



FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER

BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY OWNED AND EDITED

Wednesday 2nd August 2023

Tamworth and the Lions Club of Barraba were well represented.



Meredyth Bell, Rotary President, outlined the many projects and donations the local Club members had worked on over the last 12 months.



Current Rotary Executive are;
Back Row; Tim Bucknell, Ian McColl, Dave Penna, Ian Cabot, Mike Simpson
Front Row; Jill Turland, Meredyth Bell, Estella Hamilton

**About Barraba AGM Wed 9th Aug 6pm Bowling Club.
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STEP UP

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Rotary Club of Barraba Changeover Dinner



Over 50 people attended the Rotary Club Changeover Dinner at the Commercial Hotel on Wednesday 26th July. Visitors came from other Rotary Clubs in Manilla and



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THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 4th AUGUST

MEAT RAFFLES

1st Draw 6.45pm

2nd Draw 7.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1100

SUNDAY 6th AUGUST

ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES FROM 1PM

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DINNER FROM 6PM

SUNDAY: 12-2PM

BARRABA SHOW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST 2023:
6.30PM
AT BARRABA BOWLING CLUB

Come along get involved as well as join us for a drink and some dinner. All positions will be declared vacant at the start of the meeting.



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Deliver meals to clients straight to their door

GET IN TOUCH AND START VOLUNTEERING TODAY! 6740 2240 OR SEE JODY AT OUR QUEEN ST OFFICE

THANK YOU

Thank you to the staff at Hart Rural and Sinclair Hewson. The Barraba Potters and Craft Guild thanks you for helping us at very short notice to lift the new kiln from a delivery truck into the Claypan. The 400kg kiln was to be delivered on a truck with a tailgate lift, however a 'fail' by the trucking company meant our call for help was answered very quickly.



WELDING 101

Welding 101 is an introduction to welding, enrol in this non-accredited training to learn work safety and basic welding skills that will give you the confidence to tackle home, work, or farm-based welding projects completing them to a good standard.

When: Mondays 7th August- 11th Sep 6 weeks

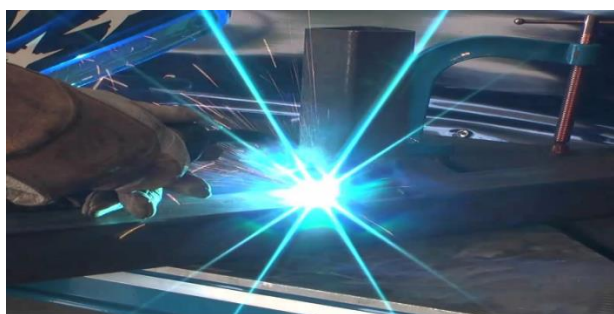
Time: 4pm-7pm

Where: Bingara Community College, 6 Riddell St

This training is subsidised by the NSW Government.

Eligibility rules apply.

Give Jannette Tan, local Program Coordinator, a call 02 6724 1965 or pop into the campus to enquire or to enrol.



COLLEGE CHAT

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Introduction to myGov and government services online

Join a free Be Connected technology class for beginners this term to discover everything you need to know about myGov and the range of government services you can access online. Classes run one morning each week for 4 weeks commencing Thursday 31 August from 9am to 12pm.



Apply for your place on line through

www.ccni.nsw.edu.au or phone the Community College on 6782 1662.



Barraba Branch of the United Hospital Auxiliaries

Annual General Meeting

Friday 4th August 2023 11.00am at

The Day Centre, Barraba Hospital following the general meeting which will commence at 10am.

Visitors are most welcome.

We Fundraise for the hospital to provide additional equipment and services for the benefit of patients' comfort.

Ladies Night August 18 6.30 pm



COMMERCIAL HOTEL

Barraba Civilian & Military Rifle Club

AGM

Saturday 19th August @ 11.30am

Barraba Rifle Range



Across the Desk from the Principal Patrick Sullivan

Dear Parents, guardians,
Students and Staff

Welcome back to Term 3 at Barraba Central School. We hope you had a restful break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. There are plenty of fantastic opportunities and events planned, so let's dive right in!

Upcoming Excursions and Events:

We have a diverse range of excursions and events lined up for our students this term. Our agricultural students will be heading to Brisbane for an enriching experience at the Ekka Agricultural show and later, we have the eagerly awaited AGQuip event. There will be various sporting trips for our sports enthusiasts and our talented debaters will have their chance to shine in upcoming debating competitions. Additionally, we have regional athletics events where our students can showcase their athletic abilities. Lastly, our Year 6 students will embark on their much anticipated Canberra trip in Week 7 which promises an unforgettable educational adventure.

NAPLAN Results:

We are pleased to inform you that the NAPLAN results are being sent home this week. The results will provide valuable insights into our students' progress and identify areas where they excel and where they may need additional support. The results will now be categorized into four new levels: Exceeding, Strong, Developing, and Needs Additional Support. We believe this new system will help us better understand each student's strengths and areas for improvement, allowing us to tailor our support and resources more effectively.

To address the needs of students falling under the "Needs Additional Support" category, we have implemented programs like Maclit and MiniLit. These programs have proven successful in providing tailored support and to further enhance our efforts, we have employed additional staff members to ensure our students receive the attention and guidance they require.

Mobile Phone Usage:

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a focused and respectful learning environment, we are implementing a phone ban for secondary students. From this term onwards, students are only permitted to use their phones during recess and lunch breaks. This is in preparation for the

government's upcoming ban on phone usage during school hours, which will be enforced starting in Term 4. We appreciate your cooperation and support in ensuring that our students make the most of their learning time without distractions.

NCCD Data Collection:

As we progress through Term 3, we would like to take a moment to inform our school community about the upcoming Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). This data collection is a significant initiative undertaken by all Australian schools, including Barraba Central School. It aims to gather essential information on students with a disability and the support they require to access and participate in education equally with their peers. The NCCD is a comprehensive process involving careful assessment and documentation of each student's needs and the reasonable adjustments provided to support their learning journey. This data collection is undertaken annually to ensure a clear understanding of the educational needs of our students and to provide valuable insights into how we can continuously improve our support services and inclusive practices. As always, our students' and their families' privacy and confidentiality remain of utmost importance throughout this process. We are committed to using this data responsibly and respectfully, with the primary goal of enhancing our students' educational experience and outcomes.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the NCCD data collection, please get in touch with us at the school. Your understanding and cooperation in this important matter are greatly appreciated.

We look forward to an exceptional term filled with incredible learning experiences, growth, and achievements. As always, we encourage open communication between the school, parents, and guardians. Should you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Let's work together to make Term 3 memorable and successful for all our students! Best regards,

Patrick Sullivan
Principal

END OF TERM 2 SCHOOL AWARDS



Class K/1



Class 1 / 2



Class 3 / 4



Class 4/5



Class 5/6



Secondary School

**See the Primary School Basketball action
on page 12**

About Barraba AGM

Barraba Bowling Club 6.00pm

Wednesday 9th August

Agenda:

Read minutes of previous AGM

Elect new position holders – All positions declared vacant

General meeting to follow.



History Notes

This week has also been busy for a number of our members with the beginning of the clean-out of the society storage area. A number of things thought to have been lost have been found, especially 2nd hand books to sell on the market stall. A truck load of them, so there will be fresh books on the stall on Saturday week - come and have a browse.

There are a number of photos stored up there and now someone has to collate them and put them into storage so everyone has access to them. Some readers will remember the hospital photo that appeared in the first Barraba Gazette, two nurses with Mr. Simpson. It is not in the hospital history for some reason possibly because we did not know where it was!

We had some Baldock descendants visiting the museum this week- they found a little bit of Baldock history in Nancy's notes but really needed the Quirindi book to trace the family back. Unfortunately, I could not look it up for them as that book has been stolen and it is now out of print unless someone has a copy that they do not want any longer.

Two thoughts from last week's News caught my attention; first the modern photo of Pearce's old store advertising videos for hire as it clings to life. I notice there is no little building beside it so I may now be able to win an argument with one of our citizens! Thankyou Brian. The oysters are another matter. I have seen it advertised in a photo but doubt if they would be still fresh on arrival in Barraba all those years ago.

The other item of interest appeared on the back page - Sunlight soap. I wonder how many people still use it and isn't it hard to find in the shops - great for hard, dirty jobs and for washing one's hands at the sink.

Finally, for this week I have found a little book called *Punch* which is a collection of humorous situations. The first is an employer sitting at his desk interviewing the office boy. "Isn't it rather strange that your grandfather should be seriously ill every time there is a big football match on." The office boy replies "Yessir. I sometimes wonder if he's shammin,".

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 6th August 2023

Service time 10.45am.

All welcome

CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Saturday evening Mass 5pm

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

Upper Horton 11am in July

Weekday Mass Wednesday 10am

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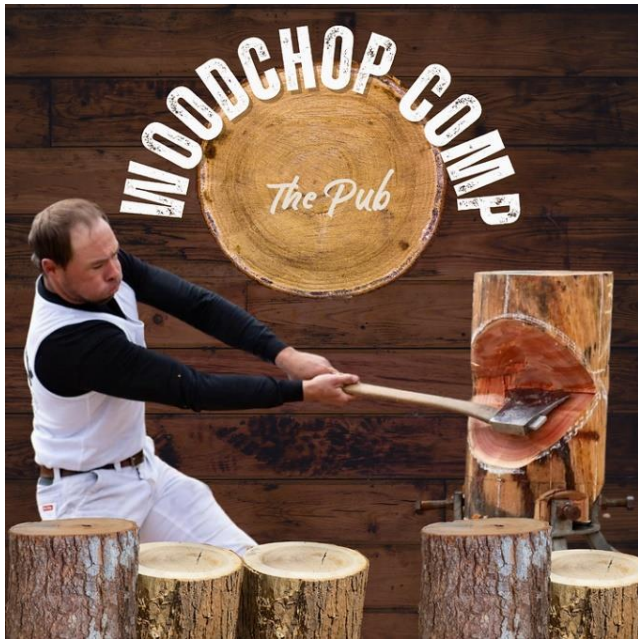
Residents of the Tamworth Region are being reminded they can use their free quarterly waste vouchers to dispose of their green waste. On July 1, when Council's Fees and Charges for 2023-2024 took effect, a fee for green waste was among the new ones added.

Tamworth Regional Council Director Water and Waste, Bruce Logan, said a new fee was added for green waste because the cost of processing the material exceeded the revenue generated by the resale of the resulting compost.

"Residents are able to access four free waste vouchers each financial year using our online self-service platform, which can be used to dispose of green waste provided it follows all other waste voucher terms and conditions such as allowed volumes. Any residents who do not have access to a computer or smart device can call our customer service team on 6767 555 and they will help with the process or you can call in to one of Council's offices for help." Mr Logan said.

The Pub Woodchop Comp

Timber! The Pub's Woodchop Comp is here!
Woodchop competitions, demonstrations, live entertainment and more!



Time & Location

12 Aug, 11:00 am

The Pub, 99 Gunnedah Rd, Tamworth

More Info

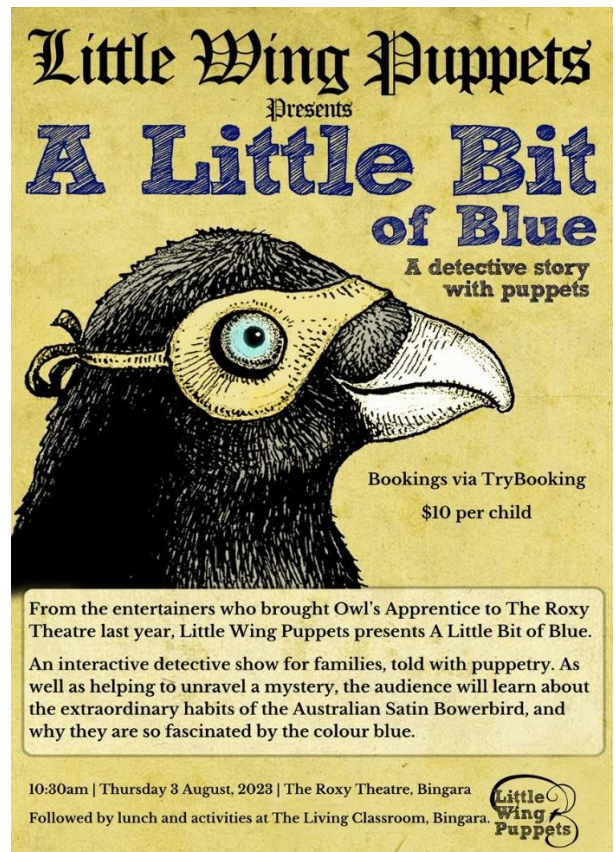
Entries for the Woodchop Comp close 1 August 2023

Woodchop Categories

1. 300mm Underhand Handicap \$400 \$200 \$100
2. 275mm Standing Block Handicap \$400 \$200 \$100
3. 325mm Standing Block Championship \$400 \$200 \$100
4. 275mm Underhand Handicap \$400 \$200 \$100
5. 275mm Novice Underhand \$250 \$100 \$50
6. Nsw Sponsored Jnr Chop

HANDY HINT

Clean your microwave with ease by boiling a cup of water in it first. Why? Because the steam from the water condenses on the walls, loosening the caked-on food. This makes it easy to wipe it off. This same trick actually works pretty well in the oven.



A Little Bit of Blue

An interactive environmental detective story, told with puppetry. As well as unravelling a mystery, it involves learning about the unique habits of an extraordinary Australian animal, the Satin Bowerbird, and their fascination for the colour blue. It is a fun frolicking mix of Detective Noir, slapstick, with some interesting facts thrown in.

Mavis's world is turned upside-down by small disappearances. Something has gone missing and is nowhere to be found. Mrs Hooley has been looking everywhere. But it's not just today. Every day a new thing seems to disappear. Little things. A \$10 note. Clothes pegs. A ball of wool. It's troubling at first, but the thief then takes it one step too far.

Mavis calls in a Detective to investigate. The Detective, Harry McGee, an adorable fool, makes a mess of the investigation, and the children love always being one step ahead of him. They set a trap for the burglar. A stake out is required. In the dead of night, and the Detective indeed finds something peculiar.... The children's role is to help him solve the case. Jenny Ellis, a puppeteer of more than twenty years, weaves the whole mystery together, sometimes playing three characters at once. The young audience will gasp with surprise, sigh with the sadness, shout in outrage, cheer with triumph, and dance with joy as they follow the sneaky bowerbird on his journey to find love.

Booking via <https://www.trybooking.com/CKAFR>

Indigenous veterans of Korean War recognised

As part of its ongoing research program, the Australian War Memorial has identified more than 60 Indigenous men who served for Australia during the Korean War, 70 years after the Korean Armistice Agreement.

"This is part of the Memorial's determination to ensure all who have served, suffered and died in the defence of our freedoms are recognised," Australian War Memorial Director, Matt Anderson, said. "The research helps build our understanding and knowledge of Indigenous service in Korea and many other conflicts."

Australian War Memorial Indigenous Liaison Officer, and Ngunnawal/Gomerioi man, Michael Bell, leads the research on contributions and service of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Mr Bell said: "These men were fighting for more than their country, they were fighting to be recognised. It was a significant transition period for our people at home and their role in the defence forces overseas."

Mr Anderson said: "One of the most prominent Indigenous figures of the Korean War, Captain Reg Saunders, returned to uniform from civilian life and fought in the Battle of Kapyong, where he commanded a Company of the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment."

It was only five years after the end of the Second World War that Australia became involved in the Korean War.

"The Korean War has long been described as the forgotten war," Korean War expert and Australian War Memorial historian, Michael Kelly, said. "Australian battalions fought several significant actions, including the battles of Kapyong and Maryang San, often against overwhelming odds. The Korean Armistice Agreement 70 years ago was a time in the world's history when the United Nations was truly able to have an impact."

More than 17,000 Australians served during the Korean War, 340 of whom were killed, and 1,216 wounded; 30 became prisoners of war. The armistice, which continues today, was signed at 10 am on 27 July 1953.

During the three years of the Korean War (1950–53), most of the over 60 Indigenous men who served did so with the army contingent. There were seven men who served with the RAN and one seaman (PD Syron), who served in Korean waters with HMAS Condamine in 1952–53.

At least three Indigenous men died as a result of their service (S.K.J. Lenoy, T. Hazel and H. Iona).

Two Indigenous men were officially recognised for conspicuous service. Torres Strait Islander Corporal Charles Mene received the Military Medal for his actions in 1952 and Albert Clothier was Mentioned in Despatches.



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Glide poles: the great Aussie invention helping flying possums cross the road

Brendan Taylor, Adjunct Research Fellow in the Faculty of Science & Engineering, Southern Cross University

Next time you're road-tripping along the east coast, keep an eye out for a little-known Aussie invention piercing the skyline: glide poles. For Australia's gliding possums, or gliders, they're the next best thing since tall trees.

These tall timber structures, with timber cross arms near the top, give gliders a way to cross big roads. They can shimmy up a pole on one side of the road and then leap to another (and another) to get to the other side.

After witnessing the earliest experiments with glide poles decades ago, it's heartening to see the design refined and replicated up and down the east coast.

The world's largest gliding marsupial, the greater glider, was listed nationally as endangered a year ago this month. That's because their populations had declined by 80% in just 20 years. As land-clearing and bushfires continue to destroy old growth forests with tall trees and hollows, gliders need all the help they can get.

Biomimicry with wooden poles

From the match-box sized feathertail glider to the small cat-sized greater glider, Australia's 11 species each have a gliding membrane, or patagium. This is a thin area of skin stretching from the ankles to the wrists or hands.

When a glider leaps from a tree (or glide pole), it extends its front and hind limbs, stretching out its patagium, which allows it to glide.

In 1993 Ross Goldingay, one of Australia's leading glider ecologists, came up with the idea of using tall wooden power poles (without wires) as road-crossing stepping-stones for gliders. The glide poles would act as substitutes for tall trees, so it was a very simple and elegant form of what's known as "biomimicry".

Ross directed the placement of glide poles on either side of a powerline easement at Bomaderry Creek near Nowra in southern New South Wales. The trial aimed to ensure yellow-bellied gliders could still cross the easement if it was developed into a local road.

Unfortunately, the Bomaderry Creek glide poles were never monitored. More than ten years later, a series of successful trials at Mackay and Compton Road in Brisbane demonstrated gliders would readily use glide poles. I recall

showing Ross early images of squirrel gliders shimmying up the smooth, hardwood poles on the Compton Road land bridge soon after we installed cameras. We were blown away!



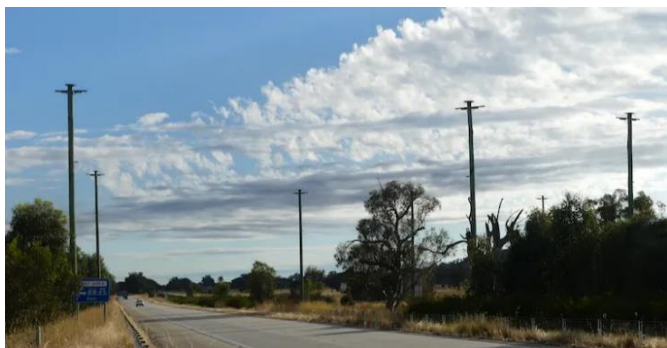
Before trees grew up, a series of glide poles on the Compton Road land bridge in Brisbane provided stepping-stone connections between forest on either side. Brendan Taylor

The poles needed to be tall enough to enable a comfortable glide crossing of the intervening gap. This is where trigonometry and the laws of physics come in, to get the calculations right for the species being targeted.



Roadside glide poles connect forest habitat for squirrel gliders across Scrub Road in Brisbane. Brendan Taylor

Since then, glide poles have become a fixture of upgrades along the Hume Highway in Victoria, the Pacific Highway in NSW and the Bruce Highway in Queensland.



Glide poles rise from the roadside landscape along the Hume Highway near Holbrook in western New South Wales.

Brendan Taylor

Do the poles reconnect glider populations?

We are gradually gathering more evidence of glide pole use. Squirrel gliders, sugar gliders and feathertail gliders have been recorded using glide poles to cross roads at several locations.

Mahogany gliders, yellow-bellied gliders and southern greater gliders have also been recorded using glide poles.



A yellow-bellied glider launches into a glide crossing of the Pacific Highway at Halfway Creek, NSW. Sandpiper Ecological/Transport for NSW

Most notably, retrofitting a glider crossing into a road that previously presented a barrier to squirrel glider movement restored gene flow between populations on either side within five years.

Celebrating some of Australia's most iconic wildlife crossings

Glide poles are one of many structures designed to provide safe road crossing opportunities for wildlife. Pipes and box culverts can provide safe passage under the road, while land bridges and rope canopy bridges offer an alternative pathway over the road. When combined with fencing, these structures reduce roadkill, provide access to resources on both sides of the road, and enable gene flow.

My new book combines an exploration of the how, when, where and why wildlife crossings evolved in eastern Australia with a travel guide to 57 of its most iconic sites.

The road ahead

We need to conserve, protect and restore our natural landscapes. This is especially the case in a rapidly changing climate. Our unique native species need to be able to move and adapt to the changing environment.

Carving up the landscape for road networks has been particularly bad for wildlife, with many populations becoming increasingly fragmented and increasingly isolated. But roads no longer need to act as roadblocks for the movement of many native species.

Engineers and ecologists have come together over recent years to find new ways to support the safe passage of animals from one side of the road to another. Their efforts deserve to be celebrated. Especially glide poles. They may not be as famous as the good old Hills Hoist clothesline, but they certainly deserve a gong as a great Australian invention. Certainly worth a nod when you pass by on your next great Aussie road trip.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES

- scientists announcing the first human stem cells to be cultured in a laboratory (1997)
- Lance Armstrong winning the first of 7 consecutive Tour de France titles (but is later disqualified for drug cheating) (1999)
- WikiLeaks publishing classified documents about the war in Afghanistan, one of the largest leaks in US military history (2010)
- the capital of New Zealand moving from Auckland to Wellington (1865)
- Bugs Bunny's cartoon debut in *A Wild Hare* (1940)
- the invention of the hamburger in Connecticut (1900)
- the beginning of WWI, after Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia (1914)
- the release of Walt Disney's *Alice In Wonderland* (1951)
- the Irish Famine Rebellion (1848)
- the first FIFA World Cup Final which saw Uruguay beat Argentina 4-2 (1930)
- the publication of the first Penguin book, starting the paperback revolution (1935)

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Golf Notes

Winter turning on another glorious day for our 4BB Multiplayer. Like always, golf was the real winner for most golfers. The winners on a countback were F. Allan and D. Lott with an impressive 78. Also, on 78 was S. Middlemiss and P. Simpson. B. Benson and D. McMurtrie gave it a crack on 77.

Golf balls for nearest to pin went to I. Cabot (3rd), F. Allan (16th), C. Sweeney (18th). Special mention to our faithful Club Captain I. Cabot and his trusty sidekick Pud, coming a dismal last on 40 points.

Next week is Individual Stableford for D. McMurtrie trophy and Boggabri Open Day.

Rifle Club Results

On Saturday 22nd July we had only four shooters at the range, it wasn't the most pleasant of days but that didn't stop the boys from shooting great scores.

Brendan and Darren both shot 300's, with Brendan only .3 off a perfect score in the 100m Benchrest. Congratulations to you both.

Congratulations to Garry and Ron shooting possibles as well in the 100m. Brendan also shot a possible in the 50m Benchrest.

Our AGM will be 11.30am on the 19th August at the range.

Unlimited 50m

B. McIlrick 99.5, 100.5, 97.4 = 296.14

AA Grade 50m

D. Dewson 97.6, 97.4, 99.5 293.15

R. Bridges 93.2, 92.3, 94.1 = 279.6

G. Urquhart 81.1, 92.1, 89 = 262.2

Unlimited 100m

B. McIlrick 100.9, 100.8, 100.10 = 300.27

AA Grade 100m

D. Dewson 100.7, 100.6, 100.7 = 300.20

R. Bridges 100.8, 100.4, 97.2 = 297.14

G. Urquhart 100.4, 95.2, 97.3 = 292.9

Centrefire

D. Dewson 98.3, 100.4, 100.4 = 298.11

B. McIlrick 90.2, 95.2 = 185.4

Rugby Report

Barraba travelled to Narrabri on Saturday with a Ram team, while the Ewes had to forfeit owing to a shortage of players.

The Rams started off well and led the game early, with forwards having the better control in the clashes for supremacy. Reports stated the team had the chances to win but could not finish the job, with Jack Mallise getting over the line but the try was not awarded. Narrabri eventually won the game 24-15 in what was described as a good close hard-fought match.

Second Grade points with three rounds to go see the Rams in the top 4. Pirates 71, Narrabri 58, Moree 51, Barraba 44, Gunnedah 38 and Quirindi 34.

Points for the game were;

Players Player A. McNiven

3 J. Mallise

2. A McNiven

1. N. Sweeney

This coming Saturday we are to play Walcha here, if they have a team, we will not know until Thursday. They got a team at home last weekend. On the 12th the Rams travel to Scone then play Moree in the last comp game.

On the way home from Moree the Horton Club had a barbeque for the players, which is always a hard place to bypass. So, thanks to the organisers for the effort.



Barraba Central School Primary Basketball

At the end of Term 2 two teams from the Primary traveled to Tamworth to play in the PSSA basketball knockout. both teams played well and everyone enjoyed having a go at basketball.

