



# BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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*Rotary Club of Barraba Inc.*

PO Box 103, Barraba NSW 2347

## Richardson House says, "thank you" to Barraba Rotary Club

Since the COVID19 Pandemic, Aged Care Facilities have been encouraged to keep a stockpile of PPE on hand in preparation for any outbreak. This has presented a storage challenge for Richardson House with most of the deliveries of PPE having to be stored in the carport at the front of the facility, which is not ideal.

Recently the local Rotary Club came to the rescue with a very generous donation of \$10,000 to help fund a storage solution. Jo Bridges, Facility Manager at Richardson House, is happy to announce that last week a shipping container was purchased and put in place (with the help of Jo's husband Mark's preparation of the site) which will act as PPE Storage. The Rotary funds will also help to purchase shelving for the container so that the PPE can be stored in an orderly manner making it easily accessible to staff.

Jo, the Board, staff and residents of Richardson House would like to pass on their sincere thanks to the Barraba Rotary Club. They are very appreciative of the support that the community have, and continue to give Richardson House. Donations such as this allow the facility to continue with their quality improvement, and assist them in continuing to provide this very important service to the local community.



# Barraba Spring Ball

Barraba, NSW — Get ready for an evening of elegance and community spirit at the much-anticipated Barraba Spring Ball, set to take place on November 11th at the Barraba Golf Club. This event promises to be a night to remember, all while supporting two essential community initiatives: the Barraba Show Society Next Gen Committee and the Barraba Show Young Woman Competition.

Hosted at the picturesque Barraba Golf Club, the Spring Ball will be an extravaganza of festivities. Attendees can look forward to a dazzling auction, showcasing an array of coveted items and experiences. From local produce such as a lamb/pork meat package to unforgettable experiences such as photoshoots, there's something for everyone to bid on.

As the night unfolds, guests will be treated to amazing entertainment by the Heartland Band, guaranteed to keep the dance floor alive and spirits high. The Barraba Spring Ball is not only a celebration of elegance but a testament to the vibrant culture and talent within the Barraba community. A culinary journey will be a highlight of the evening, with a locally inspired three-course meal prepared by a skilled local chef. Showcasing the best of the region's produce, the menu promises a delectable experience for all palates.

This event is more than just a ball; it's a chance for the community to come together, celebrate shared values, and support initiatives that are instrumental in nurturing the next generation. The Barraba Show Society Next Gen Committee plays a pivotal role in ensuring the traditions and legacy of the Barraba Show continue to thrive for years to come.

The Barraba Show Young Woman Competition, an empowering platform, encourages the growth and development of young women within the community, fostering leadership, confidence, and skills that will shape the future.

Tickets for this extraordinary evening are available now, and with limited availability, early booking is recommended. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of a night that promises elegance, entertainment, and a celebration of community spirit.



For ticketing information and further details, please visit the Barraba Society Facebook Page or scan the QR code.

*Note: All proceeds from the Barraba Spring Ball will go directly towards supporting the Barraba Show Society, Barraba Show Society Next Gen Committee and Barraba Show Young Woman Competition.*



**Phone: 0459 192 265**

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

219 Mulwarree Rd, Barraba 2347

Mon to Fri 8:30am – 5.30pm

Closed from 1-2pm

**After Hours service available for emergencies only.**

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.

## Barraba Garden Ramble

**Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising Group Inc.**

Open Garden Ramble

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 4pm

Entry \$5/per garden or an all gardens ticket \$25

Entry tickets and garden maps available at each garden



**As you ramble between gardens on Saturday drop into the Fuller Gallery/Claypan for lunch.**

**Available between 12 midday and 2pm for something fresh and delicious. Have a quiet sit, a chat and a cuppa.**





### Huge Clearance Sale

#### **Barraba's RSL Memorial Hall**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 8am until 2pm**

The contents of the RSL Hall have been offered to the Manilla CWA ladies to arrange the sale.

Some of the proceeds (after expenses) will be given to children from the Barraba Primary School, to help with their schooling needs.

As you can imagine there are large amounts of equipment, of all types, of your catering needs. Plates, bowls, cutlery – both stainless steel and silver, glass dishes and bowls, tables, chairs, microwave, 2 stoves, refrigerator, small freezer, 2 pianos and so much more.

We would love to see you on the day, everything must go and it will all benefit your local community.

Credit card facilities will be available on the day, and cash is always very acceptable.

Thank you for your support

Michelle Eggins for and on behalf of the Manilla Branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA) 0429 852509 for any enquiries.

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## *The* **PLAYHOUSE** HOTEL Live Sunday playreading at The Playhouse Hotel

This Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November a group of locals will perform a rehearsed reading of Noel Coward's witty comedy *Blithe Spirit* in the theatre at The Playhouse Hotel.

Written in 1941, *Blithe Spirit* was Coward's greatest theatrical success, enjoying long runs in London and New York, and being filmed at least three times, notably with Rex Harrison and Margaret Rutherford. The plot concerns an author who invites an eccentric clairvoyant to dinner with a view to studying her for his latest novel. She inadvertently conjures up the ghost of his first wife, causing havoc in his new marriage and upending his household.

The readers in this hastily rehearsed performance include Kerrina King, Andrew Sharp, Terry Clarke, Isis Ashton, Lee Loudon and Meredyth Bell, with Maggie Blinco as the clairvoyant Madame Arcati.

The performance begins at 2.30 pm, preceded by lunch from 12.30. Show tickets are \$20 pp and the two course lunch is \$35. Tickets can be purchased at the door, but lunch must be booked in advance by phoning 6782 1109.

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023**



One again we are reminded to honour those that have fallen or have served in the defence of our Country.

At this time, our world is racked by conflict with the Middle east in turmoil and with the continuing war in the Ukraine it is important that we acknowledge those who have fought to defend our freedoms and ensure that we can continue to live our lives in peace.

As with past years our service will be held at the lawn section of the Barraba Cemetery and will commence at 11.00 am.



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

Phone 67821379

For the information of members and guests.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **FRIDAY 3rd November**

MEAT RAFFLES

1st Draw 6.45pm

2nd Draw 7.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1800

#### **SUNDAY 5th November**

ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES FROM 1PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW 1 DRAW \$1000

### **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON**

**TUESDAY 7TH NOV**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL BY FRIDAY 3rd NOV**

### **BISTRO HOURS**

**Phone 0427330808**

**DINE IN OR TAKEAWAY**

**DAILY BLACKBOARD SPECIALS AVAILABLE**

**ALSO PIZZAS MADE TO ORDER**

**MONDAY: CLOSED**

**TUESDAY: CLOSED**

**WEDNESDAY: 12PM-2.00PM**

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

**DINNER FROM 6PM**

**SUNDAY: 12-2PM**

## **Wanted**

**Round bale cattle feeder**

**Please phone Graham 0423286606**



# GINGERBREAD

DECORATING FUN

Come and join Barraba Anglican Church for some gingerbread decorating fun! Invite your friends, family and neighbours to enjoy decorating gingerbread, eating sweet treats and hearing a short talk reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas. RSVP using the QR codes, or give Chloe a call on 0427045172.

# GINGERBREAD

DECORATING FUN



## Gingerbread House Decorating (ages 12+)

6:30PM / 9.12.2023

\$30 to purchase Kits

Anglican Youth Centre

## Gingerbread Cookie Decorating (Ages under 12\*)

3PM / 3.12.2023

\$5 per person, \$10 per family

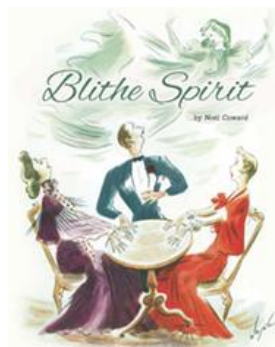
Anglican Youth Centre

\*Children must be

supervised by parent/carer



OR RSVP with payment to Chloe Hearne (0427045172)  
by 16th November



## The Playhouse Hotel

2.30 pm SUN 5 NOV

BLITHE SPIRIT

A rehearsed reading of the  
play by Noel Coward. \$20

Coward's deathless comedy is

as sparkling today as ever. This hastily rehearsed reading  
will be performed by a cast of local actors and guest artists.  
More details to be announced in a separate email.

## FOR SALE

**Toyota HILUX** 2.8 diesel 12/1994 Bullbar, Towbar reg April, 2024, 278,642 kilometers Over \$5000 recent repairs. (New clutch, radiator cylinder head, tyres) \$8900 Contact H.COX, Weemalah, on 67831406 or [htevershamcox@hotmail.com](mailto:htevershamcox@hotmail.com)

**Suzuki Sierra 4X4** 1993 1.3 litre ARB Bullbar + driving lights, Hayman Reece towbar, Sunrasia Wheels, 244,000 k. Runs well currently unregistered. Ideal farm vehicle. \$3900 contact H.COX Weemalah 67 831406.

**Heavy duty Farm Trailer** with tipping body high sides, registered May 2024 \$500 contact H.COX Weemalah, 67 831406



Remembrance Day Commemoration  
11 am on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Barraba Lawn Cemetery  
Lest We Forget

## What's On At The Pub

COMING UP:

TRIVIA TUESDAY

2nd Tuesday of each Month

14 November is the next one!

VINYL NIGHT:

Saturday 25 November

Playing your vinyl albums!

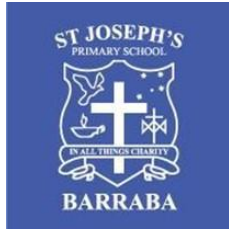
SUNDAY LUNCHES

12 til 2.00 pm

Book if you can 6782 1023



COMMERCIAL HOTEL



### Students of the week



*K: Grace for improvement in handwriting  
3/4: Angel-Lee for showing initiative towards learning  
5/6: Courtney for responding to teacher feedback to improve learning  
Captains Award: Nahal for being a great friend*

### Reading Awards



*150 nights reading for Ava and Grace  
200 nights for Preston and Hadley*

### 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.



## History Notes

Historical Society members have survived a very busy October with two market days, several visitors looking for family history, a street stall and several improvements in the Dean Room. Thankyou to those who were able to help with the street stall especially those helping with the setting up the tables and putting them away afterwards. Hopefully everyone will remember the Annual Meeting next week.

This week an interesting letter arrived requesting photos and comments about the Barraba area in the 1890's. The author's great grandfather was part of a team droving a mob of cattle from near Mackay in Queensland to Muswellbrook in NSW in 1890. He kept a diary of the journey and now his great grandson is hoping to publish a book about the journey then and now.

The mob passed through Piedmont and Cobbadah Station runs in August, 1890, commenting on a plague of kangaroos in the area and how the owners of the stations had shot thousands of them. There was a severe drought in the early 1890's and it looks as though this plague may have played a part in the losses of station cattle.

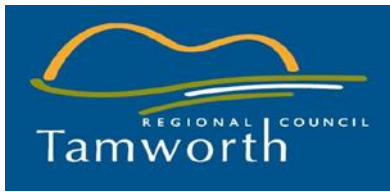
As the cattle approached Barraba the drovers noted that there was plenty of grass on very stony ground but no grass as they passed through the "little town". It seems that they passed through on the old stock route over railway hill two days after passing through the village of Cobbadah.

Two days later the mob passed Haydon's wine shop and cattle station (now owned by the Bowman family) and camped at Tarpoly. The next day they had trouble going through Upper Manilla because the cattle kept on breaking out around the houses but they noted the wheat growing on the flats.

A week after passing through Cobbadah the mob passed through Manilla where they found a brick school, nice houses and a handsome bridge over the Namoi River. Apparently, NSW had a lot more bridges than Queensland in 1890.

This book promises to be rather interesting if the great grandson manages to finish it and he will be getting copies of a couple of Barraba photos to help him on his way.





**Here is an overview of outcomes from  
Tamworth Regional Council Ordinary Meeting  
on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023:**

A total of \$63,456.00 will be shared among 24 organisations and 76 schools across the region through Council's 2023-2024 Annual Donations Program with a balance of \$10,717.10 to be rolled over to the 2024/2025 Annual Donations Program. Councillors at tonight's meeting endorsed the recommendations made by the assessment panel comprising Councillors Helen Tickle, Judy Coates and Brooke Southwell. A total of 33 applications were received seeking amounts ranging from \$500 up to \$9,260.00. Under the program, recurrent funding of \$1,000 is also provided to North and North West Community Legal Service Inc. There is \$4,560 being shared among the 76 schools and pre-schools in the Tamworth Region for their end of year school presentation book award prizes.

Councillors tonight authorised a number of actions to allow subdivision of future stages at the Tamworth Global Gateway Park at Westdale. They included giving formal approval for the General Manager to act as the landowner for the purposes of submitting a development application for Stages 4 to 12 of the development. Council is developing the 246ha site as industrial and commercial land. It is also the location of the Tamworth Intermodal Freight Facility which will soon start operating. Stages 1 and 2 have been developed and subdivided while the Stage 3 subdivision is in the final stages prior to registration. All are part of phase 1 of the development. Phase 2 includes Stages 5 to 8. The report said sales of land within Phase 1 have been strong with \$7.6 million in sales revenue received on settled contracts and a further \$6.4 million of sales revenue awaiting the settlement of exchanged contracts. "Strong enquiry for land within Phase 2 continues to provide confidence in the long-term viability of the development," the report said.

A separate report was tabled at tonight's meeting about the proposed road names for the Tamworth Global Gateway Park's Stage 3 subdivision. Councillors supported the recommendation for the names to follow the previously agreed name theme in the Australian Aboriginal Kamilaroi language for flora and fauna local to the area. The names approved in principle are Dhulii (sand goanna) Drive and

Gilaa (galah) Circuit. A senior Elder and representatives from the local Kamilaroi community are part of the Tamworth Global Gateway Park Aboriginal Road Naming Working Group.

Council staff proposed the reintroduction of cash payments at the Forest Road Waste Facility in response to ongoing requests from customers to reintroduce cash payments. Councillors commended staff on listening to the needs of our community and agreed to approve the reintroduction of cash payments and close the Forest Road Waste Facility at 4.30pm, instead of 4.45pm to allow staff to manage this additional process. Councillors also commended staff on working on the introduction of electronic payments at all of Council's rural waste facilities by the end of the calendar year, recognising this has been a source of frustration for our rural customers.

Councillors have approved additional funding to the value of \$150,000 towards the Treloar Park Tennis Redevelopment project. The additional funding will be spent on landscaping including trees, topsoil, turf, irrigation and balustrades. These additional items will not only ensure the facility is finished to a high standard at the completion of construction, but is also safe and easy to maintain. This additional contribution from Council supports the significant additional contributions already committed by West Tamworth League Club and Tennis NSW to ensure a great outcome for the project in spite of growing costs in the construction industry since the project was first budgeted in 2018.

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

**Sydney Flight College to Launch Aviation Academy in  
Tamworth.**

Leading Australian flight training academy, Sydney Flight College, is expanding its operations to Tamworth, cementing the Northern Tableland city's reputation as a prime aviation training centre. Sydney Flight College (SFC) will open an academy at Tamworth Regional Airport from July 2024, offering a new 12-month Diploma of Aviation package, its renowned pathway to creating the next generation of airline pilots.

In what will be a boost to the local economy, SFC will initially house 32 students and 10 instructors along with a fleet of training aircraft in existing international flight training facilities at the airport. With a new cohort of students starting every 6 months SFC Chief Executive Officer Joseph Pilo said it's an exciting development; "For many months now we have been looking for the right location to expand

our school and I'm delighted Tamworth ticks all the boxes. From July next year, we will run two pilot training centres – here in Tamworth and our current facility at Bankstown Airport in Sydney, furthering our vision to bring the world closer by shaping tomorrow's pilots. With its dedicated training runway and facilities, Tamworth is an ideal base for training, offering year-round operations without the hazards that can exist in the crowded skies over Sydney and represents an opportunity for students to turn dreams into reality, receive top-tier aviation training and embark on fulfilling careers as pilots."

In its 54 years of operations, SFC has trained thousands of pilots, many of whom have moved to Australian and international airlines, while others are flying in a variety of roles from the Royal Flying Doctor Service, freight movements and private jets. Many have also chosen to stay on as instructors to help train students as future pilots.

Tamworth region Mayor Russell Webb said "Sydney Flight College expanding their operations to Tamworth is a big win for our region. This development not only brings opportunity to our youth but also brings a boost to our local economy. This initiative directly helps us to achieve our vision in Blueprint 100 by generating new jobs and improving skill levels of the community."

### **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

# 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)**

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### Billy McKid

You may see him at the sale yards  
With a stubble on his chin  
Before the auction stock sales  
Shifting cattle in a pen  
Next day up on the catwalk  
He will be picking a bid  
As he stands there with the Auctioneers  
That's Barraba's Billy McKid

I guess in idle moments  
He might drift in memories  
When he played Ireland and England  
Player for the Wallabies

You would not think he was a super star  
In the Rugby Union game  
Success has never spoilt him  
He's a great giver just the same

He has retired a lot of times  
But his love for the game  
When Barraba's team in trouble  
Bill is playing once again

His team never let him down  
They never ever did  
They have the greatest of respect  
For Barraba's Billy McKid

Out here on the football field  
They crossed the centre line  
The score it is against them  
Just before full time

Billy urges on his team as Jeff White  
Flashes by to pass the ball to brother Peter  
To seal the winning try  
When they won the Premiership  
The local paper read  
"we did it all for Billy"  
Is what their caption said

The great respect they had for him  
For mainly what he did  
When he played with the Wallabies  
That was Barraba's Billy McKid.

Vic (Stumpy) Turner



### Golf Notes

Saturday 21st and Sunday  
22nd saw Walcha host the  
Ladies NSW Sandgreen  
Championships.

Congratulations to Stacey  
Etheridge, 62 & 64 nett,  
resulting in the 2023 Nett Championship

### BARRABA SPORTSGROUND COMMITTEE AGM NOTICE

THE BARRABA SPORTSGROUND  
COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE  
EVERYONE TO THEIR AGM ON  
TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER AT 5:30PM  
AT THE BARRABA PUB



### Barraba Rugby Union Annual General Meeting

The Barraba Rugby Club would like to  
invite everyone to attend their AGM.

**Date - 12 November 2023**

**Time - 2pm**

**Where - Barraba Rugby Club**

Come along to support our club and see  
how you can help out in the 2024 season

## 'Equal Social Rights For SEXES': in the 1930s, the Australian Women's Weekly was a political forum.

The Australian Women's Weekly, the first Australian magazine dedicated solely to the interests of women, turned 90 this year. The magazine is known for its coverage centred around the home and child-rearing, but the early editions of the Weekly also created a space for Australian women to engage with politics through the lens of womanhood.

Since its first edition in June 1933, the Weekly has provided Australian women with a forum to learn, discuss and debate a range of issues. Its coverage throughout the 1930s reveals how the magazine negotiated the tension between conservative and progressive viewpoints on women's involvement in political affairs.

### The Weekly and the 1930s

The magazine's first editor, George Warnecke, developed a prototype for a publication tailored to female readers after studying women's interests. He wanted it to be "distinctly Australian [and] appeal across age groups".

The Weekly was immediately popular. The initial estimated print run of 50,000 copies increased to 121,162 copies. By the end of 1939, the Weekly had a circulation of 445,000.

Originally launched as a "forty-four-page black and white newspaper", it sold for two pence and followed traditional newspaper formatting, printed in broadsheet columns. It appealed to female readers with engaging images of womanhood – the first issue's cover story was on Sydney women's fashion.

However, the paper quickly moved away from this format towards a cover centred on a single evocative image. This change can be seen throughout August and September 1933, when the images on the front cover became increasingly prominent. Eventually, they took over the whole page.

Inside, the paper covered fashion, beauty, homemaking, entertainment – and current affairs. The first edition's other cover story reported on a recent conference of the Women Voters' Federation in Adelaide under the headline "Equal Social Rights for SEXES".

In early issues, political topics were primarily addressed in the "Points of View" column on the editorial page, which acted as a forum for the editorial team to provide short critical commentaries on issues they deemed important to Australian women.

This space included readers' responses. Another dedicated column, "So They Say", provided space for readers to discuss previous articles, current affairs and social issues.



*The first edition of the Australian Women's Weekly, June 10, 1933*

### Politics and the home

The Weekly's coverage and reader contributions on current affairs created a platform for women to dissect political topics. But it balanced the tension between conservative and progressive viewpoints on women's involvement in politics to cater to their commercial audience.

In a March 1934 editorial, Warnecke declared "this paper knows no politics" and "most women are not specially politically minded". Women's sphere of influence, he argued, was the household.

But Warnecke implied that women could still influence society and culture. They were outside formal institutions, but could shape the nation politically in other ways: "public opinion starts off as private opinion, and this is formed in the home".

The editorial suggested that the Weekly's coverage was not "non-political", as one reader, Miss Clarke, interpreted. Rather, the paper managed to establish a forum for both



conservative and progressive ideological viewpoints by claiming to separate the social from the political.

An example of this can be seen in the editorial “Women and Democracy”, published on July 14 1934, which showcased the political influence women held over their families:

*The fact is that, though [women] may not take a public part in politics, the Australian woman exercises a potent influence at election times, not only because of her voting power, but because of the high esteem in which her opinion is held by the male members of her household.*

Warnecke also defended women’s right to vote: “there has never been any serious question of the Australian woman being in an ‘inferior’ position because of her sex”, he argued.

### Australian women’s political interest

Although the Weekly often framed political debate through social and cultural lenses, there was still ample traditional political reportage in early editions. This is evident in feature articles, occasional columns and reader contributions that asserted the importance of women’s engagement with political institutions.

Mrs V. Cantwell’s October 1933 contribution positioned her against a fellow reader, identified by the initials A.S., who had declared that women were not interested in politics. Cantwell retorted:

*The improved conditions of women and children to-day, as regards social services, general health, etc., are directly attributable to the fact that women are taking an increased and creditable interest in public affairs.*

Cantwell’s contribution illustrated the progressive view of modern Australian women. Written in response to another reader, her piece illustrates the Weekly’s willingness to foster dialogue and debate.



Australian Women’s Weekly cover, October 21, 1939.

Historian Hannah Viney developed the notion of “feminised politics” to describe the way “the threads of the domestic and the politics that were interwoven” in the Weekly’s coverage in the 1950s. Here we can clearly see that the Weekly allowed readers “politically minded, politically ambivalent or somewhere in between” a forum to engage with political coverage in the 1930s as well.

Towards the end of the decade, as war in Europe began to appear inevitable, Weekly readers were eager to understand the extremist ideologies that threatened world peace. This is apparent in Miss M. Muir’s reader contribution published on August 12, 1939, under the headline: “Need knowledge of foreign politics”.

Muir believed fewer than one in 50 Australian women understood what the Nazi, fascist and communist movements stood for. She proposed the Education Department supply paper lectures to Australian women “on possible political dangers”.

“We should not leave the knowledge of modern foreign politics only to the men,” she argued.

The publication of Muir’s piece in a highlighted box in the “So They Say” column implies the paper’s agreement.

### RECENT ANNIVERSARIES

- the death of Frederic Chopin (1849)
- the founding of the British Broadcasting Company, later called British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)(1922)
- the first all-female spacewalk by NASA astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir outside the International Space Station (2019)
- Jacinda Ardern becoming New Zealand's youngest-ever leader at 37yo when her Labour Party formed a coalition government (2017)
- the opening of the Sydney Opera House by Queen Elizabeth II (1973)
- English scientist John Dalton unveils his atomic theory (1803)
- China’s occupation of Tibet (1950)
- the death of former PM Gough Whitlam (2014)
- Thomas Edison perfecting the carbonised cotton filament light bulb (1879)
- US President John F Kennedy imposing a naval blockade on Cuba, beginning the missile crisis (1962)
- the first plastic surgery being performed (1814)
- Apple releasing the first iPod (2001)
- Vegemite appearing on Aussie supermarket shelves (1923)
- China announcing its population had reached 1 billion people (1982)

## Pumpkin, Gorgonzola and Rosemary Pie



For this rich pie, we've opted for a buttery sour cream pastry base, which gives an extra piquant, savoury hit, and topped it with butter puff pastry for a flaky finish. Use any pumpkin you like, Kent (Jap) will give a deeper colour and flavour, and butternut a softer result. Watch the amount of liquid that comes from the pumpkin when roasting and, if needed, drain the pumpkin well before assembling the pie.

### INGREDIENTS

- 900 gm peeled Kent (Jap) pumpkin (about a third large), cut into 4cm cubes
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp pine nuts
- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp coarsely chopped rosemary
- 80 gm Gorgonzola dolcelatte
- 50 gm finely grated parmesan
- 1 egg, lightly beaten, for eggwash
- 375 gm sheet butter puff pastry (see note)
- To serve: mesclun leaves, dressed with white wine vinaigrette

Crème fraîche shortcrust pastry

- 250 gm (1 cup) plain flour
- 100 gm unsalted butter, chilled
- 75 gm sour cream

### METHOD

1 Preheat oven to 250C. Place pumpkin in a shallow roasting pan, drizzle with half the oil, season to taste, toss to coat and roast until pumpkin starts to caramelise at the edges and you can insert a knife with just a little resistance (17-20 minutes; be careful not to overcook). Transfer to a colander placed over a bowl and set aside to drain and cool (40-50 minutes). Coarsely break up a third of the pumpkin in a bowl and refrigerate until chilled (1 hour).

2 Meanwhile, for crème fraîche shortcrust pastry, process flour and butter in a food processor to fine crumbs, add sour cream and pulse to combine. Turn out, pat into a disc, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes to rest.

3 Heat remaining olive oil in a frying pan over medium-high heat, add onion and sauté until tender and caramelised (8-9 minutes). Add pine nuts and garlic, and sauté, stirring occasionally, until golden (2-3 minutes). Add rosemary, stir until fragrant and rosemary starts to lose its bright colour (1 minute), then season to taste and transfer to a bowl to cool (20 minutes). Add pumpkin, stir to combine, then stir in cheeses and season to taste.

4 Preheat oven to 250C and line a baking tray with baking paper. Roll shortcrust pastry to a 30cm round and refrigerate 15 minutes to rest. Place on prepared tray, spread on pumpkin mixture, leaving a 2cm border, then brush border with eggwash. Roll out puff pastry to 4mm thick and place on top, pressing around pumpkin filling gently to seal. Trim edges to form a neat round and pinch edges to seal. Score a criss-cross pattern on top, brush with eggwash, scatter with sea salt flakes and bake until pastry is puffed and starting to turn golden (10 minutes). Reduce oven to 180C and cook until pastry is golden and crisp (25-30 minutes). Set pie aside to rest and cool briefly (5 minutes), then serve with mesclun salad.

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