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# BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023**



## **BARRABA RSL & RECREATIONAL CLUB LTD**

Phone 67821379

For the information of members and guests.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **FRIDAY 20th October**

MEAT RAFFLES

1st Draw 6.45pm

2nd Draw 7.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1600

#### **SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> October**

**NORTH WEST AUTO FEST**

**LIVE MUSIC IN THE BEER GARDEN FROM 6PM**

**CAMPOVEN DINNER FROM 5.30 (BOOKINGS A MUST)**

**FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR**

#### **SUNDAY 22nd October**

ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES FROM 1PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW 1 DRAW \$1000

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**MONDAY: CLOSED**

**TUESDAY: CLOSED**

**WEDNESDAY: 12PM-2.00PM**

**THURS/FRI/SAT: LUNCH 12-2PM**

**DINNER FROM 6PM**

**SUNDAY: 12-2PM**



## PETITION TABLED TO BRING A DOCTOR TO BARRABA

More than 1,000 Barraba locals will have their voices heard by the government after Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson lodged a petition on their behalf. The petition calls on the government to address the doctor shortage in Barraba, following the sudden loss of two GPs in August.

“The loss of GP services was deeply distressing for the Barraba community, a town with a population over 1,500,” Mr Anderson said. “The town has been without a doctor for some time, and there’s been a concerted effort by everybody in the region to try and attract a new permanent doctor to Barraba. It’s an ageing population and residents are rightly concerned about a lack of local medical coverage, which is why I recently meet with the community and accepted their petition which calls on the government to fix the situation. I have tabled that petition in parliament, which means the Minister for Health and Regional Health will be required to take note of the community’s concerns and respond. It’s up to the State Government, the Federal Government, and the Local Health District to work together to find a doctor for Barraba and I expect them to do that. In the meantime, I’ll continue to do what I need to do to support the community, keeping them updated on any information as it is made available and supporting their efforts to attract doctors to Barraba.”

Mr Anderson also met with the Rural Doctors Network in Parliament this week to discuss the situation in Barraba, and moved a motion in parliament, calling on the Government to immediately address the shortage of doctors in Barraba. To view Mr Anderson Notice of Motion in the NSW Parliament, follow [this link](#).



**Phone: 0459 192 265**

Email: [admin@barrabaveterinaryservice.com](mailto:admin@barrabaveterinaryservice.com)

219 Mulwarree Rd, Barraba 2347

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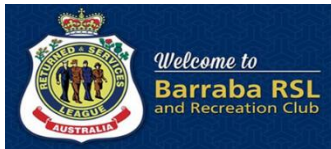
Offering veterinary services within the Barraba district for small and large animals in clinic or on farm. Cat & Dog Boarding available for short or long-term stays.



**Drop into the Potters and Craft Guild on Saturday while you’re at AutoFest.**

**Morning Devonshire Teas and tasty lunches available. Somewhere quiet to have a sit and catch your breath during the AutoFest displays and entertainment.**

**The Gallery will be stocked and the ‘specials table’ will be on the footpath. We’re open from 10am to 3pm.**



**POSITIONS VACANT**  
**BARRABA RSL & RECREATIONAL CLUB**

HAVE THE FOLLOWING CASUAL POSITIONS VACANT

BAR ATTENDANTS

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**Position Vacant Disability Support Worker.**

Some experience working in the community services industry such as disability support, social work, mental health services, health care, required.

Duties: Community access, self-care/personal care, some domestic duties

Days: 3-4 days per week possibly a weekend

Times: 9am-2pm

Pay: \$40 per hour on weekday

\$45.82 per hour Saturday

\$58.91 per hour Sunday

Required: Police Check, Working With Children's Check, fully insured car, Drivers Licence.

\*Immediate start an advantage (preferable to start Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2023.)

Call Tanya on 0422262763 for further details.

*The*  
**PLAYHOUSE**  
HOTEL This Sunday's movie  
postponed due to the planned electricity  
outage.

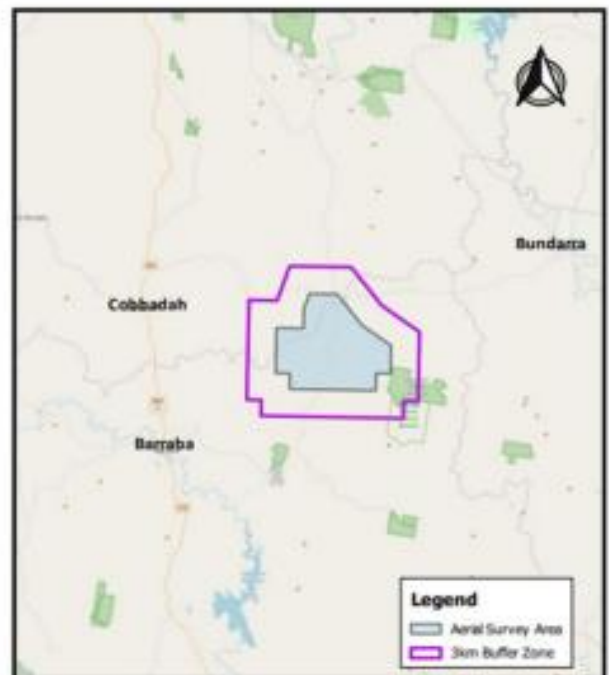
# GREAT DIRT

RESOURCES LTD.

ACN 670 840 301

Great Dirt Resources Ltd manages Exploration Licence 9527 in the New England region situated near Barraba.

We will be undertaking an airborne helicopter survey over this tenement commencing on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 for 4-6 days and we will be reaching out to the landholders impacted by the survey directly.



## FIND OUT MORE

Please contact Nerida Watson for further information relating to the airborne survey activities: **Mobile:** 0426 993 985

**Email:** [nerida@communityengagement.com.au](mailto:nerida@communityengagement.com.au)





## Kinder Transition

We have started our part day Kinder transition and will continue on the 14 September for Term 3 and then recommence in Term 4 for full days on Monday 16 October through to 20

November 2023. Should you wish to enroll your child at St Joseph's Primary please contact the school office on 67821685 for further information.

### Reading Awards



*150 nights reading for Emily and Sophie*

*175 nights reading for Nahla, Myles, Makenna and Nevaeh*

*200 nights reading for Mason*



*Students of the week*

*1/2: Stella a focused approach to writing*

*3/4: Myla for being a focused learner*

*5/6: Parker for being a responsible learner*

**Captains Award:** *Zara for great playground behaviour and being a great sport*

Our own awesome foursome!! Friday last week saw four students from St Joseph's Barraba compete at the Polding Athletics held at Olympic Park Sydney. Josh, Lucas, Felix and Hamish were in the 4 x 100m relay and won with an amazing time of 59.02sec. As a school we came together to watch the live stream of the race and the support from the school for the boys was deafening. We are all extremely proud of the boys and their efforts. The boys will now go on to compete at the NSWPSA athletics carnival again in Sydney in a fortnight. Again, we wish the boys the best of luck for the next carnival, we are all behind you and "GO ST JOSEPH'S".



**You know that indestructible black box that is used in airplanes?**

**Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff??**



## History Notes

A successful Market held on Saturday although a few usual helpers were unavailable -thank you to those who came and helped out. There will be another market next week based on second hand books - we are hoping with low prices we will be able to clear a lot of volumes. There will be a few other excess items on sale as well. Some of the normal stallholders will also be present with their wares.

A number of our members are busy with medical appointments and working on other projects so the advertised Annual General Meeting has now been moved to Melbourne Cup day to attract more members. The street stall is still on its advertised day.

As far as history goes I have again turned to the newspaper notes that past secretary, Betty Crowley, had collected. There was a blacksmith's shop in the centre of town in the early 1900's. The shop was owned by George Cutmore and was close to his home in the area of today's library.

Mr Muir worked the shop with his staff including Bill Blackall (brother of Harry), and Pat Kelaher who was a brother of Bert and Dan Kelaher. The staff were kept busy with railway workers bringing their draught horses in to be shod. The horses were used to pull small drays which were used for excavating railway hill before building the railway station and sheds. Apparently, the hill was originally part of the travelling stock route before the train arrived!

The blacksmith's shop was also attending to old damaged cart wheels. The old metal tyre had to be removed and then a new one was heated by packing it with bark and lighting the bark. When it was red hot it was handled with big metal pinchers and hammered on to the wooden wheel. The wheel was then spun around in a water trough to cool it off. In dry weather cart wheels would shrink and the metal rim would come loose. Apart from the blacksmith business Mr Cutmore ran a carrying business from Manilla.

This article also mentions Fred Pearce's baker's shop on the northern side of the blacksmith's shop. This shop was destroyed in the 1898 fire and the baker also lost his flour although it had been stacked in the middle of Queen Street for safety. After the fire the baker rebuilt his shop, suffering a broken leg when he fell off a ladder. Finally he got back to work but he appears to have retired by 1908/9 and the shop was pulled down.

This little section of history was printed about 1910 and lists several other businesses of interest. More next week.

## Nandewar Historical Society

### AMENDED DATES

Book Market Day - Saturday 21st October

Street Stall - Thursday 26th October

A.G.M Tuesday 7th November at 10am

### RECENT ANNIVERSARIES

- the publication of Beatrix Potter's children's classic *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* (1902)
- the first comic strip featuring Charlie Brown which would later become *Peanuts* (1950)
- the deaths of Dutch painter Rembrandt (1669)
- the Soviet Union launching Sputnik I, the first artificial Earth satellite (1957)
- the launch of WikiLeaks by Julian Assange (2006)
- the death of Steve Jobs (2011)
- the publication of the *New York Times* investigation into sexual harassment claims against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein (2017)
- the founding of Hobart (1804)
- then-PM Julia Gillard's 'misogyny speech' (2012)
- activist Malala Yousafzai being shot by a Taliban gunman as she tried to board her school bus in Pakistan (2012)
- the first dinner jacket (tuxedo) being worn to an autumn ball at Tuxedo Park, NY (1886)
- the formation of the Women's Social and Political Union by Emmeline Pankhurst to fight for women's rights in Britain (1903)
- the deaths of Abel Tasman (1659) and Dame Joan Sutherland (2010)
- the inauguration of the University of Sydney, Australia's oldest university (1852)
- the death of singer Édith Piaf (1963)
- the first Oktoberfest, when the Bavarian royalty invites the citizens of Munich to join the celebration of the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen (1810)
- Scottish chemist Charles Macintosh begins selling raincoats (macs) after patenting them (1823)
- the Bali terrorist attacks that killed 202 people – including 88 Australians (2002)
- Greenwich in London established as the universal time meridian of longitude (1884)
- the death of Marie Antoinette (1793)
- wit/poet/dramatist Oscar Wilde's birthday (1854)
- the founding of the Liberal Party of Australia (1944)
- the publication of Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre* (1847)

There were a lot more local businesses then. Some examples: two butchers and two bakers advertised in the cookbook. Not only was there a taxi service, but there were two!

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and

PASTRY

CAKE DECORATIONS

81 QUEEN STREET, BARRABA PHONE : 19

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CAKES

PASTRY

PIES

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## Women's Health Service

### Who can use our services?

Our services are available to all women and women of all ages. Women from the following groups are encouraged to make an appointment.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people  
Culturally and linguistically Diverse Backgrounds  
Refugees  
Economically and socially disadvantaged  
Older women  
Young mothers  
Homeless women  
Mental health issues  
Physical/intellectual disabilities  
Drug and alcohol issues  
Same sex attracted  
Transgender  
Women experiencing relationship violence

### Women's Health Nurse Services

Cervical screening  
Breast checks/education  
Contraceptive information  
Intrauterine device removal/checks  
Pregnancy testing and counselling  
Menstrual information  
6 week postnatal check  
Fertility awareness  
Sexually transmissible infection information and checks  
Dietary and nutritional awareness and referral  
Preventative health advice

**Book now at the Barraba Health Service 67822500 for  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November or Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**Let's use it or lose it ladies**

## EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTACT LIST

Ambulance	000
Fire	000
Police	67900360
VRA	000
Barraba Police Station	67821003
Barraba Fire Brigade	67821179
Barraba Health Service (Hospital)	67822500
Barraba Medical Centre (GP)	67821621
Barraba Vet Service	0429192265
Essential Energy	132080
Beyond Blue	1300224636
Lifeline	131114
NRMA	131122
SES Barraba	132500
Tamworth Regional Council	
Emergency Number	1300733625
Council Office	67821105

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**Honey Festival**

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**21**

October 2023  
3:00pm - 8:00pm  
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Kids Rides  
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Bieber the Bee  
Local Performances  
Rock City Rock Band

**GWYDIR**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

## Pop-up Campdraft

When opportunities present themselves, you just need to grab them with both hands!

A large mob of cattle on the road not far from Barraba with Drover, Brian Glendinning in control, were offered to us to run a campdraft and at the same time, we wanted to help Peter Turner with ongoing medical expenses so we quickly put together a pop up campdraft for 23 and 24 September.

We kicked off Saturday morning with the Novice A Campdraft, where 155 competitors greeted the judge Mr Peter Grills. Local Ned Croll on Elusive Acres and Tamworth lady Dale Lyons on Wicked Time led the field into the final later in the afternoon, both scoring 88.

Novice B Campdraft was next on the card with 158 entrants putting their best foot forward for the judge Mr Steven O'Brien. Upper Horton competitor Hayden Turnbull on Crafty had an impressive round to score 90 to lead the first round.

25 Junior entrants were kept under control by the judge Mr Gavin White. There was some brilliant cattle sense on display with the kids which was enjoyable to watch with all ribbons going to competitors from Upper Horton and Bingara! Alex Thompson on Dilemma stole the blue ribbon with a whopping 92 points from brother Blake Thompson on Hot Mist with a score of 90! Hamish Mason and Heaven came in 3rd on 89 while Alex Thompson also collected 4th on One Moore Chance with 88 points and Fred O'Brien on Lolly wrapped up the lineup on 83 points.



*Alex Thompson*

The 41 Juvenile competitors were next up showing their style to judge Mr Steven O'Brien where Arki Shearer and Elegant Playgirl sealed the win with 88 points. Equal 2/3/4 was shared between Corbin Latham on Peaches, Beau Rossiter on Lexie and Arki Shearer on Annie Moore, all scoring 87 while equal 5th was shared between Max Shearer

on Kath and Ruby Turnbull on Hermione both scoring 86 points.

Novice A final had some more brilliant rounds but none better than Tim Hollis from Walcha on Jdee who put together 2 solid rounds giving him an aggregate of 175 points and the win! Equal 2nd was shared between Andrew Chapman on Passion and Adam Pollock on Mistress both scoring 173. 4th place went to our committee man Ned Croll on Elusive Acres scoring 172 while 5th was collected by local Paul Turner on Hawkeye with 166 points.

Novice B final did not disappoint with more great runs, including Andrew Chapman from Tamworth on Playin Smooth scoring 177 points for the win. Joel Mace and Dealmaker came in 2nd with 176, while equal 3rd was split between Colin Mather on Cee Jay and Rick Cruckshank on Coolga both scoring 174. Ian Colwell and Conduct came in 5th with 171 points.

The start of Maiden A saw 40 competitors push through before the sun set on judge Mr Dean Turner. Saturday evening, we geared up for an auction to raise some money for Peter Turner. Thank you to Nicole Gillogly and her team for running a 100 club, a raffle and gathering the items that went under the hammer. A massive thank you to everyone who donated items and those who purchased them. Kolbe Burns did a great job as auctioneer which saw us collect \$34,437 from the auction, plus all the other donations and an extra \$15,000 from our committee enabled to pass on \$56,081.20. A mammoth effort for a wonderful man who we wish all the best during this challenging time.

Sunday morning saw the remaining 80 competitors have their turn before a 3 way runoff was needed to secure the win. Local Phil Main and Connie came up trumps with 176 points, Bindy Spreadborough and Outis scored 175 points for 2nd while Sam Cannington and Fox came in 3rd with 110. Equal 4th was split between Brian Glendinning on Two Strings, Emma Johnston with Playmore Proper Impressive, Peter King on Queen of Chic, Kendal MacTavish on Redleif Double Up, Michael Maytom on Cluffy, Jess Rapley on Peppy's Timekeeper and Scott Sinclair on Dream all scored 87 points.

Maiden B saw Mr Gavin White crack the whip 130 times before Manilla lady Julie Duff on GI's Kitten D'Amour smoked a 92 point run for the win! Ben Maytom and Solar Twiggy were nearby with 91 points while 3rd was shared between Carol Clarke on Connor Mooregregor, Lindsay Duff on Kylandra Spider, Martin Edwards on The Quaker and Rick Cruckshank on Doris Day all scoring 90 points.

The Open Campdraft was the last on the program where Mr Ben Maytom oversaw 107 runs. Ben Rossiter on Georgie took the lead heading into the final with a 91 but with scores of 88 and up in the final, it was anyone's game. Committee man Warren Lavender and Lavender Malabu took the win with 178 points narrowly ahead of Ben Rossiter and Georgie who had 177 points! 3rd went to Peter King and Connie with 175 points while 4th was shared between Tahnika Fuit on Tik Tok On The Clock and Peter Grills with Traveller, both scoring 171 points.



*Warren Lavender*

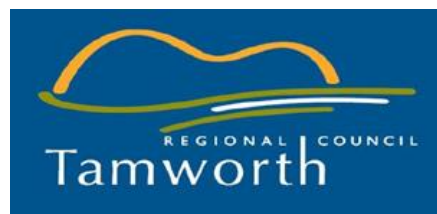
A massive thanks to Brian Glendinning for the cattle and organising his droving trip to enable this event to take place. The cattle were fantastic and much appreciated by everyone. Thank you!



*Brian Glendinning*



*Jess Rapley*



## Saturday Sounds returns!

This exciting weekly event kicks off this Saturday, and a great line up of artists have been selected to perform on the corner of Peel and Fitzroy Street, every Saturday from 10am to 12pm, continuing into the festive season.

This weekly performance will showcase a diverse range of local talent and enhance the atmosphere of Fitzroy Street Plaza as the weather warms up and the streets bustle.

Tamworth Regional Council Events Officer, Melanie Jenkins commented "Whether you're a local resident, soaking in the sunshine, enjoying a coffee in the heart of Tamworth's CBD, or a visitor heading to Tamworth for your Christmas shopping, Saturday Sounds will be the perfect sound track to your weekend activities".

Among the featured artists for Saturday Sounds are:

**October 21,** Brother Hollow Duo: The Brother Hollow Duo of Daniel Thornton and Daniel Mountain will be performing a number of stripped back acoustic tunes.

**October 28,** Carolyne Morris: Influenced by a multitude of artists and styles; she especially enjoys performing popular songs from the 50's, 60' and 70's; and also showcases a broad range of classic and contemporary country music.

**11 November,** Joel Mckay: Werris Creek turned Tamworth local, Joel Mckay has spent the last 5 years playing music around most of Northern NSW.

**18 November,** Sarah Head: For two decades, Sarah Head has left her mark on the global music scene with her emotive lyrics, sensational vocals, and captivating stage presence. As a singer-songwriter based near Tamworth, she's released two EPs.

**25 November,** Marc Jackson: This singer/songwriter revels in colouring outside the lines, and while maintaining a true respect for artists such as The Beatles, Chris Stapleton, Eddie Vedder and Elton John.

**2 December,** GOLDHEIST: GOLDHEIST is a local singer-songwriter who has performed her evocative original music across regional, outback and metropolitan Australia.

Saturday Sounds will provide an opportunity for the community to come together and enjoy live entertainment, and a vibrant atmosphere whilst they shop.



**Here is an overview of outcomes from  
Tamworth Regional Councils Ordinary Meeting  
on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023:**

Councillors granted Development Consent to a Development Application (DA) for the Expansion of an Existing Horse Training Facility on Spains Lane in Kingswood. Councillors had previously deferred the determination of this DA to allow for further consultation with the applicant and affected residents. A report on the DA was presented to Councillors which contained an amended list of conditions of consent. Councillors were satisfied that all issues had been addressed in enough detail to warrant removal of condition 8, limiting the initial consent period to five years.

Following community consultation of the draft plans, Councillors adopted the updated Drought Management Plan and Demand Management Plan

The Demand Management Plan focuses on how we can conserve water in the future by continuing water efficiency assessments, water rebates as well as the maturing of the Community Awareness Programs through supporting Water Night, continuing seasonal media campaigns, increasing focus on non-residential water efficiency and improving accuracy of water consumption data through the installation of smart water meters in properties across the LGA. The installation of the meters is supported by the upcoming rollout of the water portal which will enable customers to understand their own water usage.

The Drought Management Plan focuses on managing our water as we head into, and during, drought. It contains the trigger levels where water restrictions will be introduced at each of the centres Council provides reticulated water to and the details of what water can and can't be used for under each level of restriction.

**Key changes include;**

Permanent Water Conservation Measures which were included in the former Drought Management Plan have been replaced with Everyday Waterwise Guidelines now included in the new Demand Management Plan.

**The new Everyday Waterwise Guidelines are:**

1. Only water the garden before 10 am or after 4 pm. This avoids watering during the hottest part of the day, when water wastage and evaporation is high.

2. Trigger nozzles to be used on all handheld hoses. Trigger nozzles provide more control over water flow and reduce wastage.
3. Avoid hosing down hard surfaces, such as concrete, paths and driveways. Use a broom, leaf blower, or if water is required, use a high-pressure cleaner or water efficient nozzle.

Council will no longer supply backwash water, which is a by-product of the treatment process at the Calala Water Treatment Plant to customers when Tamworth and Moonbi Kootingal move to level 4 or level 5 restrictions. Once these restrictions have been introduced backwash water will be returned to the treatment plant for retreatment. This will offset some demand for raw water and help conserve the raw water supply we have for as long as possible.

For more information, see the full reports at [www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/businesspapers](http://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/businesspapers)

**BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

**Service time 8.45am.**

All welcome

**ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES**

**St Laurence's Barraba**

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 11.30am

**CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES**

Barraba 1st Saturday evening Mass 5pm

2nd 3rd 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9am

Upper Horton 11am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

Weekday Mass Wednesday 10am

**I taught my kids about democracy tonight by having them vote on which movie to watch and pizza to order.**

**I then picked the movie and pizza because I'm the one with the money.**

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GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL



Gwydir Shire Council would like to advise the community that there is currently an outbreak of the Calicivirus affecting the Bingara area. Council has received several reports of wild rabbit fatalities in the Bingara township. Please be aware that these casualties are not a result of a baiting program, these rabbits have contracted the Calicivirus which spreads through the wild. Pet owners are encouraged to vaccinate domestic rabbits against the virus and avoid contact with other rabbits outside the household. If you would like further information, please contact Council's Environmental Department on (02) 6724 2000

**Golf Notes.**

The start of our Friday twilight commenced this week with a good roll up of teams and some good scores carded. John Harris playing for team New and Old and Rodger Fisher, Bubble and Squeak both won a Chook with 23 points. Runners up were Finn Allen Next Gen with 21, Helen Kelly, Over the Hill 21 and Gary Allan, Bubble and Squeak also 21 points. Matt Sly, Bubble and Squeak 20 points with Cooper Chapman Next Gen 19, Mandy Koopman, Bareela Birdies 19 and Ann Smith from DAMS also 19 points.

**Overall team standings after round 1 are;**

Bubble and Squeak 44	New and Old 41
Next Gen 40	Over the Hill 39
DAMS 36	6666 36
Bareela Birdies 35	The Unforgetfuls 35
Hackers 35	The Bogey Men 34
Ruttleys Earthmoving 33	Vintage 33
Stock and Crop 32	Unreliables 32
Geriatrics 32	Wormburners 30
The Wouldbes 30	

**Rifle Club**

Saturday saw seven shooters at the benches at our range and there were some great scores recorded for the day. Andrew once again scoring two possibles and Brendan, Darren and Noah scoring a possible each as well. We are now getting to the pointy end of the shooting calendar where the shooters are trying to get those last few shoots with high scores, so they might be in the running for a trophy.

Sunday at the Handguns there were nine shooters, three which were visitors trying their hand at hitting the target, which they all managed to do, and they all enjoyed the morning shoot.

**Unlimited 50m**

B. McIlrick 90.2, 96.1, 95.2 = 281.5

**AA Grade 50m**

A. White 94.3, 96.4, 93.2 = 283.9

D. Dewson 86.2, 95.3, 98.7 = 279.12

C. White 93.4, 91.2, 93.2 = 277.8

R. Bridges 84, 84, 89 = 257

G. Urquhart 67, 78, 80 = 225

**A Grade 50m**

N. Hull 97.3, 89, 94 = 280.3

**Unlimited 100m**

B. McIlrick 10.5, 97.5, 97.2 = 294.12

**AA Grade 100m**

A. White 100.6, 97.2, 100.8 = 297.16

D. Dewson 99.2, 98.4, 100.7 = 297.13

C. White 96.6, 96.1, 95.2 = 287.9

R. Bridges 98.4, 91.3, 97.3 = 286.10

G. Urquhart 93.3, 88.1, 92.3 = 273.7

**A Grade 100m**

N. Hull 95.3, 94.1, 100.2 = 289.6



*Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall is calling on the State Government to immediately initiate drought support measures*

*to assist farmers and rural communities.*

With seasonal conditions worsening across the region and many parts of country NSW quickly sliding into drought, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall has today called on the State Government to immediately initiate drought support measures to assist farmers and rural communities. Mr Marshall said memories of the worst drought in living memory, several years ago, were still raw for the region's primary producers and now was the time for government to assure them they will be supported if the big dry returns.

"Conditions are worsening quickly, some areas are already officially in drought and the outlook looks bleak, but we are still yet to hear anything from the government, nor the Agriculture Minister, about what support will be available to farmers and rural communities," Mr Marshall said.

"During the last drought, more than \$2.4 billion was provided via subsidies and rebates to farmers and rural communities to help them sustain their businesses and keep going. At this time of great stress and worry, government must step up and announce what they will do to provide certainty and comfort to the rural sector, should the bleak forecasts come to reality."

Mr Marshall placed a motion on Parliament's notice paper today acknowledging the worsening conditions across rural and regional NSW and calling on the government to act immediately. "Farmers want some reassurance from their state government that they will be supported if severe drought returns," Mr Marshall said. "They want to see the government immediately reinstate drought transport subsidies, which allows farmers to claim back some of the costs associated with the transport of vital fodder to keep stock alive, as well as the popular water infrastructure rebates. More low-interest loans, via the Farm Innovation Fund, is not the answer when drought bites – the rural sector requires direct rebates and subsidies to help sustain agricultural production.

The time for government to act is right now, not after the whole State has tumbled into another devastating drought and farmers are going out the back door."

## **Barraba Historical Society Markets. 21<sup>st</sup> October @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**



To coincide with North West Auto Fest the Nandewar Historical Society of Barraba is holding a mini market in the grounds of the Barraba Museum. Morning tea and coffee and music will be available in a cafe style setting. There will be home made cakes, biscuits, jams and relishes, farm fresh honey, plants and gift ware. The feature of our market will be the Nandewar Historical Society's massive book sale plus a range of donated household and locally made sewing items.

The monies raised will go toward extending our museum display area.