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Wednesday 14th June 2023

Notice

A private developer is seeking expressions of interest for enrolments of children aged 0-5 years who would utilise a long day care service in Barraba, with a preliminary forecast open date of mid-late 2024. Parents and carers should email barrabadaycare@gmail.com with their children's date of birth and days of care required.



Lions Club Book Sale

From Wednesday 14th June

Gerda's Old Restaurant

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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.

If possible, a call to the office at the Barraba Health Service, 02 67822500, would be helpful for catering purposes.

SES NEEDS YOUR HELP

As you may or may not be aware the Barraba SES has for a long time been inactive due lack of members. This was demonstrated in the recent flood event here. We had to rely on the Manilla unit to assist us. This meant that we had weakened resources to attend to their emergencies and had to wait for them to be able to dispatch a unit to help us. As a result, I am trying to reactive our unit but can only do this with your help.

We need all people who can work not just on site but with support at the unit.

SES will give us all the help we could want in training with regards to first aid certification, chain saw accreditation, safety in roof and rope handling and many other aspects. Many qualifications that will be accepted throughout industry are recognised by state and national industry requirements.

If you are 16 years old and above you are eligible to join us.

This is important not just to you but to the entire Barraba Community.

For more information please contact Greg Forder on 0421 919 789 or by email redrockg@bigpond.com to express your interest

Surgery Closure

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we advise that the surgery will be closed from Tuesday 13th June until Friday 23rd June and reopening Monday 26th June.

If you need medical assistance, please contact the Barraba Hospital on 67822500 or in an emergency call 000.

We apologise for any inconvenience. MedCIRC Staff

If only weeds could talk.....

Well, it turns out they can - we just need to learn their language.

Our workshop with Kim and Angus Deans from Reinventing Agriculture in late May helped us do just that. We were walked through what weeds can tell us about our soil's physical, biological and chemical health.

Diversity is something to aspire to, whether it be biological diversity in the soil, plant diversity or diversity in workshop attendees. We were blessed to have the latter, with our 21 participants including farmers and graziers with an organic, regenerative, transitioning and 'conventional but curious' focus, as well as gardeners and others with an interest in soils. Collectively we represented 5 shires in the north-west, so our discussion covered quite a range of soil and weed types. The breadth and depth of knowledge in the room made for a very engaged and engaging workshop where everyone had a valuable contribution to make.

Soil science can be complex and sometimes daunting to understand. We learnt that by using observation, weeds and physical soil tests, we can glean enough to make management changes that will, over time, correct many issues (chemical soil tests are still recommended annually).

The day concluded with a round-up of problem weeds people had identified when they registered, giving us a snapshot of what the likes of Coolatai grass, capeweed and thistles can tell us about the soil they are growing in (and how we can change that so they no longer want to grow there!)

The workshop was hosted by Northern Slopes Landcare with support from our local Regional Agricultural Facilitator, Sarah Carter, who has provided funding through the Australian Government's Smart Farm funding.



REQUEST FOR TENDER

The Frost Over Barraba committee invites tenders to cater for a Friday evening event on 2 September 2023 in the Treloar's Building on Queen St, Barraba. If you would like to prepare and serve food and drink on the night please mail frostoverbarraba@yahoo.com.au and request a guidelinesheet. Not-for-profit groups, as well as commercial operators, are encouraged to tender. Tenders requested by 26 June.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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Frost's "Inside 55" Art Show

Frost Over Barraba is happening in a different season this year - Spring instead of Winter. There's another big change planned for Barraba's iconic arts festival. The 2023 art show has been dubbed "Inside 55".

Entrants in the art competition are asked to keep their artworks inside= 55x55cm this year. In the past the size limit for works was 1mx1m. The new requirement will mean works are likely to be more affordable to buy. "We have always worked hard to sell the works entered in Frost," says Publicity Officer Jane Harris. "Sale of works helps artists, but it also means people can have great regional art in their homes. The Frost committee is passionate about both these things."

The smaller format also means the show will be more straightforward to hang in this year's venue, the Treloar Building on Queen Street. "We anticipate the size restriction will mean some artists will need to make work just for this year's Frost. Creative people often respond very positively to a theme or boundary. We're excited to see what the 'Inside 55' show brings," says Competition Coordinator Angela Croll.

The art show will be open from 10am on Thursday 31 August and will be open through to Sunday afternoon. Winners will be announced on social media and the radio on the Thursday morning. The committee is planning an event on Friday evening in the Treloar's Building for everyone to enjoy the show and a catch up.

This year entry paperwork and fees will all be done online. Entries open on 1 July. More information is available on www.frostoverbarraba.org.au.



Clinton Yates's sculpture of an eagle was a hit of the last Frost



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WARM AND WOOLLY A SUCCESS ON THE LONG WEEKEND.

The annual Warm and Woolly Exhibition, organised by the Barraba Potters and Craft Guild, over the King's Birthday long weekend was a successful event. Locals and travellers, alike, supported the exhibition, morning tea, soup lunches and afternoon tea. Travellers from Sydney, Goondiwindi, Moree, Tamworth and Manilla (to name a few) were pleased to be able to break their journey and enjoy homemade soup, sweet treats and a cuppa by the fire. Many left with a locally made item from the Gallery, as a memento of their stop in Barraba.



Guests enjoying morning tea



Jenny Bucknell and friends catching up over lunch

Monday saw a group of 33 Railway Enthusiasts, who were travelling around the North West, call in for afternoon tea at the Gallery. Caroline Faint ensured the Historical Society was open so they could include that in their Barraba stop over before returning to Tamworth.

A special thanks to members and volunteers who helped make the weekend a success. From the Yarn Bombing knitters and tree dressers to those who cooked, cleaned, served meals and helped with sales.

The "Yarn Bombed" trees and seat outside the Gallery encouraged visitors to stop for a look and wander. So, what is "Yarn Bombing", you may ask?

Wikipedia defines Yarn Bombing as "....a type of graffiti or street art that employs colourful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn or fibre rather than paint or chalk. It is also called wool bombing, yarn storming, guerrilla knitting, kniffiti, urban knitting or graffiti knitting."



Intrigued? Want to know more?.....

"They're showing up everywhere, like some kind of psychedelically colourful mushroom that grows sock-like over surfaces like trees and scaffolding and even bike racks. Somewhere, somehow, these normal everyday objects have suddenly become ensconced in an odd woolly growth in amazing patterns.

The skill varies widely from incredibly new to fantastically intricate, the thickness of the yarn from pencil-lead thin to

thick as the pencil itself. International Yarn Bombing Day is when fibre-freaks from around the world go on a knitting rampage to embrace the world in warm fuzzy comfort. Grab your needles and go forth noble kneedler, and stitch!

To understand International Yarn Bombing Day, we first need to take a look at what yarn bombing is. It is sometimes referred to as guerrilla knitting or yarnstorming. No matter what you call it, it is simply the practice of knitted works of art being added to public places. For example, a yarn bomber may design some sort of colourful knitted pattern and wrap it around a bus stop. The aim of this practice was to try and take knitting from something that was viewed as merely for creating clothes and hats to something that could add meaning and colour to urban locations.

It's not like standard graffiti where the point is to mark your territory. It's also definitely not an act of vandalizing. It is about creating a sense of belonging and conveying meaning, as well as drawing attention to something that is ignored by most people. International Yarn Bombing Day, therefore, is simply a celebration of this tradition, raising awareness of the art of crochet and knitting while having a lot of fun in the process.

Ironically International Yarn Bombing Day started as a simple gimmick at a sewing boutique, as part of their style and personality they knitted a sleeve for their door handle, and from there it spread like the mycorrhizal life form we mentioned above (That's mushroom folks, most fungi... listen this isn't a botany class, trust us, it's shroom-like).

From there it started spreading to cover telephone poles, put colorful socks on statues, and bike racks, even trees have received a warm and lovely sleeve to see them through the cold winter months. The first-ever International Yarn Bombing Day actually took place on the 11th of June 2011, and it has been going strong ever since

It's all done in the spirit of beautification and fun, bringing a fantastically colorful display to urban areas around the world. It's not even seen as graffiti by most people in the area, but rather an entirely acceptable and attractive form of urban art. And it's little surprise, with all the amazing patterns that can come out of a knitter's craft, and the warm and comfortable nature of the fabric. Of course, they don't use wool because some people are allergic, but it's still a fantastic time!"

Ref: www.daysoftheyear.com/days/yarn-bombing-day, Sat 10th June 2023.

The 10th June 2023 was International Yarn Bombing Day and this is when some of our wonderful Guild volunteers "dressed the trees".



NOTICE

**Prime 7 News will be in Barraba on Thursday at 10am
outside Polkadot to interview people about the Barraba
Dr/GP situation.**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I loved the yarn submitted by Dave York in last week's community news. I feel sure it will have brought back a lot of "Cobbadah Pub" memories for many locals. For me, it evoked memories of my time working for Dave in the sixties and seventies.

I hadn't heard Dave's "Pub" yarn before so it gave me great joy to get an inkling of Dave's teenage years. It came as no surprise that sixteen-year-old Dave ended up shuffling his way through the gears of the old army lorry, albeit without a licence, to deliver his tipsy team safely into the Horton Valley.

Fast forward to around 1970 and I was witness to Dave once more shuffling through the gears of his now Bedford truck to the Horton Valley, only this time via the Trevallyn Rd with its steep and treacherous bends. The Bedford was fully loaded with sober men and building materials on its way to Rupert and Virginia Richardson's property Bereen.

Dave had recently established his ready mixed concrete plant in Alice St and had a contract to install an inground concrete swimming pool for Rupert and Virginia. Following a couple of days of preparation, it was time to put Dave's new concrete batching plant and ready-mix truck to the test. Allan Luxford was charged with the responsibility of navigating the treacherous bends with a fully laden concrete truck which he did brilliantly. However, it was an enormous challenge maintaining the concrete in a workable condition whilst Al' drove back and forth at a snail's pace due to the road conditions.

The sun had long set before the final load of concrete made it to the site...I recall us all, Rupert and Virginia included, peering into the darkness waiting to identify the truck's headlights winding its way down the mountain.

We set out that day with just our smoko and lunch and ended up being sustained by Rupert and Virginia's hospitality as we worked well into the night to successfully complete the concrete placement and eventually handover a beautiful swimming pool some days later when we completed the site works.

I've often reflected on Dave's courage to do that concrete pour and the Richardsons' undoubted faith in Dave to deliver and I remain thankful to have been witness to that.

Kind regards,

Kevin Good



History Notes

Another successful market this weekend, although it was rather quiet, due to the holiday weekend and the huge number of events being held over the weekend. It seems that most people managed a few events, which is good for our area.

This week a small group are visiting a neighbouring Historical Society and then next week is our meeting so members can remain busy, especially when the secondhand books need a good sort into similar groups. I did hear that our shed might be going up soon, but the current wet weather could delay proceedings.

Some months ago, a visitor to the markets paid for a pile of Australian Women's Weekly's and was to collect them the next market day. If this woman reads the News, we would like her to collect her purchase as soon as possible or at least make contact. We may have to sell them to someone else.

In a Barraba newspaper dated 1947 and recently donated to the Society, I have been lucky to find an article on a well known Barraba school teacher. It is a tribute to Mr. William Lockrey, organised by his ex-pupils and various members of staff on the occasion of his 83rd birthday.

The dinner was arranged by ex-pupils at the Monterey Café, now home to some wonderful war photos and information. The Mayor of Barraba Alderman HB Lowcock, chaired the function which greeted Mr Lockrey with "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" when he entered the room.

Mr Lockrey, whose family were from Inverell, began his teaching career in 1880 as a pupil teacher in Emmaville and later at Tingha before training at the Teacher's College in Sydney. His early career ranged from Inverell to Manly and from Parramatta to Wollongong.

In 1899 William Lockrey married Emma Louse Capel, daughter of John and Maria Capel of Rocky Creek and was appointed headmaster of the Macksville School for three years. From there he moved to Bombala for 6 ½ years before being appointed to Barraba in February 1908 – a position he held until 1930. It was during this time that he lived sometime at Wyndella.

In 1936 Emma died and Mr Lockrey lived the rest of his life with family in Alice Street. He may have retired from teaching, but he took on 15 years as secretary of the local Show and loved to play cricket until he took up umpiring. I can remember, as a child, visiting the household in Alice Street and seeing this great man with a long flowing white beard. I wonder if anyone else can remember Mr Lockrey?

Perfect weather for the annual Manilla Vintage Machinery Rally

Vintage machinery of all types, classic and vintage cars and trucks, many, many tractors, AND steam engines were all on display (and many on parade!) at the annual Rally last weekend. Large crowds enjoyed perfect weather for this festival of all things vintage and mechanical.



Old tractors leave the showground on parade



Phil Denyer's vintage truck on display



Marshall Portable Steam engine steaming away

This steam engine was used in the early 1970s to power Stan William's sawmill on "Sadowa" at Rocky Creek. In 2017 Ross Taylor from Tamworth bought the engine and fully restored it. The Marshall's gleaming paint work and spectacular "choofa choofa" working draws crowds wherever it goes.

MANILLA VIADUCT HEADLINES MEETING WITH THE MINISTER

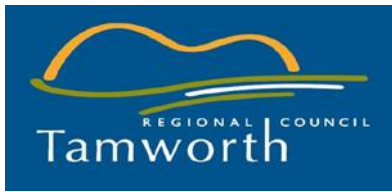
The Manilla Viaduct's potential heritage listing was high on the agenda in a meeting between Member for Tamworth and Shadow Minister for Heritage Kevin Anderson and the Minister for Heritage Penny Sharpe.

"The Manilla Viaduct is an iconic piece of our rail history and I've been working with the community to ensure the viaduct is preserved for future generations," Mr Anderson said.

"Last month, we had a significant victory with the Heritage Council of NSW agreeing to consider listing the Viaduct on the NSW Heritage Register. This would enshrine protection of the viaduct in NSW law, ensuring the viaduct could not be knocked down at the whim of any future government. Submissions for the Heritage Council's consideration of the Viaduct have now closed and soon the Heritage Council of NSW will make a recommendation to the Minister. Ultimately the decision to list the viaduct on the NSW Heritage Register sits with the Minister for Heritage, which is why I took the opportunity to meet with the Minister in Parliament this week."

"I've also written to the Minister regarding the viaduct seeking her advice on the NSW Government's Adaptive Reuse of Heritage Places Policy. The community not only wants to see the viaduct preserved, but they want to see greater use of their heritage asset. The community would like to see a walkway atop the 500-metre structure, providing opportunities for tourism in the historic township. That's why I'm seeking advice on the government's current policy, to ensure that should the listing of the viaduct be successful, we will be in the best position to progress to the next step in preserving the viaduct."





\$60,000 available for budding business renovators



Rhiannon Graham, a recipient of the 2022-23 Heritage Assistance Fund, painted the facade of her property "Steeple" with her portion of funding.

Tamworth Regional Council is pleased to announce that applications are open for their 2023 – 2024 Heritage Assistance Fund. A total of \$60,000 has been allocated in funding assistance for the maintenance and repairs of historic buildings in the region.

The Heritage Assistance Fund covers works such as external paint, repairs and replacement of certain features like verandahs, roofs and fences, in residential and commercial buildings. All grants provided are on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Tamworth Regional Council Heritage Working Group chair, Councillor Helen Tickle, strongly encourages owners of heritage buildings to apply.

"The Heritage Assistance Fund is a Council initiative to assist owners of historically significant properties to make physical improvements to their buildings." Councillor Tickle said.

"I would like to especially encourage owners of properties in commercial precincts across our region to consider seeking funding this financial year."

Rhiannon Graham, a 2022-23 recipient of the Tamworth Heritage Assistance Fund, was able to use her funding allocation to upgrade the floorboards and paint work within her heritage-listed church at Limbri. The property, now called "Steeple Country Escapes", has been transformed for use as an accommodation and event site.

"I am extremely grateful that I was given a chance to upgrade and restore features of my building through the Tamworth Heritage Assistance Fund," Rhiannon said.

"There is definitely economic benefit in maintaining the façades of properties like Steeple Country Escapes. From a historical perspective, there is something super special about working to preserve a piece of history that people can interact with and stay in."

All applications for the Fund will be assessed by Council's Heritage Working Group. To be eligible for funding, projects must be completed by Friday, 26 April 2024 with successful applications eligible for the Tamworth Regional Biennial Heritage Awards in 2024.

Applications for the 2023-2024 Heritage Assistance Fund close 5pm Friday, 21 July 2023. If you would like to apply, head to Council's website:

<https://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/about/forms/forms-supporting-documents/2022-23-heritage-assistance-fund-application-form>

Here is an overview of outcomes from Council's Ordinary Meeting on 6th June 2023

As part of the work underway to ready our region for the next drought, councillors at tonight's meeting have endorsed the Draft Revised Drought Management Plan 2023 and Draft Revised Demand Management Plan 2023 for public exhibition. The Draft Revised Drought Management Plan 2023, ensures a structured and transparent approach is taken to manage drought impacts on Council's water supply systems. This includes water restrictions and signage, system operating rules for new infrastructure such as the new Chaffey Pipeline, and an approach to investigate long-term water security options. The Draft Revised Demand Management Plan helps maintain a downwards trend in water consumption. Despite population growth, residents across the Tamworth region have reduced their overall water consumption and this plan recognises and formalises the strategies that have contributed to that reduction. The 2023 review of the plan includes changing the term for permanent water restrictions from "Permanent Water Conservation Measures" to "Everyday Waterwise Guidelines" which recognises a common-sense approach to water usage. Also included in the plan are community awareness programs, water rebates, water efficiency assessments, water loss management tools such as smart water meters, and continuing to investigate opportunities for water. Both plans will be placed on public exhibition for

28 days from June 19 to allow the community to give Council formal feedback.

☐ Council approved an easement within the Riverside Sporting Complex to allow for the installation of lighting on Riverside 3 oval on Carter Street. The sports field lighting is being funded by a \$400,000 grant from the NSW Government's Regional Sport Facility Fund 2020/2021. As part of the project, four 30m tall light towers will be installed on the field and each tower will have five LED lights.

☐ Council agreed to support the 2023 Tamworth NAIDOC Debutante Ball. The organising committee submitted a fee waiver request for the use of Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre for the July 8 event.

☐ To meet its duty of care to staff and the community, Council has approved a Draft Banning Notice Policy. In the past, where Council has had to ban members of the public from entering Council facilities or contacting Council it has been done on an ad hoc basis. This policy provides a more consistent and informed approach to ensure Council remains a safe place for its staff and the community. The policy will need to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days for community feedback before being formally adopted at a future Council meeting.



Snippets from St Laurence's

The tune playing while I waited on "hold" carried me back many years to my fifth-class teacher, who taught me to sing "seconds" and from there to some of the great songs I have sung harmonies in over the years. One that still moves me to try singing is Charles Wesley's "And can it be that I should gain an interest in my Saviour's blood?"

The latest issue of The Link, the Diocesan magazine, is out. It is always worth reading and this month has interesting articles on Mothers' Union, Anglicare and the Next Phase Conference held in Armidale early in May and much more. Copies are available at the church.

This Saturday, 17th June, an on-line conference, Equip Women, is on at the Youth Centre. Parish Council meet on Sunday 25th and the Parish AGM is set for Sunday 20th August! Meanwhile the Youth Group for anyone in high school meets in the Youth Centre on Friday evenings during term time, from 6.30 to 8pm, for fun, friends, food and Jesus.

Each Sunday we are working our way through Paul's letter to the Philippians. This advice comes from Chapter 2, verses 3 and 4: "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."

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

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YOUR Squiz SHORTCUT TO... PRINCE HARRY v THE BRITISH TABLOIDS

You might have seen headlines about Prince Harry heading to court in what's quite an unprecedented move for a member of the British royal family. He and more than 100 high-profile individuals are suing a tabloid newspaper publisher over their alleged unethical behaviour, including phone hacking.

- why Harry is bringing this case,
- what the allegations against the papers are,

Isn't it pretty rare for royals to go to court? Super rare.

One fun fact: the last time a senior royal was in court was over 130 years ago. That case involved Prince Albert Edward (who went on to become King Edward VII), Harry's great-great-great grandfather.

What happened? It was over a cheating scandal involving a game of cards... Prince Edward wasn't the accused, but he was said to have had a terrible time in the witness box. The royals and being cross-examined by lawyers don't mix...

So, Harry is breaking with royal tradition... again. Why?

He has a strong motivation - he really hates the British tabloids. His mother Princess Diana died in a car crash while being pursued by the paparazzi, and Harry blames her death on the press. He says the tabloids have been awful to his wife, Meghan Markle, and he's made it clear that he wants to protect her from the treatment his mother received. As for Harry - he says the paranoia from having his life invaded has impacted his personal relationships.

Got it. So, phone hacking's been a feature of the UK's media scene, right? Absolutely - and you're probably thinking of the News of the World phone hacking scandal, which exploded in 2010 and 2011.

Yep. It was huge news at the time. The now-defunct News of the World newspaper, which was owned by Rupert Murdoch's News International, was exposed for using illegal means to gather stories. In the most high-profile case of wrongdoing, they hacked into the voicemails of a girl who'd been abducted and murdered.

Wowsers... And News of the World - which was Britain's biggest newspaper at the time - was forced to shut down over the scandal. Several editors and reporters pleaded guilty to criminal charges, and others were found guilty at trial.

What does that have to do with Prince Harry? The scandal was the thing that exposed the unethical means that the British tabloids were using to gather stories, and members of the royal family were among those being targeted. A News of the World editor said he hacked Prince Harry's phone 9 times.

And Harry's suing over the News of the World hacking?

He is - in fact, he's suing multiple newspapers alleging similar unethical behaviour.

So, what is this week's case about, then? This is about allegations he and others have made against Mirror Group Newspapers (MGN), which publishes The Mirror newspaper.

Who else is involved? A group of roughly 100 high-profile people have banded together to sue MGN - but not all of those celebrities are going to court. Instead, 4 'representative' cases have been chosen to test the merits of the lawsuit, and Prince Harry's allegations form one of those cases.

What exactly is he alleging? Harry alleges his phone was hacked by the tabloids for about 15 years, between 1996 to around 2010, and that the paper had private investigators follow him around.

Why does he think that? He reckons 147 stories The Mirror published include information that could only have been obtained illegally, and those stories cover a huge range of personal details. There's a story about a 12yo Harry taking the divorce of his parents badly and his sporting injuries while he was in high school. There are stories about drug use and partying and a whole lot of stories with very personal details of his relationship with Chelsy Davy. Harry says the public scrutiny contributed to the breakdown of that relationships.

How is MGN responding? Well, MGN says it hacked phones in the past and admits to illegally obtaining information about Prince Harry. But the company is denying that's how it got the information for the 147 stories that Prince Harry brought to court.

So, they're testing that dispute in court? Exactly. And this week, Harry appeared in court and gave 8 hours of evidence.

Gimme the brief rundown... Harry said the British tabloids have blood on their hands and that he had been a victim of unethical journalism at an "industrial scale". He appeared to become emotional after he had finished giving evidence, saying that the 8 hours of testimony had been "a lot".

What did MGN say? It says Harry is operating in the "realms of total speculation".

What happens now? The court will hear evidence for a few more weeks before we get an outcome.

And what about the other cases? So, Harry's case against News Group Newspapers is ongoing. He's also suing Associated Newspapers, which publish the Daily Mail and Mail on Sunday, for "abhorrent criminal activity and gross breaches of privacy". Both groups deny the allegations of wrongdoing. But these cases are part of what Prince Harry calls his "life's work" focused on "changing the media landscape in the UK".

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Golf Notes

Pleasing to see Graham Bowman have a return to form to take out the Betty Artis Memorial trophy on Sunday. Carding 42 stableford points Graham won on a countback from runner up Bill Simpson also with 42 points. Balls went to Peter Simpson 38, Peter York 38, Chris Sweeney 38, Des Kelaher 37, Mike Artis 37, Ian Cabot 36 and Kerrie Smith 35.

NTP went to Peter York on the 3rd.

In some very close match play results;

Dave McMurtrie just got over Rodger Fisher at the 19th Ian Cabot defeated Gary Allen 2 and 1. Mike Artis defeated Sam Faint 1 up. Bill Simpson defeated Peter York 4 and 2. Kerrie Smith defeated Liam Johnston 6 and 4. Rob Sweeney defeated Daniel Anderson 2 up.

Next Sunday the 18th is the second round of our Club Championships for Campbell Tonkin's trophy. The week after Sunday 25th is the annual Manilla Men's Open. For those players not travelling to Manilla there will be an Individual Stableford for a club trophy.

Just a heads up that Tuesday is ladies golf commencing at 9am each week for nine holes. All are welcome and beginners are encouraged to join in with coffee afterwards.

Rugby Union Report

The Country Week Championships were played over the long weekend with the U16's in Port Macquarie and the senior men's in Tamworth there were no local comp games. A catch up of results and who participated from Barraba should be known for next week's Community News.

The Central North comp will resume this Saturday, with the last game of round 1 and the Rams are away to Moree. It should prove an interesting game as the Rams have been playing some very good rugby.

Other games for the round are;
Narrabri v Gunnedah
Walcha v Pirates
Scone v Inverell

The following week Barraba are away to Scone so, no rugby locally until July 1st, unless the schools 14's and 16's play on the Friday afternoon.

Rifle Club

Saturday's weather conditions were perfect for our shoot at the range. We only had one for the Centrefire and four for the .22 Benchrest shoots. A big congratulations goes to both Casey and Brendan who shot 300 in the 100m Benchrest event. Andrew scored a possible in the 50m event, congratulations Andrew. A bit of friendly family competition between the three of them.

Garry also scored a possible in the 100m. Congratulations Garry.

Just a reminder that there will be a meeting at our next shoot.

Unlimited 50m

B. McIlrick 98.4, 99.5, 99.5 = 296.14

AA Grade 50m

A. White 93.1, 100.7, 97.6 = 290.14

C. White 94.1, 95.2, 91.1 = 280.4

G. Urquhart 92, 93.1, 91 = 276.1

Unlimited 100m

B. McIlrick 100.5, 100.5, 100.5 = 300.15

AA Grade 100m

C. White 100.5, 100.5, 100.5 = 300.15

A. White 99.6, 99.3, 100.6 = 298.15

G. Urquhart 100.6, 91.1, 94.2 = 295.9

Centrefire

D. McIlrick 92, 84, 88 = 264



An old postcard by Crown Studios of the northern end of Queen St. Crown studios produced a tremendous series of postcards of all this northwest area in that period around 1900 including quite a lot of Tamworth.

The Commercial Hotel on the left with its 4 flagpoles on the balcony. Dean & Smith we all know, but of Cookes Boot Emporium I have nothing. The Bank of NSW and the magnificent Royal Hotel over Maude St. No knowledge of who owned the small house adjoining the Commercial hotel.

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