



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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HOW DO YOU SEE THE ROAD AHEAD?

Have your say to help shape the region's future!

Do you want to see the region move ahead with improved infrastructure and services or are you happy with our current direction?

We have Our Annual Plan and Budget on public exhibition until Wednesday 7 June, 2023.

Tell us what you think at www.haveyoursay.tamworth.nsw.gov.au



<https://haveyoursay.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/our-annual-plan-and-budget-2023-24>

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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COMPANION GROUP

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BARRABA CANCER PATIENTS FUND RAISING GROUP BIGGEST MORNING TEA



THURSDAY 25th MAY, 9am
Queen Street Mall
NENW HealthWISE free health checks available



BARRABA's BIGGEST MORNING TEA 2023

Thursday 25th May is the Cancer Council's Australia's **BIGGEST MORNING TEA** - held throughout the Nation. Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising Group Inc. (BCPFRG), will be holding their annual Biggest Morning Tea Street Stall in the Queen Street Mall, to assist with fund raising for this wonderful cause.

The Street Stall will have all of the usual favourites available: local live music; morning tea plates loaded with home baked cake/slice/biscuits/sandwiches, served with tea and coffee; home baked stall items on the trading table; along with the ever popular Guessing Competition; and a 100 Club. This year BCPFRG members will again be delivering plated goods to the Business Houses in the Community.

2023 sees the special attendance of a New England North West **HealthWISE** representative in the Mall, alongside the Street Stall. A Primary Health Care Nurse from the organisation will be available for free health checks.

SO come along.....we welcome one and all to attend the **Biggest Morning Tea from 9am on Thursday 25th May.**

The Group is also welcoming of new members.



Results of **Barraba Hospital Auxiliary** Street Stall raffles: Lib Croll won the Mothers' Day Hamper and Pat Darling won the Barraba Beef voucher. A big thank you to the community for your support of our street stall, and helping us to help our health services!



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For the information of members and guests

THIS WEEK:

FRIDAY 19TH MAY:

MEAT RAFFLES FROM 6PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW

SUNDAY 21ST MAY:

ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES FROM 1PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW

BISTRO HOURS

Phone 0427330808

DINE IN OR TAKE AWAY

DAILY BLACKBOARD SPECIALS AVAILABLE

ALSO PIZZA'S MADE TO ORDER

MONDAY: CLOSED

TUESDAY: CLOSED

WEDNESDAY: 12-2PM

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

SUNDAY: 12-2PM

Form 114 (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 DAISY GROTH.

NSW GRANT MADE 3 MAY 2023

Any person having any claim upon the estate of Daisy Groth, late of Barraba who died on 9 November 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:2022/1132, within 30 days from the publication of this notice. After that time the legal representatives intend 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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hi.

Manilla Historical Society is appealing for Community support for getting the Manilla Railway Viaduct Heritage listed. The Heritage Council has announced their Intention to list it on the State Heritage Register.

We are now appealing to the Barraba community to put pen to paper to help us get this listed, as we believe the building of this Railway Viaduct also helped Barraba as much or more than Manilla. The Significance of the Viaduct is that it is the Longest Curved Wooden Viaduct in NSW. It's building opened up the Barraba District as a wheat growing area, carted wool, and other products from the district including Asbestos from the Woods Reef mine. It also opened up a passenger service to Barraba. It is vitally important to get as many people as possible to put in submissions supporting this listing, as it is an important part of our railway history. Thank You.

Submissions are to be addressed to,
Heritage Council of NSW
Locked Bag 5020
Parramatta NSW 2124.

Email Address; heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Submissions close 5-6-23

Regards Jim Maxwell

President Manilla Historical Society.

Thanks for helping us save the Medicare Heart Health Check

Dear editor

I am pleased to say that with the help of more than 41,000 Australians – including your readers – we did it. We saved the Medicare Heart Health Check.

The Australian Government has heard and understood the importance of this vital Check to the heart health of Australians and is funding a two-year extension of the Check in the 2023/24 Budget, ensuring they remain available beyond 30 June this year.

We estimate that this means a further 250,000 Australians will be able to see their GP to learn their risk of heart disease before it's too late.

More than 41,000 Australians signed the petition to save the Checks in just five weeks. Many sent letters to their local MPs, who in turn took up the issue with the Government.

Heart disease is mostly preventable but it is a silent killer. As Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler acknowledged in his announcement, the Medicare Heart Health Check is our most potent tool in compelling people to pay attention to their heart health before it's too late.

The Check is available for people aged 45 and over (30 and over for First Nations) and looks at your cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar, family history, amount of exercise and what you eat, and provides you with an understanding of how likely it is you will have a heart attack or stroke in the coming years.

We extend our gratitude to the Heart Foundation's extended family: our sector partners, donors, volunteers and supporters, many of whom worked tirelessly to advocate for this life-saving initiative.

Thank you. Your efforts have helped improve the heart health of many Australians and we are grateful for your unwavering commitment to this cause.

And finally – now that you have fought so hard for this Check, we urge you to please take it up if eligible. For more information speak with your local GP or visit www.heartfoundation.org.au



Yours truly

David Lloyd

CEO, National Heart
Foundation of Australia

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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.



Service Thanks Its 'Change Makers' During National Volunteer Week

As Australia prepares to celebrate National Volunteer Week (May 15-21), the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service is acknowledging the valuable contribution of its dedicated volunteers as the 'Change Makers' in communities right across Northern NSW.

The Service has close to 900 loyal volunteers, scattered across Northern NSW towns in over 35 Volunteer Support Groups and six (6) Op Shops, undertaking a variety of fundraising initiatives from raffles to BBQ's and major events.

"The theme for National Volunteer Week this year is 'The Change Makers' and our volunteers have long made a vital contribution to our fundraising efforts to assist the Service to respond to the communities of Northern NSW," Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service CEO Richard Jones OAM said.

"Through the provision of our world class aeromedical service from our Bases in Tamworth, Lismore and Belmont and the support of our fantastic volunteers right across our service area, we are collectively 'making change' for the better every day by helping save local lives," Jones continued. "Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone. That is a change that we all appreciate and value in communities large and small throughout Northern NSW."

"National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital contribution and change made by volunteers who selflessly give of their time in their local community, and I'd like to say thank you to all volunteers for their continued support and dedication to helping others and actively making change through their efforts."

"I'd also like to acknowledge the support of THIESS who share our commitment to the recognition of volunteers and their vital work and on behalf of our staff, the Board and Regional Advisory Committees, I would like to thank every person who has or continues to volunteer for the Service," Jones concluded.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the Service and help 'make change' can contact their local Volunteer Coordinator on 1800 155 155 or visit rescuehelicopter.com/au/volunteer

About the Service:

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service was established in 1975 and through community support and fundraising it has

become a critical service that operates four AW139 helicopters from three bases in Belmont, Tamworth and Lismore.

The Service, in partnership with NSW Ambulance and NSW Health, delivers aeromedical search, rescue and inter-hospital transfers to care for communities from north of the Hawkesbury River, through to the Queensland border and throughout the New England North West.

Along with the Pilot and Aircrew Officer, every primary response mission launches with a dedicated NSW Ambulance Critical Care Paramedic, NSW Health Doctor and depending on the needs of each patient the team may include specialist nursing professionals.

Westpac Bank, the Community, Business Partners and the NSW Government through NSW Ambulance and NSW Health, provide the funds to ensure the Westpac Rescue Helicopter continues to save lives across Northern NSW.



CAMPAIGN TO SAVE MANILLA VIADUCT RAMPS UP

Member for Tamworth

and Shadow Minister for Heritage Kevin Anderson has welcomed the news that the Heritage Council of NSW has agreed to consider listing the Manilla Railway Viaduct and Underbridge on the State Heritage Register (SHR).

Mr Anderson said this would be a critical next step in ensuring that the historic viaduct is maintained and preserved for generations to come.

"The Manilla Viaduct is a historic timber rail structure, built in 1908 and I've been firm in my position that it needs to be maintained due to its significance to the Manilla community and the history of rail across NSW," Mr Anderson said. "Significant work has been undertaken behind the scenes to assess the viability of maintaining the structure and last year, I wrote to the Minister for Environment and Heritage seeking his advice on getting the structure listed on the State Heritage Register. I'm thrilled that the Heritage Council of NSW will now consider listing the structure, which if successful, would give it greater protections under the Heritage Act. The Heritage Council of NSW opened the public submission period on 9 May 2023, and I am calling on the community to make a submission before the deadline on June 5," Mr Anderson added.

Once the Heritage Council of NSW has collated all the responses from stakeholders, they will make a recommendation to the Minister.

What a lovely autumn day we had at the markets on Saturday. There were nine stalls selling a variety of goods and lots of people visiting as well. The council had a representation stall and seemed to be talking to a number of Barraba residents on a range of subjects.

This week's meeting has been transferred to next week and may include some ideas on moving the furniture around in the Dean room. Members will have noticed the folders filed in the shelves do not fit and that is to be rectified as well.

The number of enquiries has dropped off a little, which gives members more time to research topics themselves – however we do love to welcome visitors when they arrive.

Last week's News had an article on the sad passing of Bill Bright and I thought we should perhaps add his interest in history and love of Barraba, his home for most of his life.

Bill was a friend of the Historical Society, although never a member. He occasionally visited the museum but more often spoke to people about Barraba's historical buildings. He was very keen to see the Court House being re-used as a museum or gallery and was so pleased that we managed to get the council to remove white ants and overgrown shrubs.

The pipe organ in St Laurence's Church was another of Bill's projects. The organ had been donated to the church in 1919 as a memorial to the World War 1 veterans. Several things had gone wrong with it and it was stored/rotting under the church. Bill retrieved all the parts that were there and setting it up at his parent's home worked to replace and repair the parts before putting it back into the church. He was able to play it but it obviously needed someone trained in organs to get it back to its best. This was done and there is a plaque beside the organ telling the story.

Just lately Bill came to the museum to share some organ history published in a magazine – a write up which we were glad to receive. He said that he would be back in a month but sadly this was not to be. Rest in peace, Bill.



Barraba Railway Station in 1978.

No train at the platform. The passenger train from Sydney arrived around 10am from memory and left on the return journey around 6pm.

The old Station Master's residence on the hill to the left pretty much unchanged for its 70 years of life.

The beautiful Camphor Laurel tree on the platform, classed as a weed, provided us with much appreciated shade in the summer.

The train was cleaned and prepared off to the right side past the goods shed where we had the big water tank for the steam trains and the engine turntable to rotate the engines 180 degrees.

Posted by Brian Coote.

Snippets from St Laurence's

I am very glad that our weekly service has moved to 10am. I remember when the morning service was 8am, and before that 7.30! I don't remember finding it difficult to wake up in those days now I am reluctant to leave my blankets.

Last Sunday we had a visit from Rev Christopher Pears, the Diocesan Registrar, who conducted a Communion Service. That was an unexpected blessing and it is good when someone you pray for becomes a person, not just a name and photo in the Prayer Diary.

On Friday, 19th May, Youth Group will meet from 6.30 to 8pm. Parish Council will meet on Sunday 28th. In June Barraba is the location of a lay Preaching Day on Saturday 3rd and for a women's day on Saturday 17th.

In verses 3 and 4 of the second chapter of Paul's letter to the Philippeans we find this advice: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Now there's a challenge!

Beth

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef 2nd Sunday of the month at 11.30am

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 21st May 2023

Service time 10.45am.

Please note new time for next 4 months

All welcome

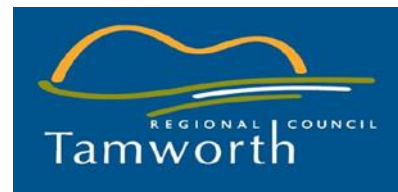
CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st & 5th Saturday evening Mass 5pm

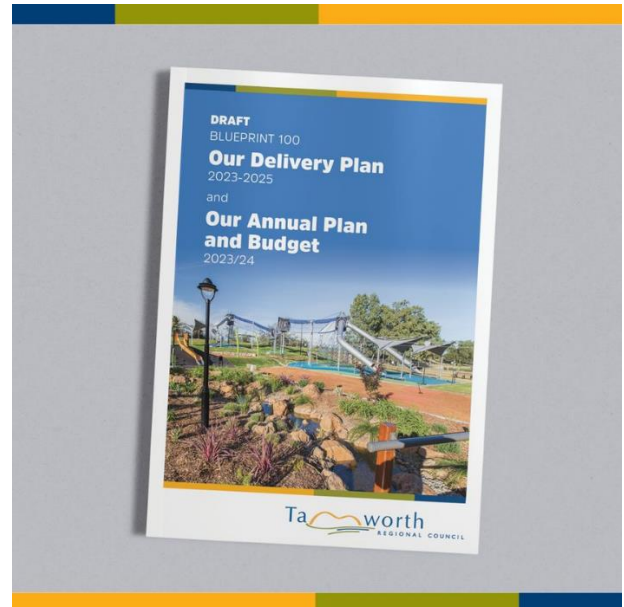
2nd 3rd & 4th Sunday 9am

Upper Horton 3rd Sunday 11am

Weekday Mass Wednesday 10am



Delivering services and infrastructure for the region



Each year Council invites community feedback on our draft key strategic documents which outline the services and infrastructure we plan to deliver for the community and how we pay for these through Our Annual Plan and Budget, and Our Delivery Plan.

Council proposes to spend \$249,708,004 across its general, water and sewerage funds 2023-24 with a total income of \$189,602,881 and delivering \$87,771,960 in capital works to improve local facilities and infrastructure.

The draft plans demonstrate how Council is working to achieve the community's vision as outlined in Our Community Plan.

You are invited to view the draft plans and provide feedback before 7 June 2023. All feedback received will be reported to the Councillors at the Council meeting on Tuesday 27 June 2023, when the draft plans are considered for adoption.

Here is an overview of outcomes from Tuesday 9 May 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council:

- Councillors agreed to reschedule the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 27 June to Thursday 29 June 2023 to allow Mayor Russell Webb and Councillor Marc Sutherland to attend due to a scheduling clash.

- Councillors discussed and approved the motion to place the Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting Suite of Documents for 2023/2024 on public exhibition for 28 days, including drafts of 'Our Annual Plan and Budget 2023/2024', 'Statement of Revenue Policy 2023/2024' and 'Fees and Charges 2023/2024', including the proposed amendment to the fee for the disposal of mattresses from \$11 to \$20. During the public exhibition period, the community will have the opportunity to read and provide feedback on the documents before they are adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 June 2023. These documents outline Council's proposed program of services and works for the next 12 months, in addition to Council's budget and schedule of rates, as well as Council fees and charges. To have their say, community members can go to the MyTRC Online Community from Wednesday 10 May to Sunday 7 June 2023 at <https://haveyoursay.tamworth.nsw.gov.au>. A number of pop-up information events will take place across the region during May and June.
- Tamworth Regional Council will deliver a modest cash surplus in the coming financial year but will be starting a conversation with the community about the "serious financial challenge" Council faces in the years ahead. While Council's solid track record of good financial management has meant the organisation has been able to draw on its savings thus far, Council has limited options to increase revenue to address the widening gap between its income level and the growing costs of delivering essential services and infrastructure.
- To ensure Council's plans for the Tamworth Adventure Pool are in a position to apply for future funding opportunities, Councillors tonight approved the allocation of \$100,000 from the Regional Development Fund to enable preliminary design activities and planning approval applications to be undertaken. This initial design work will also ensure that the project is close to 'shovel ready' and will allow for more accurate cost estimates going forward. More information about this project is available at <https://haveyoursay.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/tamworth-adventure-pool>. Councillors also discussed the need to continue to prioritise the Tamworth Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre in addition to the Tamworth Adventure Pool.
- Councillors approved access for Water Infrastructure NSW to undertake work on the existing Dungowan Pipeline, to ensure all properties currently serviced by the existing pipeline continue to receive water as the first stage of the new Dungowan Pipeline approaches

completion. To provide water to properties that cannot be directly connected to the new pipeline, the construction plan is to install a smaller diameter pipeline (160mm polyethylene pipe) inside the existing Dungowan Pipeline.

- Councillors noted and received the minutes from 17 Section 355 committees across the region. These minutes included the disbandment of the Duri Tennis Club S355 Committee, with the functions of this committee to now be managed instead by the members of the Duri Progress Association S355 Committee, effective from 30 June 2023.
- Councillors noted and approved the minutes from the Tamworth Regional Local Traffic Committee, which included the plans for the road closures which took place on ANZAC Day. The minutes also included the installation of No Stopping signage at several locations including Verdelho Drive within the Windmill Hill Estate Stage 7 to enable to development of an intersection, the intersection at Logistics Avenue and Northwest Avenue Westdale, and Lockheed Street Taminda to enable the unloading of deliveries at the Sign Shed business.

Response to enquiry – Dungowan Dam

Tamworth Region Mayor Russell Webb has welcomed the end of uncertainty about the proposed new Dungowan Dam. "Since the change of Federal Government last year there has been some question about whether the new Dungowan Dam would proceed," he said. "And, now with the Budget handed down last night we know it is not funded and we can move forward with the other options we have been exploring to secure our region's water supply. 'We have been waiting for a clear answer about the funds for a new dam and now we have it. We will engage further with the Federal Government and actively pursue possible funding for other ways we can give our community greater water security.'"

Cr Webb said while Council supported a new Dungowan Dam it was never seen as the one and only solution to relieve water security issues faced by Tamworth and Moonbi-Kootingal.

The Mayor said he is looking forward to continuing discussions with the Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, Tanya Plibersek and the NSW Minister for Water, Housing and Homelessness, Rose Jackson.

"The Environmental Impact Statement for a new Dungowan Dam clearly identified our community does have a water security issue and we will be looking to the other levels of government to work with us to find a viable solution," he said.



SHEEP PRODUCERS SHOULDN'T BE LEFT HOLDING THE LAMB FOR eID COSTS

MEMBER for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall warned today that anything less than a federal scheme to fund the incoming mandatory sheep tagging changes would be short-changing NSW sheep producers.

From January 2025, all sheep and goats will be required to have electronic tagging devices as part of a nationally agreed scheme to increase traceability in the industry.

"While there is no question that electronic tagging is vital for the long-term protection of the sheep and goat industry, allowing better biosecurity controls and monitoring, the sheep and goat industry has different questions of scale compared other stock industries," Mr Marshall said. "Costs quickly escalate when multiplied into the thousands or tens of thousands. An extra \$2 to \$5 per head is significant, especially as we have seen commodity prices soften over the past six months. While that cost will come down over time, NSW producers are always expected to do the heavy lifting when it comes to leading the charge on better biosecurity and are the most vulnerable in many ways with ports being a significant entry point for foreign pests. The Federal Government is always quick to vacate any responsibility once there is a breach of the border and it is not good enough. They need to come to the table with a nationally funded scheme to support mandatory electronic identification."

As outlined by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) sheep and goat electronic identification implementation plan, all sheep and goats will be required to be tagged if born after 2025, with all animals to be tagged by 2027. As of the 2021-22 count, there are 24.6 million sheep in NSW, the largest sheep producing state in the country.

"While the previous Federal Government put \$46 million towards ongoing biosecurity measures, well over half that amount is already committed to updating the NLIS database, with no funding clearly allocated to a comparable database for sheep and goats," he said. "NSW has put \$3 million towards this scheme and has led many of the working groups via DPI teams who have worked relentlessly over the past few years to fight threats to our agriculture – but they cannot be expected to keep doing this on behalf of every other government and nor should NSW producers be expected to spend thousands on tags without the certainty that the scheme is fully funded and ready to roll out. Producers have flagged concerns for years over the way this has been handled

and rightfully have been reluctant to unnecessarily tag and incur sunk costs without the 'back-end' of this scheme set up. Now is the time for the new Commonwealth Agriculture Minister to act on his commitments around biosecurity – something he should be acutely aware of given his first international visit was to Indonesia to see first-hand the threat foot and mouth could pose to our farmers. I look forward to seeing funding for this – anything less leaves our farmers holding the 'lamb' on this scheme."

For more information on the electronic tagging scheme and roll out, visit Sheep and Goat Individual Electronic Identification (nsw.gov.au)

MARSHALL QUESTIONS MINISTER ON FUTURE OF BINGARA FIRE STATION

"I'm seeking a formal and written assurance from the Minister that the new government has no plans to close the Bingara Fire Station," Mr Marshall said. "While a move to close it was defeated earlier this year, Gwydir Shire Council and many in the Bingara community are concerned that with a new government and a new Minister, Fire & Rescue NSW might try once more to withdraw its coverage and services. Under no circumstances can a closure of the station be allowed."

Mr Marshall has also asked the Minister when Fire & Rescue NSW will commence a community wide recruitment campaign for retained firefighters to staff the fire station. "I have heard from a number of locals who in the last six months have approached Fire & Rescue NSW to sign up and train as a retained firefighter to staff the Bingara station, only to be told they are currently not recruiting," Mr Marshall said. "The community not only wants the Fire & Rescue NSW pencil pushers and bean counters from Sydney keep their hands off Bingara Fire Station, they want a comprehensive recruitment campaign to begin so we can once more have local firefighters on duty at the station. Gwydir Shire Council, the local community and I are in lockstep on this one – we'll never allow the station to close and services to be withdrawn from the community. Bingara may be small but lives out here are just as important as ones in the big city and just as deserving of adequate fire protection. The community and I will be watching Fire & Rescue's actions closely as we now eagerly await the Minister's formal reply."

The Minister for Emergency Services now has 35 calendar days respond in writing to the Parliament to Mr Marshall's question.

Rugby Union Report

The weekend was topped off by another well organised Annual Junior Carnival at Barraba. Teams came from Coonabarabran, Scone, Moree, Gunnedah, Narrabri, Tamworth, Armidale, Inverell, Quirindi and Walcha for the age groups of under 8s, 10s and 11s. All up there would have been between 460 and 480 youngsters running around having a great time. The senior players and a junior under 16 player provided the referees for the day and also helped the youngsters during the game.



Brian Coote had his drone camera for some photos of the event which show the number of vehicles that transported these kids from near and far. This Carnival is one of the most popular in the north of the state and says a lot for the committee and the fund it brings to town.

The senior rugby travelled to Gunnedah for their game and came home with a very good 24-0 win. Reports of good, strong forward work allowed the backs to direct the play into their territory, which enabled the Rams to put more points on the board and hold Gunnedah to nil.

Barraba's biggest problem is an injury to Thabisco Mzisa who has a fracture in his face and spent the night in Tamworth Hospital. So, his season may be finished after a Player Players Award the previous week and 2 points this week.

McKenna at 5/8th ran the game with his deft placement of kicks during the game and distribution to his backs who showed plenty of ball handling skills during the game.

Players Player and 3 points J. Mallise

2 Points Thabisco Mzisa

1 Point Disin McKenna and Connor Roberts

The girls game saw Gunnedah come out easy winners and many more players to pick from. But the story was the girls thoroughly enjoyed the game.

This coming week sees Barraba at home for Round 6 with a team we have not seen for a couple of years, playing at Bingara.

Barraba v Narrabri / Inverell v Gunnedah / Quirindi v Walcha / Moree v Scone

Pirates bye



Golf Notes

Players contested the first round of our Club Championships on Sunday playing for a trophy donated by Amanda Koopman. The Club Championship format now allows players to take their 2 best scores over the first 3 rounds of play with it being compulsory to play and include the 4th and final round.

Our Men's Club Championship first round leader is Chris Sweeney who carded a very good 2 over par 73 to currently lead by one shot from Peter York on 74. Other players just off the pace include Kevin Kelahe 79, Peter Simpson 82, Trent Hartwig 82, Tom Mellor 83, Ian Cabot 83 and David York 85. It's a wonderful achievement to see Davo post a score below his age. It's something we would all like to do but few of us will.

In our Ladies Club Championship Amanda Koopman 82 is our first round leader 10 shots clear of Lib Thompson.

Chris Sweeney has been hitting the ball well lately and his 73 off the stick gave him a very good net 61 to claim Amanda's trophy. I don't think it will be long before Chris is down into single figures. Runner up in the net event was Lib Thompson net 66 with balls going to David York 67, Trent Hartwig 67, Liam Johnston 67, Peter Simpson 68, Amanda Koopman 69, Gary Allen 69 and Ian Cabot 69. NTPs went to Chris Sweeney 3rd, Firmen Allan 6th and Peter York 16th.

Next week we will play an Individual Stableford for a trophy donated by Graham Bowman. The week after May 28th Barraba is hosting the Barraba Ladies Open.



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Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology



Wednesday 17th May

Summary Max 19

Partly cloudy

Chance of any rain: 5%



Thursday 18th May

Summary Min 0 Max 17

Mostly sunny

Chance of rain: 5%



Friday 19th May

Summary Min 0 Max 17

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%



Saturday 20th May

Summary Min -2 Max 16

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%



Sunday 21st May

Summary Min -1 Max 15

Mostly sunny

Chance of rain: 20%



Monday 22nd May

Summary Min 0 Max 16

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%



Tuesday 23rd May

Summary Min 1 Max 17

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%

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Barraba Community News Wednesday 17th May 2023



From Peter Spencer

On Saturday, 13th May 2023, three years old Victorian gelding, Giga Kick cemented his position as Australia's top sprinter by winning the \$1.5 million Doonben 10,000. Giga Kick arrived in Brisbane with much hype and expectation after winning the Everest at Randwick in October and his last start win in the All Aged Stakes, starting the odds-on favourite. Saturday's win was the gelding's 7th win from 10 starts and the \$900,000 first prizemoney took his earnings past 9.5 million dollars.

90 years ago a three years old gelding from Barraba arrived in Brisbane with a much lower profile and little fanfare and was successful in winning the first running of the Doomben 10,000, then known as the Doomben Newmarket, at the opening of the Doomben racetrack on 20th May 1933. The horse named Wollun, owned and bred by Henry Capel and trained on property at Longarm by Ernie Smith, survived a controversial protest from the runner-up, 'Closing Time' to win the race.

This excerpt from the Northern Daily Leader, dated Monday, 22nd May 1933 tells the story. In the article, penned under the nom de plume of “Aurelius”, Wollun is referred to as a colt when he was in fact a gelding.

Ten or twelve nights ago, long after midnight, a horse, heavily rugged, was being walked by his trainer up and down Marius St in Tamworth. He had arrived at 10.30 that night from Barraba, and was to be loaded on the Brisbane Mail going North at midnight. The Mail was running late, the night was cold, and so he was being given a bit of light exercise.

That horse is to-day probably the most talked of racehorse in Australia. It was Wollun, winner of the Doomben Newmarket on Saturday. Wollun is indeed a colt of sensations. Last November he ran his first race in a 10 pound maiden event at Tamworth. He was a big well grown fellow, and after running very green in his race, splashed up second. Those who imagine they know things marked him down for future reference. But Wollun was taken back to his owner's station property at Barraba, where he is trained and nothing was heard of him again until February. On the first day of the Armidale Cup meeting he was entered in both the maiden handicap and the cup. His connections elected to go for the Cup and they made no secret of their belief that he would win, despite that horses like Sir Christopher, Royal Park Yarralumba, Tantrum, Celtic, Nouveau, Matson and Firecello, all good winners in Sydney, were engaged, and that there were also in the field the smart Brisbane performer Eukaross and the Rivers champion Bernard Lorn, as well as the best of the horses of Northern New South Wales.

How Wollun won the Armidale Cup is now history. Little Mortimer, with an extra saddle cloth or two to make up the 6. 7 he had to carry, tucked him in behind the pacemakers, then slipped up on the rails when the leaders went a bit wide at the turn, and went on to win convincingly and well. Wollun shaped in that Cup like a

seasoned horse, and one would not have recognised him as the colt who had shaped so greenly at Tamworth three months earlier.

Following this Cup success, it looked as though it would be difficult to “place” Wollun, but his connections have not apparently, been perturbed about the matter. They took the colt back to Barraba, and he did not appear in any list of nominations until that for the first meeting at Doomben was published. He was allotted 7.1 in the Newmarket, in which some of Australia’s best sprinters were weighted, and 7.2 in the Doomben Cup. The Newmarket on Saturday seems to have been a thing of sensations. Most horse races are, of course usually unpleasant sensations. Wollun grabbed victory in a stirring finish after the boy had lost an iron during the race, then survived a protest which is alleged to have induced Jamieson to take Closing Time and his other horse out of Brisbane the same night. That is all very unhappy and unfortunate, but these things are incidental to racing, and Jamieson’s action will not be taken very seriously by anybody but himself.

Wollun, though he started at 10 to 1, would have been a bad result for the balances of Brisbane bookmakers, for it is stated he was backed from 20 to 1 to win 10,000 pounds, during the two days before the meeting. His was a great performance indeed, and a wonderful tribute to the care and attention bestowed on him by his trainer, who to everybody in Tamworth and other Northern New South Wales districts is known as "Smithy"



The Newmarket winner is raced by Mr. Henry Capel of Long Arm, Barraba, who bred him. He is by Sir Dighton, an imported horse by Bayardo who stood at Long Arm. His dam, Golden Gag, was by Rangag from Golden Days

who was by an English horse, Mid-day. Golden Gag was bred by Mr. Capel, and raced by him, though she saw very little of the racecourse. She started in novice events at Tamworth once or twice, and was then retired to the stud. For many years Mr. Capel has been one of the stoutest supporters of racing in the North, and his success will be pleasing to racing enthusiasts generally.

It takes a lot of pluck, and no end of confidence, to go to Brisbane with a colt who has had only two starts previously, and back him against the best sprinters in Queensland and visitors of the undoubted galloping ability of Closing Time. Wollun is taking big steps up the ladder of fame. It was a big lift from failure in a maiden field at Tamworth to success in the Armidale Cup, and almost as big again from there to victory in the first straight six furlongs race ever run in Queensland. He will have many followers, and many more there will be who will wish further success for the colt who carries the well known green jacket and gold sash.

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- New Zealand being proclaimed a colony independent of New South Wales (1841)
- Margaret Mitchell winning the Pulitzer Prize for *Gone With the Wind* (1937)
- Japan's post-war constitution going into effect, granting universal suffrage, stripping Emperor Hirohito of all but symbolic power and outlawing Japan's right to make war (1947)
- the first spam email, sent by a Digital Equipment Corporation marketing representative to every ARPANET address on the US west coast (1978)
- Margaret Thatcher becoming the first woman to be elected Prime Minister of the UK (1979)
- the death of Napoléon Bonaparte (1821)
- Perfume Chanel No 5 released by fashion designer Coco Chanel (1921)
- George V being made King of Great Britain after the death of his father Edward VII (1910)
- Ludwig van Beethoven's *9th (Chorale) Symphony* premiering in Vienna (1824)
- the first Mother's Day declared by US President Woodrow Wilson (1914)
- the makers of Agent Orange reaching a \$180 million out-of-court settlement with veterans (1984)
- Coca-Cola sold publicly for the first time at Jacob's Pharmacy in Atlanta, Georgia – cocaine and all... (1886)
- World War II ends in Europe after Nazi Germany formally surrenders (1945)
- the World Health Organization announcing the eradication of smallpox (1980)
- the opening of the first Parliament of Australia (1901)
- the US becoming the first country to legalise the birth control pill (1960)
- Germany's invasion of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, and the appointment of Winston Churchill as UK's PM after the resignation of Neville Chamberlain (1940)
- William Lawson, Gregory Blaxland and William Wentworth embarking on their expedition westward of Sydney (1813)
- the patenting of the world's first machine gun (1718)
- the formation of the National Woman Suffrage Association, founded by Susan B Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1869)
- Jessica Watson becoming the youngest person to sail solo, non-stop and unassisted around the world at age 16 (2010)
- the birthday of Florence Nightingale (1820)
- Captain Arthur Phillip leaving Portsmouth, England with 11 ships of criminals bound for Botany Bay (1787)
- the first-ever race of the Formula 1 World Drivers Championship (1950)
- British doctor Edward Jenner administering the first inoculation against smallpox, using cowpox pus (1796)
- the marriage of Marie Antoinette and future King Louis XVI of France (1770)
- the death of former PM Bob Hawke (2019)