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Wednesday 12th April 2023

Anzac Day Military Display



To coincide with Anzac Day, there will be a Boer War, WW1, WW2, and Korean War display at 114 Queen Street (Next door to Chemist), from 15th April to 30th May.

LEST WE FORGET



Barraba Branch of the United Hospital Auxiliaries

General Meeting

**Friday 14th April 2023 10.00am at
The Day Centre, Barraba Hospital**

All welcome.

Enquiries to Julie on 0412603831.

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Discover our region's rich heritage during the **Tamworth Regional Heritage Festival** from **Wednesday 12 April to Sunday 23 April**.

Local historians, heritage and cultural groups will share the stories that have shaped our community through exhibitions, cultural displays, demonstrations and walks across our region. Watch the mighty John Fowler steam engines in action at the Tamworth Powerstation Museum, try your luck panning for gold at Nundle, or delve deep into the night sky and learn about our local Aboriginal heritage.

Pixie Jenkins is stopping by for a performance on Australia's country music history, and the Historical Society walk will this year unveil the secrets of the paradise end of Peel Street and King George Avenue.

There are over 30 events and exhibitions throughout the 10 days in Manilla, Moonbi, Nundle and Tamworth. View the full program at www.tamworthheritagefestival.com.au



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SATURDAY: 10AM-

SUNDAY: 10AM-5.30PM

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MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1400

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Letters to Editor

Dear Editor,

Just clarifying the answer to the query in last week's history notes about a record of a marriage in 1902 at Gulf Creek between George Henry Briggs and Mary Sheedy. With the help of Ancestry, I learned that this couple was married on 29th January 1902 at the Parsonage in Bingara, listed as Methodist.

I'm interested in the history of the Christian denominations in this area other than Church of England. I discovered that Vonnette Chad wrote a book about the history of the Barraba Wesleyan, Methodist, Presbyterian, Uniting Church 1899 – 1999. There is also interesting history of St John's Catholic Church on the Catholic Schools Office Armidale webpage. Does anyone else have any local history of these churches and/or early weddings in them?

Julie Williams

Friday, 7 April, 2023



Help us save lives by saving the Medicare Heart Health Check

Dear Editor

Heart disease is Australia's leading cause of death and tragically takes the life of one Australian every 30 minutes. The good news is, heart disease is largely preventable. The bad news? Our best tool for heart disease prevention – the Medicare Heart Health Check – is about to expire. We are seeking a guarantee from the Australian Government that funding will continue beyond 30 June this year.

Nearly 440,000 Australians have seen their GP for a Medicare subsidised Heart Health Check since they were introduced.

The Heart Foundation is asking the Government to invest \$11.5 million per year, to continue subsidising Heart Health Checks into the future.

This is a relatively small investment compared to the \$1 billion in healthcare costs that could be saved with broad uptake of Heart Health Checks in high-risk Australians and more importantly, the 67,000 heart attacks, strokes and heart disease related deaths that could be prevented over five years.

It's not too late for your readers to take action: I urge you to please help us save Medicare Heart Health Checks by signing our petition, writing to local MPs and sharing the petition with friends and family.

To take action, please visit

www.heartfoundation.org.au/save-heart-checks

Kind regards

David Lloyd

Chief Executive Officer

National Heart Foundation of Australia

MedCIRC Barraba Surgery Closure dates.

The surgery will be closed for the following dates:

Monday 24th April through to Friday 28th April inclusive and will re-open Monday 1st May 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

Barraba Community Inc AGM

11.00 am Sunday 23rd April 2023

Playhouse Hotel Lounge

Incorporated entity for the following committees;

- Frost Over Barraba
- Friends of Barraba Trees
- Barraba Birth Books and Beyond
- Barraba Public Art

Frost Over Barraba – Meeting

11.30 am Sunday 23rd April, 2023

Playhouse Hotel Lounge

Purpose: Establish committee / future event

RSVP frostoverbarraba@yahoo.com.au

New volunteers welcome



**Recover
Adapt
Connect**



Our day will include:

- A talk on how we can prepare emotionally when there is the threat of disaster
 - Discussion on the different stages of disaster
 - How to cope with anxiety and stress
 - A collective project of "putting the pieces together"
 - Talk on how we prepare children for disaster
 - Care Navigators to provide support and information in the way forward
- For more information contact Trish Orchard on 0483 155 310



Workshop Details

Date	Tuesday, 2nd May 2023
Time	9:30am - 1:30pm
Location	The Play House Hotel Barraba
Cost	Free



How do I register?

Register to attend this workshop at this Registration Page or by scanning the above QR code with your smart device camera.

What do I need to bring?

You will be provided with a workbook and light refreshments on the day, so just bring a pen and an open mind.



Australian Government

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.



**Community College
campuses in the Northern
Inland are launching the
latest aged care and
disability training starting
Term 2.**

The training has been specifically designed as blended learning to meet the needs of local students looking for a way to better manage the growing demands of life, work and learning. Students can earn while they learn through work and fully-supported, part-time study.

The CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support – Ageing + Disability Specialisations is designed to give students the current skills and knowledge needed to work in residential care, home and community support, and disability settings. This qualification gives graduates the option to work in a range of roles that may include: aged care; respite care;

disability services; direct care; home help; personal care; or support worker.

The recent updates to the Community Services training package including aged care and disability training were made to meet changed industry and employer expectations. Students undertaking study with the college can be confident they are enrolling in the latest training without the need to transition to an updated qualification during or after their study.

VET Manager, Vicki Zammit has ensured that the Individual Support training offered by the College will give graduates the best employment outcome possible:

“The elective units delivered by the College have been carefully selected to provide students with a dual qualification that offers graduates more employment options when working locally. The qualification includes 15 units, with a focus on in-demand clinical skills that weren’t in the previous training package.”

The CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support can be completed in around 10 - 11 months and is an ideal course for students who wish to undertake a traineeship, return-to-work mums, career changers, or people looking for part-time work with hours that suit their financial needs and lifestyle. The qualification can also act as a learning pathway to further study; by undertaking the enrolled nurse and/or university study to become a Registered Nurse.

Fully subsidised training places are available for eligible people who want to start or progress their career in the rewarding community care sector by enrolling in the CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support. This training is subsidised by the NSW Government.

Classes are commencing at the Bingara campus on Thursday 20 April. For more information about the training schedule, or an interview to check your eligibility to enrol, call the Bingara Campus on (02) 6724 1965, or jump online at ccni.nsw.edu.au/chc33021-certificate-iii-in-individual-support. Applications for enrolment are open now.

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History Notes

To begin this week, I must thank all those who helped run a successful market on Saturday.

There was a good attendance and most were happy to take part in the offers on the stalls. The Easter egg basket was very popular with some people buying lots of tickets in an effort to win and others thinking just one or two would be enough. The children loved the bottle of Easter eggs but no one had a correct guess and the bottle went to the person with the closest guess. The lucky winners were Betsy Baker and Martin Unwin's granddaughter – I hope you enjoyed your win.

We have found out that the marriage of George Henry Briggs and Mary Sheedy is listed in the Bingara Records but not the Anglican records which we have some access to. There has not been a reply to the Simpson query and as it looks as though it is not the Barraba family we probably will not hear any more.

This Easter weekend seems to have been busy and so I haven't managed to get more than a couple of pages into the Dean & Smith minute book – hopefully more on that next week.

We are expecting a visit from some members of the Simshauser family in the near future – they are interested in Slatey Gulley as the property was in their family from the 1870's until the late 1920's and of course there are still members of the Simshauser family living in this part of the state.

Conrad Simshauser and his wife, Louisa, arrived in Australia on the "Alster" in 1862 together with the Garske family and John Groth, and they all ended up in this district although they travelled separately. Conrad and Louisa were in the Maitland area when their first child, Frederick Christian, was born. The family grew as they moved towards Maules Creek and then Mt Lindsay Station where Conrad found employment, possibly as a shepherd while his growing family lived in a nearby hut.

In 1874 Conrad applied for naturalization as he wished to purchase land and settle down with his family. Slatey Gully had been selected by Charles Mell and he sold it to Conrad as soon as Conrad received his naturalization. The Simshausers settled down building a slab hut near the Manilla River which the historical society considered moving to town at one stage. Sadly, the 1870's hut is no longer there but the old brick residence beside it is visible from the road and there is a more modern home built up on the ridge.

Conrad and Louisa and their family lived and worked on Slatey Gully until Conrad died in 1911 at the age of 73 leaving

everything to his wife. Louisa moved into town to "Dresden" in Edward Street and in 1927 Slatey Gully was sold to Ken Wilson. Louisa lived to be 93 years old, passing away in her home in 1932.

There is a whole book written by Winifred Simshauser thirty years ago covering all the family and the early history but I am sure we will learn some more when the descendants visit later this month.



All that glitters is gold in Nundle throughout the Tamworth Regional Heritage Festival.



Try your hand at panning for gold, or take a tour of the Mt Misery Gold Mine and museum from 8:30am – 3pm Saturday and Sunday, with gold panning from 10am – 12pm. If a life in the mine isn't for you, visit Odgers and McClelland Exchange Store at 11:30 am on Saturday 22 April for a discussion and tasting food and kitchenalia inspired by listings in the 1890s stores handwritten invoices.

On Sunday visit the Nundle Court House Museum and view the comprehensive collection of artefacts and documents relating to the history and heritage of Nundle and District, as well as Aboriginal and Chinese memorials located in the Museum grounds.

While you're there connect with the village's wool heritage with a guided tour of the award winning Nundle Woollen Mill. Bookings are essential for all of these great events.

Despite their name, not all bowerbirds build bowers. For example, the Tooth-billed Bowerbird merely clears and decorates an area of the forest floor instead of worrying about building a bower. At the other end of the spectrum, the Golden Bowerbird of North Queensland builds an elaborate structure with twin towers of sticks. Most, however, build a bower in the form of an avenue of vertical sticks where the bird can display to attract a mate.

The Regent Bowerbird of eastern Australia is a striking bird with gleaming gold-and-black plumage. It's so striking, in fact, that it can afford to skimp a little when it comes to building bowers. Unlike most other bowerbirds, which usually fastidiously maintain their bowers for long periods, Regents build light and flimsy structures that are generally short lived. It seems that the more flamboyant the bowerbird, the less elaborate its bower is.

Regent Bowerbirds' bowers have two parts. First they construct a thick platform of sticks which lie on the ground, and then they insert numerous vertical sticks into the platform, which, after three or four hours, eventually form an avenue, comprising two parallel rows of twigs. The inside of the bower is then decorated with a handful of blue or golden objects, as well as special leaves, seeds and fruits — exactly which items depends on what takes the fancy of individual bowerbirds, and what they can pilfer from their neighbours' bowers.

It is here that he displays to attract a spotty, brown female, singing to her and presenting her with trinkets. It seems amazing that with such dazzling plumage, to attract a mate, a male Regent Bowerbird needs to display at a bower at all.



It's not all glamour, though.

Two eggs are laid in a shallow, scant bowl of course sticks, usually hidden in a tangle of vines or in dense foliage in the tops of trees, where they are incubated by the female for

around 20 days. After they hatch, only the female tends to the nestlings.

Regent Bowerbirds mainly eat fruits, taking a wide variety, and because of this, they are sometimes implicated as pests, sneaking into orchards to eat cultivated fruits, and damaging them in the process. It also seems incongruous to see such a beautiful bird scavenging for scraps or insects in backyard compost bins.

If you'd like to know where you can witness the splendid plumage of the Regent Bowerbird, check out BirdLife Australia's [Birdata](https://www.birdlife.org.au/) website.



The purpose of these meetings is for Council to deliver important information to the communities of Gwydir.

Local residents are encouraged to attend to bring forward any concerns or needs.

A light meal and refreshments will be provided at each meeting.



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Q. Did you hear about the shepherd who drove his sheep through town?

A. He was given a ticket for making a ewe turn.

Q. What happens to an illegally parked frog?

A. It gets toad away.

Easter Message

We are told that Mary, Peter and John saw the empty tomb Jesus was buried in after his cruel death. Even though "seeing is believing" whatever that means, an empty tomb is not proof of resurrection.

That proof would come later with the appearances of Jesus in Galilee. The resurrection of Jesus is at the very heart of our faith. Without it we have no Christianity. Whether Jesus was born in Nazareth or Bethlehem ultimately is not important. Whether he preached for one year or three does not matter. The one thing that matters above everything else is that God raised Jesus out of death into a new and eternal life. In a sceptical and cynical world that is wary of fake news and increasingly attuned to scams and cons, we no longer have the empty tomb and we no longer have Jesus appearing to us, but we still have proof.

We are the proof of the resurrection. Every time we help someone in need rather than walk past them, we witness to the truth of the resurrection. Every time we welcome the stranger rather than turn our back on him or her, or comfort the neglected and suffering rather than neglect them, we witness to the truth of the resurrection. Every time we talk things through and try to see the other point of view instead of lashing out in anger and bitterness, we witness to the truth of the resurrection.

Let's be thankful at this joyful time for the victory of life over death. Proved by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Message from St John's Catholic Community of Barraba.

CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

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

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba
Sunday service at 9.00am
No Woodsreef service in April

UNITING CHURCH TIMES

Sunday 16th April 2023
Preparation 8.30am, Service at 8.45am.
All welcome

Recent Anniversaries

- the deaths of Isaac Newtown (1727), Charlotte Brontë (1855), JP Morgan (1913) and Jesse Owens (1980)
- Oliver Cromwell being offered the crown by the English Parliament (he declines) (1657)
- the Eiffel Tower officially opening in Paris (1889)
- the ruins of Pompeii being rediscovered by Rocque Joaquin de Alcubierre (1748)
- Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs founding Apple Computer (1976)
- the Netherlands becoming the first country in the world to legalise same-sex marriage (2001) and euthanasia (2002)
- the birthday of author Hans Christian Andersen (1805),
- Fleetwood Mac's album *Rumours* going to #1 (where it stayed for 31 weeks) (1977)
- the signing of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) treaty in Washington, D.C. (1949)
- the first mobile phone call made in New York by a Motorola employee (1973)
- the publication of the Panama Papers (2016)
- the arrest of Oscar Wilde for gross indecency (1895)
- Americans Robert Peary and Matthew Henson and 4 Inuit men becoming the first people to reach the North Pole. Supposedly... (1909)
- the US declaring war on Germany, entering WWI (1917)
- ABBA winning Eurovision with *Waterloo*, launching their international career (1974)
- Australian Teddy Flack winning gold in the 1,500m final at the first Olympic Games in Athens (1896)
- the release of the world's first animated cartoon *Humorous Phases of Funny Faces* by J Stuart Blackton (1906)
- the end of US Civil War after the surrender of the Confederate Army (1865)
- US troops capturing Baghdad, which led to the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime (2003)
- the first law regulating copyright being issued in Great Britain (1710)
- the patenting of the safety pin (1849)
- RMS Titanic setting sail from Southampton for her maiden - and only - voyage (1912)
- the publication of F Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* (1925)
- Paul McCartney shocking the world by confirming that The Beatles had split (1970)
- the arrest of Wikileaks founder Julian Assange after his forced removal from the Ecuadorian embassy in London (2019)



Some of the photos in the early morning of Wednesday the 4th. of July 1984 looking over the snow covered township of Barraba from Adam's Lookout.

A magic day in our history.
Posted by Brian Coote.





A few more 4th. July 1984 snowfall photos. These are of the town area and from the air in the afternoon when the snow was starting to melt from the heat island effect in the town.

Bill Ingles & I hired Bob Munson to fly us around in the Aero Club Cessna to record this marvellous event. Despite how these prints appear here they are all in fact colour prints and in some of them it is impossible to see the transition from the horizon to the sky.

That day was weird in so many ways. People dragged antique cameras out of cupboards that they had stopped making film for by the time I was born. We literally ran out of film to sell in the shop and we spent the day in a distracted joyous hysteria.

Posted by Brian Coote.



Katie O'Brien, Lecturer, Faculty of Law
Paula Gerber, Professor of Law

The [Uluru Statement from the Heart](#) is a generous invitation to all Australians from First Nations peoples to walk together towards a better future. Having a referendum on a First Nations [Voice to Parliament](#) is the first step on that walk; a chance to change the Constitution to enable First Nations people to be heard in matters that affect them.

It's that simple. Yet there are many myths and misconceptions muddying the waters, whether intentional or not. Here, we seek to debunk 10 of them.

Myth 1 ***It will amount to a third chamber of Parliament and therefore impact parliamentary sovereignty, a fundamental element of our constitutional system of government.***

What is proposed is a Voice *to* Parliament, not a Voice *in* Parliament. It will have no role in passing legislation; that will continue to be left to our elected representatives in the House of Representatives and the Senate, as currently prescribed by the Constitution.

The proposed Constitutional amendment states that the Voice "may make representations" to Parliament. It will be up to Parliament to decide what it does with those representations. Indeed, the proposed Voice to Parliament is a very [conservative change to our Constitution](#).

Myth 2 ***It will be a lawyers' picnic, and lead to lots of High Court challenges.***

How Parliament responds (or does not respond) to any representations made by the Voice would be non-justiciable – that is, it [could not be subject to any court challenge](#). This is because the courts have always been reluctant to interfere with the internal workings of Parliament.

Myth 3 ***It will not help to close the gap or have a positive impact on the lives of First Nations peoples.***

The Voice will provide advice to the Parliament on proposed laws affecting First Nations peoples. Accordingly, Parliament will be better-informed about the impact of the proposed laws on First Nations peoples, and can amend where appropriate. A better-informed Parliament is likely to lead to better laws that will have a positive impact on First Nations lives.

Myth 4 ***It will give First Nations peoples special rights.***

The Constitutional Expert Group comprising nine experts (including former High Court judge Kenneth Hayne) and chaired by the Commonwealth Attorney-General has advised that a First Nations Voice [will not give First Nations peoples special rights](#). All Australians have the right to make representations to Parliament, which is guaranteed by the constitutional Implied Freedom of Political Communication. The First Nations Voice is simply a permanent one.

Myth 5 ***Australians should be allowed to see all the proposed legislation establishing the Voice before voting in the referendum.***

Too much detail will lead to confusion, and many people will likely not want to read a lengthy document. There's already a detailed report that sets out what a legislated Voice could look like: [Indigenous Voice Co-design Process Final Report](#).

Demanding to see draft legislation ahead of the referendum suggests a lack of trust in Parliament, given that the proposed constitutional amendment gives Parliament the power "to make laws with respect to the composition, powers, functions and procedures" of the Voice.

It's sufficient to have a [detailed set of principles](#) on which the Voice will be based. The Uluru Statement from the Heart website also contains a [set of design principles](#).

Myth 6 *There's no need to enshrine the Voice in the Constitution.*

By enshrining the Voice in the Constitution, it will not be able to be abolished at the whim of Parliament/the government, in contrast to ATSIC (and just about every other Indigenous advisory body set up by the government). It will also not be afraid to give frank and fearless advice. Its composition, powers and procedures will, however, be able to be amended by Parliament to ensure its effectiveness.

Myth 7 *It will divide the nation*

The Voice to Parliament will unite the nation, because it will be a big step towards reconciliation. A successful referendum on the Voice to Parliament will mean the Australian people have emphatically said that we want Parliament to listen to First Nations people, thereby signalling that we have accepted the invitation in the Uluru Statement from the Heart to walk together for a better future.

Myth 8 *Indigenous Australians are divided over the Voice, therefore it shouldn't be supported.*

Although there are some high-profile Indigenous Australians who do not at this point in time support the Voice (such as Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, Warren Mundine and Lidia Thorpe), a significant proportion of First Nations people do support the Voice. An [IPSOS poll](#) conducted in late January 2023 found that 80% of First Nations people support the Voice.

Myth 9 *It offends the notion of equality that underpins the Constitution and our democracy.*

Our Constitution does not protect equality, and actively allows for racially discriminatory laws by virtue of s 51 (xxvi) (the race power). Further, the race power has only ever been used to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, laws that are not required to be beneficial laws.

The structure of our Parliament is also not equal – the Constitution requires the Senate to have the same number of senators from each state (12). This means that Tasmania, with a population of approximately 571,500, has [the same number of senators](#) as Victoria, which has a population of 6,613,700.

Amending the Constitution to provide First Nations peoples with a Voice to Parliament does not offend notions of equality; rather, it is acknowledging the finding of the High Court in [Mabo v Queensland \(No. 2\)](#) that “Their dispossession underwrote the development of the nation”.

Myth 10 *The history of referendums in Australia means that it is likely to fail.*

The most successful referendum in Australia's history of referendums was in relation to Aboriginal people (1967). [More than 90% of Australians voted 'yes'](#) to amending two sections of the Constitution to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples would be counted as part of the population, and that the Commonwealth would be able to make laws for them. This bodes well for a referendum on the Voice.

Also, social media has changed the landscape; times are different; polling shows relatively consistent support; and approximately [90% of the first 2554 submissions](#) to the [Co-design Process](#) were in favour of the Voice being constitutionally enshrined.

And although bipartisan/multi-party support would be preferable (and has been crucial to the success of previous referendums), it's arguably no longer a determinative factor due to the changing political and social media landscape. The result of the marriage equality postal survey, where Australians voted “Yes” despite a lack of bipartisan support, is indicative of this.

Nothing to be scared of

We encourage all Australians to read reliable research to make sure we're well-informed about what the Voice is, and what it is not. Don't get sucked in by myths like the 10 we've debunked above.

The Voice is nothing to be scared of. On the contrary, it's something we should be proud of. Amending our constitution to give First Nations peoples a Voice to Parliament would demonstrate we're a mature nation, one that's ready to recognise past injustices, and committed to building a better future in which the rights and dignity of all Australians are protected equally.



Golf Notes

Whilst Chris Sweeney was being modest when he said he rode his luck with a chip in and a couple of lucky breaks his score of 36 Stableford points proved far too strong in the Gary and Sandra Allan Polkadots trophy on Sunday. The overall scores showed that the course is playing longer with Ian Cabot, Dave McMurtrie and Mike Artis joint runners up all on 29 points. There were no NTPs claimed.

Next week we will play our annual 18 hole Mixed Foursomes Championships This annual event is for the L and V Bridges Memorial trophy whilst the Mixed Net winners play for the Lions Club trophy.

Those players without a mixed partner will contest an Individual Stableford for a trophy donated by Firmen Allan.

On Sunday 23rd we will play a Stroke event for a trophy donated by Mal Stein and Ron Bridges. At the completion of golf on the 23rd we will hold our annual AGM. It would be nice to see a good attendance of members for the AGM.



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Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology



Wednesday 12th April

Summary Max 22

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 40%



Thursday 13th April

Summary Min 6 Max 21

Mostly sunny

Chance of rain: 10%



Friday 14th April

Summary Min 7 Max 23

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 20%



Saturday 15th April

Summary Min 5 Max 24

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%



Sunday 16th April

Summary Min 11 Max 24

Mostly sunny

Chance of rain: 20%



Monday 17th April

Summary Min 5 Max 21

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%



Tuesday 18th April

Summary Min 5 Max 22

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 30%

Rugby Report

The 2023 rugby season will commence on Saturday 15th April, with Barraba hosting Quirindi in the women's and men's rugby.

After a very good season last year the Club is feeling confident of another strong display from the men's team with solid numbers at training, while the women's team is still short a few players. So, girls if you feel like playing football come out and enjoy the fun these girls are having.

The men's team were to play Barbarians at Armidale last weekend, but I don't know what happened, as no report was forthcoming.

It was good to hear some of the younger Barraba Rams, in the under 16's and 14's boys and girls were selected for the central North squads. I do not have their names but congratulations to you all.

The 3 overseas players have arrived and settled in with the men playing positions as a prop and a centre. The women's player could be the hooker.

Patrons will be able to pay their subs at the gate on their way in for the opening game of the season.



Regional Dam Levels from Water NSW

Chaffey 100.0%

Copeton 93.0%

Keepit 95.0%

Split Rock 101.0%