



# BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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## **BARRABA NAB CLOSURES FOR GOOD ON 6 MARCH**

Allison Baker, NAB Retail Customer Executive, told "News" that NAB is working hard to minimise the inconvenience to its valued customers:

*"Over the past few months, since the announcement of the permanent closure of NAB Barraba, the team have been helping customers who need additional support with their banking including introducing them to digital banking and the Bank@Post service available across the road on Queen Street. If you have not been into the branch to discuss your personal needs, please drop in soon."*

*Andrea, a friendly face to many locals from our branch will be a Community Banker at Australia Post on Thursdays from 9am – 1pm to help introduce customers to the ways of banking at Bank@Post. Andrea will be at the Post Office for eight weeks after the branch closes the doors.*

*With the upcoming Barraba Show, we've also pushed the closure back a few days to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March to support the Show Committee and Exhibitors.*

*Following the closure of the Branch, our Business and Agribusiness bankers will also continue to make regular visits to Barraba and the surrounding areas to visit customers."*

NAB said the renewed Bank@Post partnership with Australia Post provides the community with a face-to-face alternative at 3,500 Australia Post outlets across the country where they can conduct a range of banking services including deposits up to \$9,999 and withdrawals up to \$2,000 per day. Under our 10-year agreement, both personal and business customers are able to access this service.

Additional information about the closure of the Barraba branch can also be found at [NAB.com.au/locations](https://www.nab.com.au/locations) - [Closure Fact Sheet](#).

Further details about the Bank@Post services are on page of this newspaper

## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor,

The Executive of the Men's Shed wish to advise the residents of the Barraba area that the Men's Shed Shop has moved from next to the

Barraba Pharmacy and is now located next to Barraba IGA.

The shop is in the process of setting out the goods that were at the previous location and is now open for business on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9.00am to 12.00pm.

At the shop you will also find that the Men's Shed is supporting a computer repair facility under the auspices of Tim, who can be contacted at the Men's Shed Shop.

We would be pleased to accept new members to the Men's Shed as "workers" or as social members.

The workshop hours are from 9.00am to 12.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Yours sincerely,

The Executive of Barraba's Men's Shed.



***Hard at work in the new Shed Shop***

## Caring Communities



In the last few weeks local Paramedic William Rixon and his team have treated several patients who live alone and were unwell or had an accident in their homes. In some of these cases the

patients were extremely ill, or had had a fall rendering them unable to call for help, resulting in their spending several days without food, water or medical assistance. After seeing several of these cases Will would like to encourage everyone to take part in a little "neighbourhood watch".

While Will recognises that no one likes to be considered a nosey neighbour, he would like to remind everyone that there are a few things to look out for to help make sure people in your community are safe and well without being obtrusive. These can be as simple as taking note of unusual things such as not seeing your neighbour out in their yard for a few days, lights being on or off at irregular times, or an overflowing mail box. If you are comfortable, Will would encourage you to knock on the door to see if everything is OK. If you don't have this sort of relationship with your neighbours, or have checked and been unable to gain a response a call to 000 to arrange for a welfare check by Local Police or Ambulance Officers is the next course of action.

Ambulance and Police often perform welfare checks, and are always happy when they find the person they are checking on to be healthy and well. "I'd much rather find out it has been a false alarm than a situation where someone has had a fall and been unable to get up for three days" says Will. "If everything is OK, then at least your neighbour knows someone is looking out for them. In the worst case scenario you may save someone's life."



Just after 7pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb the Westpac Rescue Helicopter was tasked by New South Wales Ambulance to the outskirts of Bingara, to reports of a serious two vehicle motor

vehicle collision. Local Ambulance Paramedics and Emergency Services attended the scene and commenced treatment of two males in their 40's & 50's that were suffering from serious head, chest and pelvic injuries. Both males were stabilised by the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Critical Care Medical Team prior to being flown direct to the Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital in a stable condition.

## 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



On Friday 27 January 2023 Barbara and Phillip Hodges celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at Inverell. There they spent their first honeymoon night, on the way to Cairns for the rest of their honeymoon.

They were married at the Barraba Salvation Army on the 27 January 1973. Phillip's brother Captain Bruce Hodges married them. Barbara's Chief Bridesmaid was Heather Heywood and Doreen Heywood her bridesmaid. Phillip's Best man was David Hodges and Groomsman Noel Hodges. Soloist was Miss Toni Barnes, Organist Lieutenant D Newton. Vocal was "My Cup Runneth Over with Love" and "Fill my house to the fullest."



[Nandewar](#)

[Historical Museum Market Day](#)

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**

**9am – 12 noon**

**Jams, Pickles, Cakes, Biscuits**

**Clothing, Craft, Books, History Books**



Market week this week – there will be more advertising than usual so we are hoping to see lots of people around enjoying the music and the stalls and

perhaps a barbeque or a coffee. Don't forget to look at the list of Corner Store owners and check any dates that are there.

As I sit down to write the notes this week the house is so silent – no TV, no radio, no telephone, no fridge, no pump – how did we manage fifty years ago without electricity – now everything has to have power to work!! Progress!!

We have an enquiry re the Salvation Army in Barraba. I wonder how many people can remember having a meal at Sofis Cafe on a Saturday night while the members of the Salvation Army played hymns out in the street. Hopefully there are still a few around.

The Salvation Army came to Barraba as an outpost of the Tingha Corps, attaining its Corps status in 1891 under Captain E.Sincock. The army grew from this small beginning with support from the Barraba residents.

As first the army rented their buildings and had to find their own accommodation but it was not long before Barraba helped with transport and somewhere to live. A house on the present block was acquired and then in 1922 the hall was opened by Commissioner Whatmore.

The membership grew and it became possible to replace the house with a social hall for functions leaving the original hall for services. This was a time when the arm was flourishing and in 1991 the centenary was held.

Sadly, numbers in the Barraba branch have decreased for whatever reason and then with the closing of the second-hand shop there are just a few members left. The Historical Society has a copy of the Barraba Centenary, 1991 as well as the newspaper report and of course the harmonium is stored in the museum. If someone would like to write the full history of the Salvation Army in Barraba the society would be happy to store it for future generations.



### **RIP Carol Ellis (The Cat Lady)**

A resident of Barraba since 1984 of 50 Queen St, Carol passed away peacefully on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Her immediate family member chose not to have her funeral or laid her to rest in Barraba.

A memorial service will be held for Carol here in Barraba when her ashes have been released and details finalised.

A notice with the service date and place will be printed in a future issue of Barraba Community News.



## **Barraba Preschool**

### **2023 Annual General Meeting**

Date: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Barraba Preschool

148, Queen Street, BARRABA NSW 2347

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



## SHOW NEWS

### Mini & Junior Barraba Show Young Woman/Man Competition



*Pictured: 2021 Junior entrants*

This year there is a mini competition open to all Girls/ Boys 5 and under; you enter as a mini young woman/man. All girls/boys up to between 6 – 9yrs, 10 – 14yrs and 15 – 17 years are invited to participate in the Junior YOUNG WOMAN/MAN competition in 2023.

Entries for all age groups will be taken in front of the grandstand on **Saturday 4th March 2023**. Judging will take place at **4.00pm**.

The official opening of the show will be held before the judging.

In 2021 the Agshows NSW & RAS directors changed the name from "Showgirl" to the "Young Woman" competition.

There are many past & present showgirl/young woman photos on the Barraba show website:

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

### **CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES**

Barraba – 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6pm

2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9am.

Upper Horton – 3rd Sunday – 11am.

Weekday Mass – Wednesday - 10am.



**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 \$2,000 (3 draws)

COURTESY CAR AVAILABLE FROM 5.30PM

**SATURDAY:** 10AM-

**SUNDAY:** 10AM-5.30PM

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES 1PM

MEMBERS DRAW \$1100

**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

## **Uniting Church Notices**

**Sunday 12 February**

Preparation time 8.30am

Service time 8.45am

All Welcome



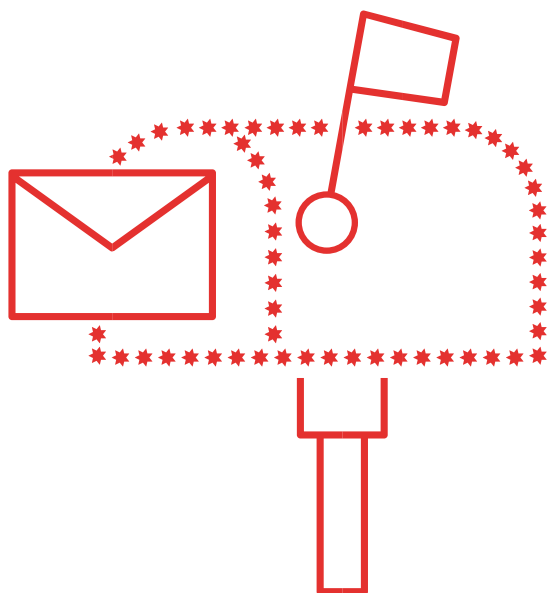
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**Available at over 3,500 participating Post Offices, Bank@Post gives you access to secure face-to-face banking services from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, and even on Saturdays at some Post Offices.\***

You can withdraw cash, deposit cash and cheques and check your account balance using your NAB card at participating Bank@Post Post Offices. Customers with a Passbook can also withdraw cash. Head to your local participating Post Office and get your personal and business banking done closer to home.



### Cash deposits

Single cash deposit of \$9,999 per customer, per day with a NAB chip enabled card and PIN linked to your NAB transaction account. Overall maximum cash deposit of \$10,000 per day applies to deposits at either Australia Post or ATMs.

\*Participating Post Office trading days and times may vary. Transactions at Australia Post outlets will incur the same fees as over the counter transactions carried out at NAB branches. Fees and charges are detailed in the PersonalBanking Fees and charges guide and Business

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Business customers can deposit with a NAB chip enabled card and PIN or barcoded deposit slip linked to your nominated NAB transaction account.

### Cheque deposits

Up to 99 cheques totalling no more than \$999,999.99 per transaction with a NAB chip enabled card and PIN or barcoded deposit slip linked to your nominated NAB transaction account.

### NAB Credit Card Deposit

Need to make a direct payment to your credit card? Easy. Simply insert your card, enter your pin, and follow the prompts to deposit via the PIN pad.

### Cash withdrawals

Up to \$2,000 per customer, per day with a NAB chip enabled card and PIN linked to your NAB transaction account.

**Cash withdrawal with Passbook** Up to \$1,000 per customer over a 7-day period.

### Balance enquiry

No limits with a NAB chip enabled card and PIN linked to your NAB transaction account.

### Business change/coin floats

NAB customers can exchange up to \$1,000 cash from either banknotes to coins, coins to banknotes or a mixture of both. Cash exchange is only available for Australian currency and is subject to cash availability at the Post Office at the time of the request.

### Nearest Post Office offering Bank@Post:

BARRABA

120 Queen Street, Barraba NSW

Visit [nab.com.au/bankatpost](https://nab.com.au/bankatpost) to find other Post Offices offering Bank@Post Services.

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# MedCIRC Barraba

## Surgery Closure dates.

The surgery will be closed for the following dates: **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February through to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February inclusive** and will re-open on **Tuesday 21st February at 9.00am.**

If you require scripts, please phone the surgery on 67821621 to make an appointment prior to the closure.

Opening Hours 9.00am - 1.00pm / 2.00pm - 5.30pm

Surgery will be closed for lunch between 1.00pm - 2.00pm.

Phones will not be answered during this hour.

In case of an emergency between 1.00pm - 2.00pm please call 000 or contact Barraba Hospital on 67822500



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

Applications close on Tuesday 28th February 2023



### **NEAR \$11 MILLION WINDFALL FOR LOCAL ROADS**

The Tamworth electorate is reaping the rewards of the NSW Nationals \$500 million Regional and Local Roads Repair Program with just under \$11 million allocated to the Tamworth, Gunnedah, and Liverpool Plains councils.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said locals had been extremely patient with the damage ongoing rain events caused the local road network and this funding gives councils the resources they need to fix the region's roads. "Our councils maintain a total of more than 6,000 kilometres of roads which is a lot to look after when you consider the damage ongoing rain events caused the network last year," Mr Anderson said.

"These are the roads we use every day and we've heard loud and clear from residents who have been swerving potholes for some time.

"Council crews have been working around the clock to fix the roads in the face of difficult circumstances, but road repairs cost money which is why the NSW Nationals are stepping in to provide financial support.

"This funding is on top of the \$50 million Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round, as well as the \$5.5 million in emergency funding announced just a couple of weeks ago.

"This funding gives our crews the funding they need to get on with the job of fixing local roads."

Councils in the Tamworth electorate will receive:

- **Tamworth Regional Council: \$5,901,065**
- **Gunnedah Shire Council: \$2,679,377**
- **Liverpool Plains Shire Council: \$2,409,643**

Nationals Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Sam Faraway said the injection of funds means councils can plan and undertake work now

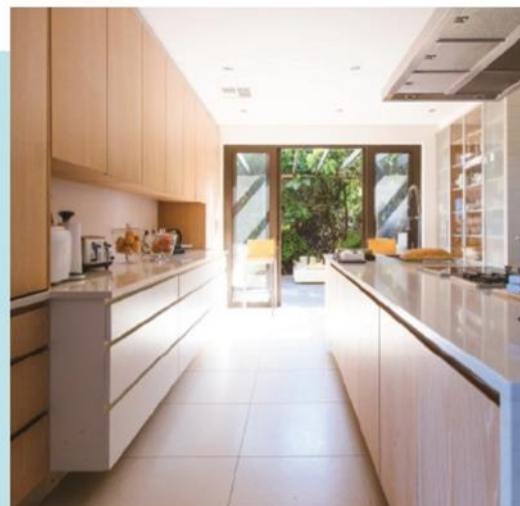


to restore roads and help protect against reoccurring problems.

“After we announced our initial \$50 million injection to help fix potholes across regional NSW in November a number of councils sat down with me and asked for additional help and funding,” Mr Farraway said.

“We listened and managed to secure an additional \$280 million for regional councils. We also provided cash advances for emergency disaster funding to eligible councils and have diverted Transport for NSW road crews to help fix local roads.

Since 2019, we have invested \$1.8 billion into fixing the local roads you use to make your daily life easier. I encourage councils to get the deeds signed quickly so that funding for your local and regional roads gets to you sooner for essential repairs to get underway.”



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Barraba NSW

## ABOUT US

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At our cleaning company, we pride ourselves on being able to provide a range of cleaning and home improvement services at an affordable price, we understand that not everyone can afford to spend a lot of money on cleaning and repairs, which is why we offer discounts for regular customers.

## Services include

- Standard house clean
- Premium house clean
- End of lease clean
- Handyman Service
- Painting
- Wall repairs

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## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SUPPORT**

The Liberals Nationals NSW Government have released a suite of measures to prevent domestic violence and improve outcomes for victim-survivors of domestic violence.

Member of the Legislative Council, Aileen MacDonald, said the package will keep more women safe in NSW whilst also enabling victim-survivors impacted by domestic violence to rebuild their lives.

"The measures announced are focused on supporting women and children, whilst preventing re-offending by perpetrators," Mrs MacDonald said.

"Being eligible for the first home buyers scheme or a bond loan to secure a rental property, means women and children impacted by Domestic Violence in NSW can rebuild their lives."

Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence Natalie Ward said supporting victim-survivors is a priority for NSW Government.

"We're building on our record investment in prevention and support because we don't want to see more heartbreaking headlines about someone being killed or injured by a person who claimed to love them," Mrs Ward said.

"Reforms including the Right to Ask domestic violence disclosure scheme and expansion of electronic monitoring are nation-leading initiatives which will improve safety."

Over the past week, the NSW Liberals and Nationals have delivered a Domestic Violence package which includes:

- The 'Right to Ask' scheme where people can find out if their partner has a history of domestic violence offences;
- \$20 million for up to 200 additional electronic monitoring devices;
- Providing victim-survivors with access to first home buyer support and interest free rental bonds to help them rebuild their lives

- Reviewing all sentences for domestic violence related offences
- Funding a Specialist Domestic and Family Violence list in three locations and five additional magistrates
- Undertaking a feasibility study into establishing a dedicated Domestic and Family Violence Court;

This builds on the over \$700 million the NSW Liberals and Nationals have committed to Women's Safety initiatives over the past two years.

**Barraba Anglican Parish**  
**Sunday Service Times**  
**9am – St Laurence's**  
**Barraba**  
**11:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday -**  
**St John's Woods Reef**  
**11:30am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday -**  
**St Mark's Bereen**

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

A twelfth of the year has gone, we have survived a Sunday without electricity from the grid, our new vicar and his family are settling in and plans for 2023 are starting to take shape.

On Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February there will be a service at Woods Reef at 11.30am and Parish Council will meet in the afternoon. Matt Hearne's ordination is in Armidale on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is World Day of Prayer and Men@Glen in on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> March. Then on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March the Barraba Bash Youth Event is on again.

The World Day of Prayer service this year will be hosted by the Uniting Church. It will begin at 10.30am and everyone is welcome.

As we listen to the news this week and feel anxiety building as we think of our future, let's take this advice from Psalm 62, verse 8: "Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge."

Beth



## CSIRO RESEARCHERS USE MACHINE LEARNING TO ADVANCE ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH

Scientists from CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, in partnership with Queensland University of Technology, have used artificial intelligence to develop a world-first benchmark for measuring brain atrophy – or thinning – in neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, accounting for 60 to 80 per cent of cases. One of the ways of measuring its progress is via MRI images that show cortical thinning. This method is challenging, however, as changes in the thickness of the brain's cortex are extremely small, often in the sub-millimetre range. Assessing the onset and progression of Alzheimer's using brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) has traditionally been challenging as changes in the thickness of the brain's cortex are extremely small, often in the sub-millimetre range.

Advanced machine learning techniques are routinely used in brain research to assess changes in cortical thickness, but until now, a lack of a clinically accurate 'ground truth' dataset meant we could not evaluate their sensitivity to the detection of small atrophy levels.

Prior to this breakthrough, the only way to get a ground truth measure of cortical thickness was by studying the brain post-mortem. However, brains begin to shrink immediately after death resulting in inaccurate readings. Filip Rusak, research scientist from CSIRO's Australian e-Health Research Centre, said cortical atrophy – thinning of the brain's cortex – can start up to ten years before clinical symptoms of Alzheimer's appear.

"Extremely accurate methods are needed to observe these signs in brain images when they begin to appear so they can be addressed earlier rather than later," Dr Rusak said.

"Using the power of machine learning, we were able to produce a set of artificial MRI images of brains with predefined signs of neurodegeneration in the cortex region, the outer layer of the brain most affected by Alzheimer's.

"Before these findings, there was no way to conclusively determine the sensitivity of the various methods used to measure cortical thickness in Alzheimer's patients," he said.

This new technique allows researchers to set the amount and location of brain degeneration they want to compare against so they can get a clear picture of what method of cortical thickness quantification performs the best.

The technique can test the sensitivity of methods to a miniscule level. It can determine whether a method can detect changes in thickness of just 0.01 millimetres. Findings from the research were published in [Medical Image Analysis](#). The work has already had international impact.

Michael Rebsamen from The University of Bern, Switzerland said they had strong evidence that DL+DiReCT – a deep learning-based method for measuring cortical thickness – is robust and sensitive to subtle changes in atrophy.

"Until now, due to the lack of a reference MRI we could not quantify what level of atrophy can truly be measured," Dr Rebsamen said.

"The innovative benchmark from CSIRO closes this gap and marks an important milestone for evaluating cortical thickness methods," he said.

The technique can be applied to research in any brain disease that involves neurodegeneration, representing a significant step forward to better understanding dementia and other debilitating brain diseases. It can also potentially be used to predict the level of cortical degeneration a person can expect over time.

Dr Rusak said all of this technology happened on the back of the commonly used and relatively inexpensive MRI images.

"The findings will help researchers pick the right tools for the job. The right tool increases the chances of accurately assessing disease progression," Dr Rusak said. "So, there's no need for new medical infrastructure," he said.

The synthetic dataset images have been made [publicly available](#) so clinicians and scientists can use the synthetic images to conduct their own assessments of cortical thickness quantification methods.

B-roll footage including interviews with Dr Rusak regarding MRI Imaging can be accessed by visiting [this link](#).

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## **BARRABA RAMS – SPONSORSHIP NIGHT**

The sponsorship night on Friday night went off with a real bang with a very



good crowd in attendance to partake of a seafood and very good range of salad delights or both if you were hungry, well done to those who prepared and served it up.

The feature of the night was the introduction of Gemma

Etheridge by club president Simon Koopman, Gemma started off playing non contact sport until she was coaxed into training with the sevens teams alongside twin sister Nikki, who also played for Australia, but missed out on a spot in the Rio Olympics which Australia won by a good margin.

Gemma spoke about the numerous injuries that she had during her career, and the hard task of getting right and back to peak fitness as some of the hardest times, but received plenty of support from officials, physios and team members. Her determination to succeed kept her on track to regain top fitness a couple of weeks before the games and was selected for the team, her gold medal was shown around.



Following the talk, Simon conducted the auction for insignia on back, front, sleeve, leg of shorts, back of shorts and bench jacket, the support of the crowd was amazing and a substantial amount was raised.

The bar advertising was sold to the same sponsor as last year, but the major club sponsor (logo on top left chest) went to a new face which was Barraba Concreting and we thank them for their support, and urge rugby supporters and the district to support a new business to our town and district.

Coaches for the year were named, Men's – Will Robinson, Women's – Ben Freeman.

The club has also decided to run another steer competition this year, and are in the process of getting this started.

Barraba Rams have also got the juniors teams under their wing and will do all it can to help, as the Barraba Junior carnival is one of the biggest in the North West and along with the schools 14's and 16's going well things are looking good.



So if you are wanting to play rugby then you can rock up to training 7pm on Tuesday and Thursdays and join in the fun, Men, Women, Boys and Girls all welcome.

The first game is on the 15<sup>th</sup>

April, Barraba v Quirindi in the men's and women's games. This Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February, Waratahs v QLD Reds at Narrabri.

Finally, the club would like to thank all the sponsors for their continued support as these funds are an enormous help in the running of the rugby season and welcome the new ones, we hope you enjoy the season.

Plans for the work on the new constructions are being discussed with the appropriate people and when that is completed, it is hoped works will commence, especially for the women's change rooms.



## **BARRABA RIFLE CLUB NEWS**

Saturday saw our shooting start for 2023. We had two shooters for

Centrefire and eight shooters for the Benchrest. There were a couple of possibles scored for the first shoot by Andrew and Brendan, congratulations to you both. Most of the scores were in the 90's. Noah scored a 99 in Centrefire, so he is off to a good start to the year.

A few shooters went up a Grade this year with Casey going from A Grade to AA Grade, Noah, and John both going from B Grade to A Grade.

Congratulations. Our next shoot will be our first meeting for the year as well.

### **Unlimited 50m**

B. McIlrick	95.1, 96.4, 96.3 = 287.8
D. McIlrick	92, 86.1, 90.2 = 268.3

### **AA Grade 50m**

A. White	95.1, 96.3, 95.2 = 286.6
C. White	92, 87.1, 96.4 = 275.5
D. Dewson	85, 91.2, 94.2 = 270.4
G. Urquhart	89, 89, 87 = 265
R. Bridges	70, 74, 86.1 = 230.1

### **A Grade 50m**

N. Hull	86, 93, 90.3 = 269.3
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### **Unlimited 100m**

B. McIlrick	100.9, 97.5, 96.3 = 293.17
D. McIlrick	95.4, 88.2, 96.3 = 279.9

### **AA Grade 100m**

A. White	100.4, 97.5, 97.2 = 294.11
D. Dewson	98.5, 99.2, 97.1 = 294.8
C. White	92, 92.3, 99.1 = 283.4
R. Bridges	95.1, 95, 91.1 = 281.2
G. Urquhart	94.3, 92.1, 93.1 = 279.4

### **A Grade 100m**

N. Hull	98.4, 96, 97.4 = 291.8
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### **Centrefire**

N. Hull	97.1, 99.2, 95.1 = 291.4
R. Clark	97.1, 93, 91.1 = 281.2

On Saturday night we had our presentation and there were plenty of winners. The following shooters received awards for last year with their consistent scoring.

### **Unlimited**

1 <sup>st</sup>	B. McIlrick	50m 100m & Bull Aggregate
2 <sup>nd</sup>	D. McIlrick	50m & 100m

### **AA Grade**

1 <sup>st</sup>	A. White	50m, 100m & Bull Aggregate
2 <sup>nd</sup>	D. Dewson	50m & 100m
3 <sup>rd</sup>	R. Bridges	50m & 100m

### **A Grade**

1 <sup>st</sup>	C. White	50m, 100m & Bull Aggregate
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### **B. Grade**

1 <sup>st</sup>	N. Hull	50m, 100m & Bull Aggregate
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### **Centrefire**

1 <sup>st</sup>	D. Dewson	Bull Aggregate
2 <sup>nd</sup>	J. Adams	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	R. Clark	

### **100 Club Badge**

N. Hull 100.2 Benchrest 100.7 Centrefire

### **300 Club Badges**

B. McIlrick	300.17	100m Benchrest 2021
A. White	300.18	100m Benchrest 2022
C. White	300.14	100m Benchrest 2022
D. Currell	300.21	100m Benchrest (year not known)
D. Dewson	300.14	Centrefire 2022
J. Adams	300.14	Centrefire 2022

**Life Membership** P. Currell

**Ranbuild Centrefire Pointscore** - D. Dewson

**Club Pointscore** - B. McIlrick

We would like to thank Tat for his wonderful camp oven meal that he provided and also to Kylie for her wonderful pasta and veggie bakes, not to mention her delicious desserts, they were a big hit.



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**Barraba 6 day Forecast**  
**from the Bureau of**  
**Meteorology**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**Summary** Min 16 Max 32

**Possible shower**

Chance of any rain: 40%



**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Summary** Min 15 Max 28

**Shower or two**

Chance of rain: 50%



**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Summary** Min 14 Max 31

**Sunny** Chance of any rain: 10%

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb**



**Summary** Min 14 Max 34

**Sunny**

Chance of any rain: 0%

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**



**Summary** Min 15 Max 37

**Sunny**

Chance of rain: 0%

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb**



**Summary** Min 17 Max 37

**Mostly Sunny**

Chance of any rain: 20%

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb**



**Summary** Min 18 Max 33

**Rain** Chance of Rain: 70%



**Regional Dam Levels from  
Water NSW**

Chaffey 100.0%

Copeton 88.0%

Keepit 92.0%

Split Rock 100%.

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