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FOR OUR ELDERS

2-9 JULY 2023

INVITATION
CELEBRATE
NAIDOC
WEEK WITH US.

The Barraba Health Service and Richardson House invite the community to join us to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2023.

Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 10.30am at the Helipad behind the Health Service

There will be a Welcome to Country and Story Telling followed by morning tea.

Join the Elders to celebrate the rich history of the First Nations people in our district.

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THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 9th JUNE:

MEAT RAFFLES FROM 6PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW BETWEEN 6—8.30PM

SUNDAY 11th JUNE:

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MEMBERSHIP DRAW

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SUNDAY: 12-2PM

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From David York

Your story last week on the Cobbadah Pub stirred up memories that I have of the Pub during my youth, about 1947, not all good.

I would have been about 16 years old, not long after starting my bricklaying apprenticeship with my brother Wal York's building firm, we, that is Boyd, Baldy, Joe and myself, were going to start a job at Upper Horton, Mackenzie's new store I think, and our mode of transport was an old Army Blitz lorry, carry about 3 ton, high and rough as guts.

After getting all our gear and setting out for Horton we arrived at the Bingara Road Upper Horton turn off around 10.30am, that is where the Cobbadah pub was and all the fun began, the lorry pulled to the side of the road and passenger jumped out, that's right two of us sat on the back with our gear. "Might have one before we go" one said.

Now Badly and Joe were war veterans, Boyd bricklayer young and boss all liked a drink or two or three and I, well under age could not enter the pub so I stay in the lorry, so my story begins. Half an hour later Boyd comes out with squash "won't belong" he says, back to the Pub this happens several times and I'm getting full of squash and hungry, mid afternoon Boyd comes out with another, you guessed it, squash only this time "won't be long, you can drive down". Me no license, well under age and only a few goes on the lorry?

Roads in those days were mostly gravel and the road to Upper Horton from Cobbadah was all gravel, and steep and windy down the old Horton Mountain section. About 4.30pm we are on our way, three happy blokes on board and me at the wheel, double shuffling through the gears grinding a few, creeping down the mountain and finally arriving at Upper Horton after 5pm safe and sound and me now an expert lorry driver, we unload the lorry and settle into our camp site. Next morning, ah, but that's another story.



Department of
Primary Industries

An entertaining evening will be held at the Barraba Rugby Club on Wednesday 14th June at 6pm starring Darren Carr, Australia's #1 ventriloquist. A guest speaker from the Insurance Council of Australia will be there to give you some valuable insurance tips whilst you enjoy a free dinner.

There will be many support services available on the night – Rural Recovery Support Service (DPI), Rural Aid, Rural Financial Counselling Service, HealthWise, Rural Adversity Mental Health Program, National Emergency Management Agency, Salvation Army, Landcare, Local Land Services, Walcha Council, Armidale Family Support Service, Lifeline and TAFE NSW

It should be a wonderful entertaining and informative community event.

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Carr**

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13 June
Walcha Bowling
Club - 6pm



Wednesday
14 June
Barraba Rugby
Club - 6pm

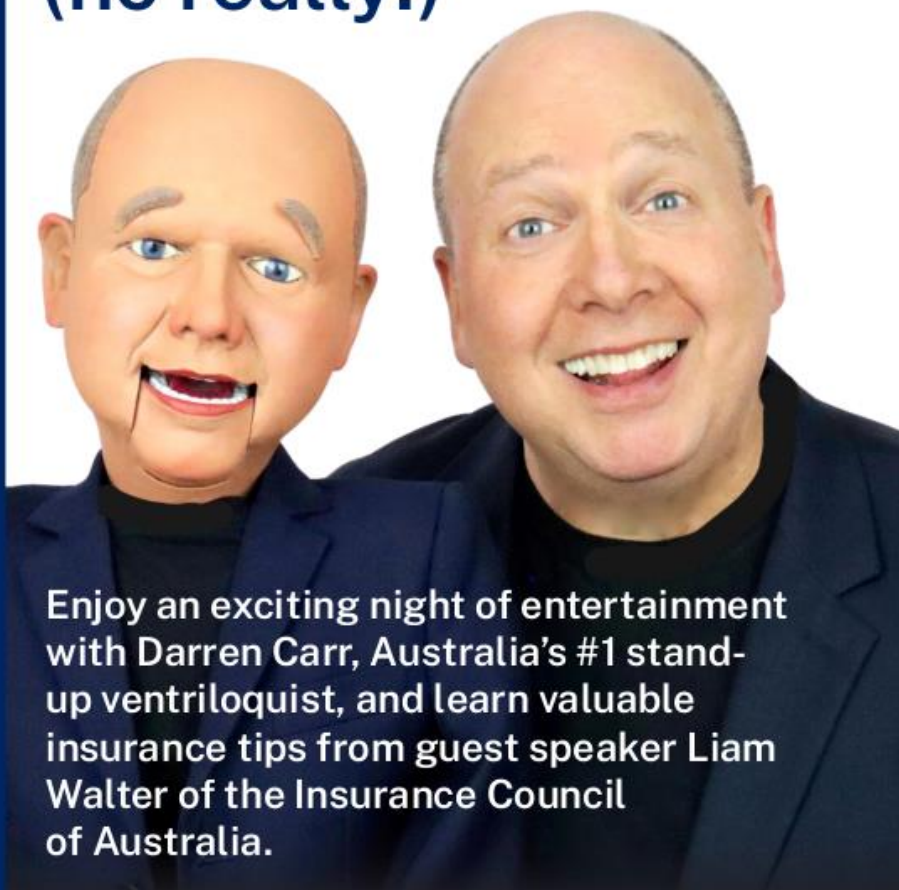


Thursday
15 June
Quirindi RSL
Club - 6pm



Insurance can be fun

(no really!)



Enjoy an exciting night of entertainment with Darren Carr, Australia's #1 stand-up ventriloquist, and learn valuable insurance tips from guest speaker Liam Walter of the Insurance Council of Australia.

Free BBQ dinner included.
Don't miss this fun and
informative event!

Please RSVP by 10th June by
scanning on the QR codes



Insurance Council
of Australia



Community Choices \$250k funding pool now open

Essential Energy's fifth Community Choices Program has opened for nominations, with community groups encouraged to nominate for their chance to win part of a \$250k funding pool.

Essential Energy Community Relations Manager, Bronya Pressler, said Essential Energy is proud to support grassroots organisations across 95% of NSW, and parts of southern QLD through the Community Choices program.

"The Community Choices program is open to registered charities, not-for-profit and community groups such as CWAs, community halls, community centres, school P&Cs and sporting clubs with full criteria available on the Essential Energy website.

"This year we have increased funding to a total of \$250,000 to be shared between eligible groups across 20 zones in our network footprint. This means \$5,000 is now available to groups that get the most votes in their region, with the amounts for second and third place also increasing to \$3,500 and \$2,750 respectively," Bronya said.

Groups from small communities with populations less than 10,000 will also again be able to nominate and get their community voting to help them access \$1,250 funding for the group with the most votes.

"Anyone can nominate a group to allow them to take part in the community-led voting for a share of the \$250,000. Once verified, the group can rally their supporters to vote for them from Monday, 3 July," said Bronya. We know there are many organisations across our footprint who have done it tough these past few years – with natural disasters and COVID all impacting on their ability to raise invaluable funds – so we're asking the community to choose a cause that counts and nominate them by Monday, 26 June."

Nominations are open through to 5pm on 26 June 2023. Community voting opens Monday, 3 July and closes Monday, 17 July 2023 at 5pm AEST.

Visit essentialenergy.com.au/choices to learn more or register to make a nomination.

The Barraba Lions Club will once again be holding a sale of second-hand books.

This year the sale will be held in Gerda's shop – the old restaurant side.

The sale will be next week, starting Wednesday 14th June at 9am.

Anyone with books to donate may drop them at the shop from today, anytime you see Lions setting up the shop. We don't expect there will be anyone there over the long weekend.

Cash will be required for all purchases as there will NOT be eftpos available. Most books will sell for \$30 or less.

Money raised will go into the Barraba Lions funds to be used to support local organisations.



Barraba Golf Club

Tuesday ladies golf has started.

9am each week for nine holes.

All are welcome, and beginners are encouraged to join in. Coffee afterwards.



Barraba Potters and Craft Guild

Warm and Woolly Exhibition

Saturday 10th to Monday 12th June 10am to 3pm.

Call in, browse the Gallery, enjoy morning tea, soup and bread roll lunch and sit by the fire and chat with friends.



Barraba Museum Markets

Saturday, 10th June 9am to 12.30pm

Plants, pottery, 2nd hand books, Jams, cooking & much more. Barbecue.

SHITBOX RALLY 2023 – CANCER COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

Locals Phil Denyer and Dan Etheridge, as Team “OFF the CLOCK” took part in the 2023 Shitbox Rally. Of the 200+ cars taking part, Phil and Dan raised over \$34,000 for the Cancer Council. They were one of the biggest fundraisers in the massive total of \$2,317,011 raised.

They left Newcastle on Friday 12 May and lots of adventures and 3700 km later arrived in Townsville a week later.

WELL DONE DAN AND PHIL!

The route



The team – Phil Denyer and Dan Etheridge – dressed the part to start.



Getting through the sand near Hughenden Queensland



KEVIN ANDERSON FOCUSED ON REGION'S CRIME

Member for Tamworth
Kevin Anderson is taking aim at crime, meeting with the new police Minister to highlight the need for more resources in the Oxley command.

Mr Anderson said he had a productive meeting with the Minister, where the issues of 24-hour policing in Gunnedah and the push for additional Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers (ACLO) for the district were raised.

“I worked hard in the last term in government to help boost the ranks of the Oxley Police District and we were fortunate to see good numbers of Probationary Constables join the district, as well as 8 senior police last year,” Mr Anderson said. “I also worked hard to deliver the brand new \$8 million Gunnedah Police Station, which has capacity to serve the community 24 hours a day. We now need that work to continue, which is why I took the opportunity to raise our local issues with the Minister. Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers play an important role to establish open lines of communication between police and the local Aboriginal community.”

“I’m also continuing my push for greater resources in the region. We need more police to be working in the Oxley Command to make the goal of 24-hour policing in Gunnedah a reality. The Labor Government committed to an additional 100 police at the 2023 election, however that commitment was only to Northwest and Southwest Sydney. I will continue to push the government to continue to boost the numbers in our region as well.”



History Notes

Well done to those who did the notes last week. The extra photos of the Cobbadah Hotel show just how close the hotel was to the road and where the original post office was situated.

Next weekend will be the June markets and it looks as though the weather will be fine. The last markets saw some customers arrive before 9.30am so we have moved the time back to 9am start and the finish to 12.30pm. There will be live music by the Edward Street Trio so come along and sing with them.

This week I had intended to mark Sorry Day and this week's Myall Creek Ceremony but have found some more information which needs time to research and compare with what is already in the pamphlets in my collection. Hopefully they will have a good crowd to mark the anniversary of this horrible event.

Recently I have had to review and re-organise past history notes – some of the old ones are dated and some are not but the range of topics is varied and only occasionally re-published. In 2005 I have found the first notes of the year reminding readers of the Show approaching and the first meeting to be held on 25th February.

A couple of items included the 30th anniversary of the Adams Lookout opening and the 70th anniversary of the Bridge and the Bowling Club. There was a request for a photo of the opening of the bridge – we still do not have photos of the opening and as I doubt there is a plaque on the bridge, it is very probable that there was no official opening. Does anyone have a photo of the bridge under construction? It would probably be a postcard unless Percy Williams took a photo.

There are sure to be more copies of early history notes when I finally get the office tidy or at least in some order so I can find things – hopefully there may be some interesting items published in the 1980s and 1990s which everyone has forgotten about and can be re-run for the younger readers.

Hopefully back to normal next week.

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 28th May 2023

Service time 10.45am.

Please note new time for next 4 months

All welcome

CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Saturday evening Mass 5pm

2nd 3rd 4th and 5th Sunday 9am

Upper Horton. No Mass in June. 11am in July

Weekday Mass Wednesday 10am



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Judy and the family.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Everyone who didn't come along to the Playhouse on Sunday afternoon missed an excellent afternoon's entertainment! There was a staged play reading of "The Importance of Being Earnest", directed by our own Andrew Sharp and performed by a Tamworth based group called "You'll Miss the Tide" productions. The play is a classic by Oscar Wilde, first performed in 1895 - but it's still very funny and clever. I wasn't sure if I would like a play reading without costumes and backdrops etc, but these people were skilled enough to overcome the lack of props. Oh, and we had a talented young pianist as an extra bonus. A delicious lunch beforehand and yummy afternoon tea at interval completed our enjoyable time.

Julie Williams



Marketing support on offer for local events ahead of an action-packed year

Applications are now open for the 2023-2024 Regional Events Marketing Program, an annual program which sees Tamworth Regional Council provide marketing support to events in the Tamworth region.

Each year, local event organisers come together to host a wide variety of events and festivals that attract crowds from around the area, contributing to the Region's tourism industry. The Destination Tamworth Events Marketing Support Program is an initiative by Tamworth Regional Council to provide both financial and/or in-kind marketing support to local events and festivals. Applications close on Tuesday 22 June.

Tamworth Regional Council Visitor Economy Coordinator, Linda Bridges said "it's exciting to see a number of regional events already filling the calendar including a lot of the annual favourites. This program is a way to support organisers in marketing their event to ultimately maximise attendance."

To be eligible for the program applicants must be able to exhibit and report back on the economic benefit of the event to the Tamworth region including an increase in overnight visitation and the viability of the event over time.

"Once applications close, the events and festivals are assessed individually to make sure they meet the criteria. Local event organisers can receive a range of marketing support ranging from media promotion, distribution of promotional material, social media promotion and the creation of promotional content" commented Ms Bridges.

Ms. Bridges concluded "Our region has so many events on offer; from music, history, arts and culture to the outdoors, there really is something for everyone to enjoy. The eligibility criteria has not changed from previous years, and event organisers from around the region are encouraged to apply for the program that offers support up to \$5,000".

To apply for the 2023/2024 Destination Tamworth Regional Events Marketing Support Program or to find out more, head to; <https://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/events-support-program>

Smart water meters already saving water – and money!

Tamworth Regional Council is already seeing the benefits of smart water meters with three of the largest leaks detected since installations have begun, totalling over 19,000 litres a day.

Over the last few months, Tamworth Regional Council has begun installing smart water meters across the Tamworth region.

Utilising the water meter data from these meters, Council identified that one of these properties had a leak of around 350 litres an hour. Sam Spokes, the owner of the property, was grateful to receive a call from Council about the leak.

"A representative from Council phoned me to explain they suspected I had a leak at my property. Eventually the source of the leak was detected underneath the concrete at my place. Without the call from Council, I wouldn't have discovered the leak until I got my water bill. The leak alone was costing me over \$12 per day in water usage," said Sam Spokes.

Tamworth Regional Council's Manager of Water and Environmental Operations Dan Coe explained the process of leak detection.

"The way in which the leak detection software works is that, if a property has water usage every hour of every day there is a high likelihood of a leak. In general, every household has at least one hour in the day where no water is used by toilet flushing, hand washing or showers."

"Council's online operational portal will alert staff if there are properties which have not had zero water usage in a 24 hour period. Council staff can then flag this property for monitoring and if the pattern does not change, Council will make contact with the property owner," said Dan Coe.

"The more we can conserve water, the longer we can maintain good water supply to residents during periods of drought." Dan Coe remarked.

Later in the year, once all the new meters are installed, residents will have access to their own portal to set up email and SMS alerts for water leaks and periods of unusually high water consumption. The customer portal will provide residents with insights into how they are using water and where water waste might be occurring.

"Council is committed to increasing the sustainability and liveability of our region and if we can do this in a way that also helps our customers save money, it's a win for everyone" said Dan Coe.



Myall Creek Memorial Exhibition

Opening June 10th

11-5 pm

at

Ceramic Break Sculpture Park



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Australia is to have a poet laureate – how will the first appointment define us as a nation?

Valentina Gosetti, Associate Professor in French and Australian Research Council DECRA Fellow, University of New England

Poetry has often been a matter of nation building, including in Australia. Who hasn't learnt by heart at school some verses from *My Country* (1908) by Dorothea Mackellar?

I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains
Of ragged mountain ranges,
Of droughts and flooding rains.
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror –
The wide brown land for me!

I discovered this poem when I first visited Canberra, many years before becoming an Australian citizen, when I saw its words sculpted on a hill next to the National Arboretum. There it was: all the emotional strength of local attachment against the deep blue sky of the Australian capital city. At the launch of *Revive*, Australia's new cultural policy, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced "the establishment of a poet laureate for Australia". The statement was welcomed by the audience with cheer and applause. Sarah Holland-Batt read a poem about her late father, called *The Gift*. "Wonderful to have poetry, books and stories as a central part of the #National Cultural Policy launch," tweeted the Australian Publisher's Association. The enduring links between the arts and national identity could not have been stronger. The prime minister said it is "through the arts that we build our identity as a nation and as a people".

A new literary funding body, Writers Australia, will oversee the selection of the poet laureate. But some questions remain. Will Australia make a brave choice? And even before this, what is a poet laureate in the first place?

The concept of a poet laureate



A portrait of Petrarch.
Wikimedia Commons

On April 8, 1341, poet Francesco Petrarca from the Tuscan town of Arezzo, more widely known as Petrarch (1304–1374), attended an official ceremony that was inspired by revived classical traditions dating back at least 12 centuries. On Rome's Capitoline Hill, the Campidoglio, a crown of laurels was placed upon his head as an eternal consecration of his poetry.

Since then, Petrarch has been known as *il poeta laureato*, the poet laureate. Portraits of Petrarch depict him wearing this crown of laurel leaves, the evergreen tree that has symbolised victory since Ancient Greece.

The tradition of the poet laureate has continued through the centuries, all around the world, where the election of a poet laureate has become a national matter.

In the United Kingdom, the position was recognised as a royal office in 1668, when John Dryden (1631–1700) became England's first official poet laureate. The honorary 10-year appointment, currently held by Simon Armitage, still comes from the monarch, on the advice of the prime minister.



Simon Armitage.
Wikimedia Commons

The United States Poet Laureate, a title that dates back to 1937, is appointed by the Librarian of Congress, who is, in turn, appointed by the president. The current laureate is Ada Limón, appointed in 2022, the 24th official laureate and first Latina poet to occupy the position, the present title having been sanctioned by an act of Congress in 1985. The position has previously been held by the likes of Joy Harjo, Rita Dove, Elizabeth Bishop, Robert Lowell, Philip Levine, Mark Strand, Joseph Brodsky and Louise Glück.

Historian Anne-Marie Thiesse has noted that in France "writers are given the power to make – or break – the national consciousness". In Ireland, upon the death of Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney (1939–2013), Enda Kenny, the then Taoiseach of the Republic of Ireland, professed that the

poet had been “keeper of our language, our codes, our essence as a people”.

But nationalistic conceptions of literature create other issues. The poet laureate embodies the voice of an entire nation. The poet can thus become a highly political and politicised figure. Historically, the formation of national literatures has meant many voices have been excluded.

As Thiesse notes, until very recently “feminine originality has seldom been grounds for recognition as a writer of national significance”. The first woman to be appointed poet laureate of the UK was Carol Ann Duffy only in 2009; she was also the first openly gay writer in this role.



Britain's first female poet laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, was appointed in 2009. Paul Thomas/AAP

The same goes for poets writing in minority languages, writers from diverse backgrounds, First Nations writers, or whoever questions or challenges the status quo. The current poet laureate of New Zealand, Chris Tse, for example, has sought to address the question of how to negotiate matters of identity alongside the responsibilities of his official position.

Australia's new arts policy, which includes a commitment to the full adoption of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, takes as its fundamental pillar the principle of “First Nations First” – a recognition of the fact the arts and stories of the oldest continuing living culture in the world are the foundation of who we are as a people and a country.

With the appointment of its very first poet laureate, Australia has an unmissable opportunity. We can only hope that, in keeping with the spirit of Revive, the decision will reflect its call for diversity and honour this foundational pillar.

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Rugby Union Report

On the local Ladies Day function, where over seventy ladies took part in the days fun and had a great day, as they came out decked up to the nines. The biggest problem was the girls on the field could not make the day a top success.

Once the local girls were beaten by a team, who have faster girls than we can put on the park, whereby our forwards would be one of the hardest in the competition. Katie Fisher made a great run to be stopped inches from the line after a solid attack. Emily Kelso and Jess Kelso made some good runs which broke down when the ball went forward which resulted in Scone's scrum. There is no doubt the Barraba girls forward pack can put it to the opposition, but just lack the backs to finish off good work by the workhorses up front. Barraba managed a late try to Amie Middlemiss late in the game to get the club on the scoreboard. Final score 41-7 but the girls did not give up.

Players Player Jess Austin, a goer for her size
3 Katie Fisher, a pity we didn't have more with her pace
2 J. Austin
1 Kate Sweeney, a good leader

The Men's game got off to the Rams 5/8th putting in a good kick after some good handling by the forwards and backs, with pressure on the Scone line, but a penalty to Scone relieved the pressure. Scone turned up stating they would put 20 points on Barraba but failed to gauge the home game advantage, support from the crowd and the Rams determination to produce the goods.

A good run by N. Sweeney to get close to the line saw Hugh Spencer, playing on the wing, cross for the first try and

converted by Clarke for a 7-0 lead to the Rams. With Scone set back by this try they kicked deep into the Rams territory where some poor defence saw Scone score a try and convert for a score on 7-7.

One of the main features on the game was the dominance of the Rams scrum, which pushed the opposition off the ball most of the day, allowing the backs with great ball handling to show their skills. One of the best games I've witnessed for the club. Scone attached just before halftime but the Rams defence held for a halftime score of 7-7 and anyone's game.

The second half proceeded to be similar to the first with each side looking to score only to be stalled by some stout defence and the reasonably good crowd enjoyed the standard of rugby played by both sides. A break by Scone saw M Austin run down the ball carrier to stop a certain try, but Scone with the bit between their teeth scored their second try after some pressure on the Rams line for a 7-12 advantage.

So, the Rams had about 16 minutes to turn the game around in their favour, with a good break by McKenna who passed to J. Mallise resulted in good ground made into Scones danger zone. A good lineout win by J. Robinson saw the Rams on attack with McKenna crossing for a try and converting for a 14-12 win to the Rams, a rewarding result.

The standard of rugby for spectators and supporters is starting to show the teaching of last year's coach, Bruce Walsh, especially with the handling, passing and support of team mates, making really good rugby to watch. A note re the players who sub during the game need to be given credit for their input when they take their place on the park, well done boys.

My points today went to the forwards for the great ball they gave the backs to do their bit. For without the ball they would have been reading comics.

Players Player D. McKenna and J. Mallise, shared
3 N. Sweeney
2 D. McKenna
1 W. Robinson

This coming weekend is Country Week in Tamworth. Byes for all clubs.

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Golf Notes

This week players contested both an Individual Versus Par for Phil Hiscock's trophy and also formed teams of three to play a 3 BBB (3 Ball Best Ball) for the SAND trophy. The SAND trophy is donated by a number of our lady golfers. As a double event the unwritten rule is that players can't win both events. There was a great turnout of 36 players and many commented whilst the grass coverage has held up the run on the course has returned. This was reflected in some individual scores with the long hitters taking advantage whilst even some of our steadier golfers who tickle them down the middle enjoyed the extra run. The winner of Phil Hiscock's trophy with a very good individual score of plus 7 was Dave McMurtrie and the runner up was Will Sedgwick plus 6.

Kerrie Smith whilst carding a plus 6 was in the winning team for the SAND trophy and couldn't claim an individual trophy.

The winners of the SAND trophy were Kerrie Smith, Aly Smith and Amanda Koopman on plus 12. Runners up were Peter York, Craig Ruttley and Mike Artis on plus 11. Unfortunately, the team of Graham Bowman, Bevan Benson and Dave McMurtrie with plus 13 where the victims of the one trophy rule.

NTPs went to:

Amanda Koopman 3rd

Sam Faint 12th

Bill Simpson 16th

Next week we play an Individual Stableford for the Betty Artis Memorial trophy and the week after, Sunday 18th is the second round of our Club Championships for Campbell Tonkin's trophy.

Tuesday ladies golf has started at 9am each week for nine holes. All are welcome, and beginners are encouraged to join in. Coffee afterwards. This week we paid our respects to two past members Kevin Currell and Peter Geary. Our deepest sympathy to both families.

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Barraba 7 day Forecast from the Weatherzone

Wednesday 7th June

Summary Max 20

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 20%



Thursday 8th June

Summary Min 4 Max 19

High chance of showers

Chance of rain: 90%



Friday 9th June

Summary Min 4 Max 16

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 20%



Saturday 10th June

Summary Min -1 Max 16

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 5%



Sunday 11th June

Summary Min -2 Max 17

Mostly sunny

Chance of rain: 5%



Monday 12th June

Summary Min 0 Max 16

Mostly sunny

Chance of any rain: 50%



Tuesday 13th June

Summary Min 3 Max 14

Showers

Chance of any rain: 70%

