion competitions and displays.
- Soak up the heritage with the vintage machinery & classic car display.
- Cattle young judging Friday 3.30pm



### New in 2023

Tiny & Junior Farmer Challenge Friday Evening

Senior Farmer Challenge Saturday

Abbeys face painting Friday Evening & Saturday

Sports Shear & Wool Handling Competition Saturday.

Heavy horses & ploughing demonstration Saturday

Static Ute Show Saturday

Dressage Friday

Luncheon pavilion & BBQ Saturday & Sunday

Bar facilities (no BYO) available both days & Friday night.

[www.barrabashow.com.au](http://www.barrabashow.com.au)

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AND START COOKING FOR THE BARRABA SHOW**

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THEME  
FISH**

Who will be  
**BARRABA'S NEXT  
COOKING  
CHAMPION?**

**\$20** FOR THE BEST CAKE  
DECORATED WITH THE  
NICU LOGO

- Support the Barraba Show Pavilion
- Prize money to be won
- Variety of things to bake and make
- 3rd of March 2023

**Northern Inland  
CREDIT UNION**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Our Tamworth Councils is moving too fast encouraging investors to take up more land and build more homes. I know you want more rates but at what cost when we do not have the infrastructure, nor do we have the health service to cope with a lack of Doctors, and it will not be long before you are asking us to cut down on the use of water, nor do we have essential services to really cope.

You the Council have taken over the small towns around Tamworth and all of their money seems to be going into Tamworth. It is time now for you to stop calling these places towns and recognise that these places are now suburbs and should be treated as such. It is time that you opened up our suburbs as much as you open up Tamworth.

Daphney Mandel Hayes

South Tamworth

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### Letters to the Editor

At *Barraba Community News* we welcome 'Letters to the Editor' expressing your opinion on any topic.

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.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Form 1 14 (version 4)

Succession Act 2006 s.93, Probate and Administration Act 1898 s 92 and Trustee Act 1925 s 60.

**NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION. ESTATE OF JOAN CARMEL STEWART.** NSW GRANT MADE 29 AUGUST, 2022.

Any person having any claim upon the estate of Joan Carmel Stewart, late of Barraba who died on 6 December 2021 must send particulars of the claim to the legal representative for the estate at care of PJK Law, 149 Queen Street, Barraba NSW 2347, ref **PJK:MS:2022/0941**, within 30 days from publication of this notice. After that time the legal representative intends to distribute the property in the estate having regard only to the claims of which the legal representative had notice at the time of distribution.



**Change of Date!**

## Barraba Preschool

### 2023 Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Barraba Preschool

148, Queen Street, BARRABA NSW 2347

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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Succession Act 2006 s.93, Probate and Administration Act 1898 s 92 and Trustee Act 1925 s 60

**NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION. ESTATE OF ROBERT LLOYD ELLIOTT.** NSW GRANT MADE 27 JANUARY, 2023.

Any person having any claim upon the estate of Robert Lloyd Elliott, late of Barraba who died on 18 March, 2022 must send particulars of the claim to the legal representative for the estate at care of PJK Law, 149 Queen Street, Barraba NSW 2347, ref **PJK:MS:2022/1011**, within 30 days from publication of this notice. After that time the legal representative intends to distribute the property in the estate having regard only to the claims of which the legal representative had notice at the time of distribution.



### **\$150,000 in Grant funding for projects in the New England**

Grant recipients will be covered for up to 100 per cent of project costs under Round 8 of the Australian Government's Stronger Communities Programme (SCP). The program will provide \$22.7 million to fund small capital projects in each of the 151 federal electorates, as previously provided by the Coalition Government.

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said the special provision will support Australia's economic recovery from effects from recent natural disasters and rising costs of living. But hurry as expressions of interest close by 10 March 2023.

"We are delivering \$150,000 in funding for up to 20 projects across the New England," Mr Joyce said.

"Many activities are eligible for funding such as successful recipients from Round 7 which included building upgrades for St Vincent De Paul at Werris Creek, a first aid defibrillator for Currabubula Pony Club, wheelchair access for the Yarrowitch Community Hall, a power generator for Inverell Community Radio, solar at the Wongwibinda Community Hall, sideline bench seats as we've provided for the Kootingal/Moonbi Rugby League Club or repairs to the BBQ shed for the Tenterfield Show Society."

A maximum of 20 projects will be funded in the New England electorate, with successful applicants receiving a grant between \$2,500 and \$20,000. The maximum cost cannot exceed \$50,000, and project completion will need to occur after 1 August 2023 and by 31 December 2023.

For this round grant funding will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs except for local governing bodies where grant funding will be up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs.

"It is important that we fund not only the big infrastructure projects but the smaller ones too because local organisations are vital to the fabric of our local communities here in the New England," Mr Joyce said.

To register your interest in applying for a grant, visit [barnabyjoyce.com.au](http://barnabyjoyce.com.au) and download an Expression of Interest Form or call the office on 02 6761 3080. Expression of Interest Forms must be lodged to Mr Joyce's office by **Friday 10 March 2023**.

### **RECENT ANNIVERSARIES**

- Queen Elizabeth II marking her Platinum Jubilee - 70 years on the throne (2022)
- the colonial Tasmanian Parliament passing the world's first secret ballot (1856)
- New Zealand's worst maritime tragedy - HMS Orpheus sunk off the coast of Auckland killing 189 (1863)
- the Black Saturday bushfires in Victoria, which killed 173 people (2009)
- the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots (1587)
- the birthdays of author Jules Verne (1828) and actor James Dean (1931)
- the first flight of a Boeing 727 jet (1963)
- the Beatles performing their first-ever gig at Liverpool's Cavern Club (1961) and their first appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1964)
- the death of Princess Margaret, the sister of Queen Elizabeth II (2002)
- the death of Captain James Cook (1779)
- the release of the original Dracula film starring Bela Lugosi (1931)
- the patenting of the first microchip (called "micro on a chip") by Texas Instruments (1978)
- the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, which prompted widespread protests against gun violence in the US (2018).



## **A SCIENCE FUTURE FUND TO SUPERCHARGE ECONOMIC GROWTH: BUDGET 2023**

Creating a visionary Science Future Fund that could generate economic returns of up to \$2.3 billion a year would help offset mounting social services spending pressures on the nation's finances and start to reverse Australia's dangerously low investment in income-generating R&D.

In its pre-Budget submission, Science & Technology Australia has proposed the new future fund as a clever way for the Albanese Government to implement its election pledge to boost Australia's research and development investment "... getting it closer to the 3 per cent of GDP achieved in other countries."

Applying CSIRO economic models to the proven example of the Medical Research Future Fund, the peak body says a new Science Future Fund could generate economic returns of up to \$2.3 billion a year for Australia – at no future cost to the Budget after its initial capitalisation.

Science & Technology Australia President Professor Mark Hutchinson said it would powerfully advance the Prime Minister's ambition of an economic future "powered by science" and the Deputy Prime Minister's pledge that the Albanese Government will be "the Science Government".

It would match the ambitions of our global technological allies and rivals; safeguard our national security and sovereign capability in an era of escalating global economic uncertainty; future-proof local jobs; and deliver a more prosperous future for all Australians."

An astute and agile strategy is urgently needed to drive the transformation of Australia's economy and lift our nation up the value chain. The analysis by STA shows that this Science Future Fund could inject \$650 million every year from investment income into science breakthroughs, generating a massive \$2.3 billion in new economic returns for the country every year.

A Science Future Fund would be a legacy-defining move to ensure Australia doesn't fall behind its global economic competitors, who are rapidly scaling up their strategic investments in science.

"Right now the world is locked in a fierce science and technology race, as other countries strategically invest to secure their own economic futures through science breakthroughs and innovation," said Science & Technology Australia CEO Misha Schubert.

"In the US, the CHIPS and Science Act will supercharge science by a massive \$52 billion – something US President Joe Biden calls a "once in a generation investment in America itself. The UK is also dramatically ramping up public investment in R&D. Australia must be every bit as bold in our ambition to be a global science and technology superpower," Ms Schubert said.

As with the MRFF, the Science Future Fund would be a 'locked box' of capital, invested with a mandate of generating strong annual returns. These returns would then be used to transform Australia's discovery science research – helping us to be first to technological breakthroughs and pursue 'moonshot' programs that need long-term investments.

This is a prudent and proven model to deliver long-term sustainability without recurring expenditure in future Budgets. Australia faces an array of serious economic challenges – sluggish growth, a productivity crisis, real wages going backwards, and a growing Budget deficit. A Science Future Fund would powerfully tackle each of these challenges. It will deliver breakthroughs that will turbocharge productivity, generate new higher wage jobs, and return income to the economy to fix the Budget deficit.

### **About Science & Technology Australia**

Science & Technology Australia is the nation's peak body representing more than 110,000 scientists and technologists. We're the leading policy voice on science and technology. Our flagship programs include Science Meets Parliament, Superstars of STEM, and STA STEM Ambassadors.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTACT LIST**

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Ambulance                         | 000          |
| Fire                              | 000          |
| Police                            | 67900360     |
| VRA                               | 000          |
| Barraba Police Station            | 67821003     |
| Barraba Fire Brigade              | 67821179     |
| Barraba Health Service (Hospital) | 67822500     |
| Barraba Medical Centre (GP)       | 67821621     |
| Barraba Vet Service               | 0459 192 265 |
| Essential Energy                  | 132080       |
| Beyond Blue                       | 1300224636   |
| Lifeline                          | 131114       |
| NRMA                              | 131122       |
| SES Barraba                       | 132500       |
| Tamworth Regional Council         |              |
| Emergency Number                  | 1300733625   |
| Council Office                    | 67821105     |

## **SUMMER IN BARRABA – ALWAYS WEAR A HAT**

### **OUTDOORS**

There is one message that everyone should heed in our hot summers – when outside **WEAR A HAT** not matter how daggy it looks! Here are all the reasons -

#### **Safety: Sun protection**

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, with two in three Australians developing some form of skin cancer before age 70. This makes sun protection very important for all Australians.

Ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun can cause sunburn, skin damage, eye damage and skin cancer. UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is strongly associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life.

Skin cancer is one of the most preventable cancers. You can protect your child from the sun by teaching them to become SunSmart and always using sun protection when UV levels are 3 or higher. It is also important to model good sun protection habits, as children learn by observing their parents' and caregivers' behaviour.

#### **Sun protection times**

UV radiation isn't like the sun's light or heat, which we can see and feel. Even on a cool day, UV can damage our skin without us realising, which is why it is important not to rely on temperature to decide whether sun protection is needed.

Check if sun protection is required before heading out (see the free SunSmart app or Bureau of Meteorology) – if the UV index is 3 (moderate) or higher, make sure your child's skin is protected.

UV levels are usually 3 or higher from mid-August to the end of April. UV levels are most intense during the middle of the day so if possible, try to save trips to the playground, park or beach for early morning and late afternoon.



## **How to be SunSmart**

Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide message is a simple and effective way to reduce the risk of skin cancer.

### **1. Slip on clothing to cover skin**

Put on clothing that covers as much skin as possible.

Choose lightweight, loose-fitting clothing that won't make your child too hot.

### **2. Slop on sunscreen**

Use SPF30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen on your child's face, arms, hands and any other skin that is not covered.

Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before going outside and reapply every two hours.

Sunscreen does not completely block out all UV radiation and should never be the only method of sun protection.

The widespread use of sunscreen on babies under six months old is not recommended.

### **3. Slap on a hat**

Choose a hat that shades your child's face, back of the neck, eyes and ears, and is a suitable size for your child's head.

Broad-brimmed, Legionnaire or bucket hats are best. Baseball caps and visors are not recommended.

### **4. Seek shade**

Try to use shade whenever possible. If you can, choose a shady place for your child to play, such as under a tree, shade sail or umbrella.

UV radiation can burn even when you are in the shade, so it is important you and your child also wear sunscreen, a hat and appropriate clothing.

### **5. Slide on sunglasses**

Sunglasses are labelled with protection category ratings, which indicate how well they protect the eyes from UV radiation. Choose wrap-around sunglasses that are labelled category 2, 3 or 4. Category 1 or 0 sunglasses do not provide enough UV protection.

A soft elastic strap will help to keep sunglasses in place for babies and toddlers.

**NO MATTER HOW OLD YOU ARE, SLAP ON A HAT  
– SKIN CANCER IS A KILLER**

## SCHOOL IS BACK FOR 2023

No news yet from our local schools. Meanwhile Brian Coote shows us who ran these schools forty years ago



### **BARRABA HIGH SCHOOL Staff 11th Feb. 1983.**

Front Row Seated: Carmel James, Kim Shephard, Jenny Bastian (Bright), Rebecca Capel, Sue Moore, Kim Maisey (Morgan), Radi Tintner, Janene Randall, Lea Poustie

2nd.Row: Janet Freestone, Narelle Bullen, Beth Brodbeck, Martin Unwin, Mary Jane Weld, Jan McIlrick, Peter Killen, Neil Cossey

3rd.Row: Peter Brabin, Owen Williams, Mike Simpson, John Newman, John Cramp, Val Taylor, Brick Barnes

Rear Row: Col Ridding, John Nowland, Peter Cameron, Aileen Irvine, Bea Walker, Chris Shephard, John Searle, Neil Best, Carl Holmes, Steve Higginbottom



### **PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF 11th. Feb 1983.**

Back Row: - Bob Field, Gavin Morgan, Loretta Thomas, Jenny Warren, Lyn Forbes, Ian Arnold, Allan Lynch, Gloria Forrest & Brenda Patch seated.

Front Row seated: - Pat Akers, Kim Le Cornu, Phyllis Russell, Gwen King, Di Ridding



**"HOPE WE SEE  
YOU SOON  
BRONWYN. WE  
ARE MISSING  
YOU BADLY!"**  
*The Community News*



## **NOTICE – POWER OUTAGE**

Essential Energy recently announced by text message that another power outage is planned for –

**SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY**  
**8.00 AM – 4.00 PM**  
for essential works.

### **Message from the Editor**

At Barraba Community News we welcome local news and stories from our community members about activities, events and news of interest to the Barraba community.

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

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Summary** Max 32

**Mostly sunny**

Chance of any rain: 5%



**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Summary** Min 13 Max 33

**Sunny**

Chance of rain: 5%



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Summary** Min 15 Max 35

**Mostly Sunny**

Chance of any rain: 5%



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Summary** Min 17 Max 36

**Mostly sunny**

Chance of any rain: 20%



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Summary** Min 19 Max 37

**Possible shower**

Chance of rain: 60%



**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Summary** Min 18 Max 37

**Mostly sunny**

Chance of any rain: 30%



**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**

**Summary** Min 19 Max 36

**Possible shower**

Chance of any rain: 40%



### **Regional Dam Levels from Water NSW**

Chaffey 100.0%

Copeton 87.0%

Keepit 91.0%

Split Rock 100.0%