



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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For the information of members and guests.

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 10th November

MEAT RAFFLES

1st Draw 6.45pm

2nd Draw 7.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1900

SUNDAY 12th November

ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES FROM 1PM

MEMBERSHIP DRAW 1 DRAW \$1100

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 19th Nov closed for power outage

Sunday 26th Nov closed for maintenance

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

Bistro closed Saturday 18th November

REMEMBERANCE 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.

Wanted

Round bale cattle feeder

Please phone Graham 0423286606



**Hospital Auxiliary Street Stall
to be held on Thursday 9th
November 9am.**

Barraba Cancer Patients Fundraising Group

Raffle Results

1st R & G Clark

2nd. Barbara Nevin

3rd. Sue Retschlag

The Playhouse Hotel

Special announcement: Please note that *Unplugged*, the previously announced 12th November concert tribute to Eric Clapton, featuring Matt Arthur and band, has been postponed to a date sometime in 2024. Stay tuned!

Barraba Garden Ramble

Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising Group Inc.

A Wonderful Garden Ramble

A big thank you from the Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising Group to our great community for their support of our first Garden Ramble. We also had visitors from other centres including Armidale, Walcha, Moree, Tamworth and Manilla which made the day very successful.

The gardens looked amazing thanks to the hard work and dedication of those who kindly opened their gardens. The BCPFRG really appreciate the support of Dave & Ann, Chris & Andrea, Andy, Miro & Gerda, William & Helen, Sinclair & Karen, and Peter & Lyn.

The extra attractions of Chris's model railway and the pop up stalls and refreshments at Dave & Ann's and the very interesting map at William & Helen's all received many favourable comments.



Thanks to Julie Williams for all the Garden Ramble photos

Andrea and Chris Jeffery



Chris Jeffery had his model trains on display



Ann and Dave Smith





Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

NOMINATIONS OPEN

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2024

TAMWORTH, NUNDLE, BARRABA AND MANILLA

Tamworth Regional Council's Australia Day acknowledge and celebrate the contributions and success of individuals and groups within the Tamworth Region.

To find out more or nominate someone go to
www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/australiaday

Nominations close Wednesday 15 November 2023 and will be presented at events across the region on Australia Day January 2024.



Scan for more information

Tamworth
REGIONAL COUNCIL

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

TRANSPORT DRIVER

Provide transport to individuals or groups of older persons



COMPANION INDIVIDUAL

Spend one on one time with a GoCo client in their home or out in the community



COMPANION GROUP

Deliver fun activities to our clients such as bingo or mystery tours!!



MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY

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

Richardson House.

Board Members Wanted

Richardson House has provided Aged Care elderly of our community and employment opportunities for the people of Barraba since 1983.

We need motivated and caring individuals to join our Board to ensure that we can continue to do so for many years to come.

If you are passionate about our elderly receiving exceptional care within their own community and can contribute to the governance of the organization please contact Bronwyn Clinch, 0447165008, to receive the business papers.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 4pm.

Huge Clearance Sale

Barraba's RSL Memorial Hall

**Saturday 11th Nov 2023 from
8am to 2pm**

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.

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



The construction of the War Memorial Town Clock in Barraba in 1924.

A copy of this photo from David York's albums.

A little more detail in this copy with the Central Hotel behind the clock.

I originally posted this photo flipped with the wrong hotel named in the background. Andrew at The Playhouse corrected my mistake.

Posted by Brian Coote



Remembrance Day 2023

This year we will again have a commemorative service remembering the signing of the Armistice on the 11th November, 1918, at the Barraba Lawn Cemetery at 11.00am on Saturday, 11th November.

We will particularly remember the victory at Villers-Bretonneux on Anzac Day 1918 when the 13th and 15th Brigades of the Australian 5th Division launched a pincer movement, Brigadier Pompey Elliott's plan, that succeeded in halting the German advance, saving the town and changing the course of the entire war. General Monash stated that Villers-Bretonneux marked the crisis of the war, 1200 Australians lost their lives during this battle.

We will also remember the battle for Milne Bay in August 1942, Japan's first land defeat in World War 2, which was the turning point in the Pacific and when we first realised that the Japanese could be defeated. For this we are indebted to the 18th Infantry Brigade and the 7th Infantry Brigade commanded by Major General Cyril Clowes and the RAAF 75th and 76th squadrons flying Kittyhawks.

We will also remember all those who fought in the conflicts after World War 2, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and many others.



Armistice Day Celebration in Barraba circa 1925.

A good crowd in the street and on the balcony of the Royal and no doubt the Central Hotel.

The War Memorial Clock was built in 1924 and Jim Hardiman still owned the license of the Royal Hotel in 1925.

Jim Hardiman was born in Boorawa and was a licensee in various towns in NSW before dying in Nowra in 1931.

Unfortunately, I never recorded who loaned me this photo, posted by Brian Coote.



**To coincide with Remembrance Day,
Saturday 11th November, there will be a
WW1 Display at 111 Queen Street (next
door to Chemist) from Wednesday 8th to
29th November.**

World Peace

If every person in the world
Had their mind set on freedom
If every person in the world
Dreamed a sweet dream of peace
If every person in every nation
Young and old in each generation
Would join hands in the name of love
There would be no more wars

Betty Graham

This week is Market Day again on Saturday with all the usual stalls. There will still be lots of books on the Society Stall for any bookworms to explore. There are lots of titles - cook books, children's books, romances, sporting people and plenty more. Check the advertisement for more market details.

This week we remember our servicemen who have served around the world at various times for more than a century. We especially remember those who did not return to their families.

Long before we were born our grandfathers and great uncles went to World War 1 in Europe in 1914/18. Personally, three of my great uncles did not come home and thus I never knew them apart from listening to grandparents talking about them especially on days such as Remembrance Day.

My grandfather's brother, Sid Witten, from Barraba Station joined the 33rd Battalion and sailed to England on the Marathon in 1916. Sadly, two years later he was wounded at Hangard Wood in April, 1918. His parents were told that he had been wounded but it was June 1918, before they received word that he had died the day after he was wounded. His mother wrote many letters to the Army, Red Cross and other such organizations for more information with little success.

Another uncle, Harold Spencer, grew up at Nangarah and also sailed on the Marathon in 1916. He was wounded several times and was awarded the Military Medal in 1917, promoted to Lieutenant and was sadly killed in action near the Hindenburg Line on 1/10/1918.

The third great uncle was Clive Crowley from Cobbadah Station who also sailed on the Marathon in 1916. He was promoted to Lance/Corporal in Australia before leaving for Europe and served in France for two years being awarded the

D.C.M. before finally being gassed at Villers-Bretonneux in June 1918.

Clive's mother, Alice, wrote letters to him and some have been preserved as well as his replies. He was obviously yearning to get home and help with the shearing as both his older brothers were married and running their own land leaving their elderly father and a brother running Cobbadah Station.



L to R. Clive Crowley, Bert Crowley, Norman King

There would be lots of Barraba residents descended from soldiers who went to war in Europe especially in 1916 and the later wars but I wonder how many people know the story of these brave men especially the ones who never returned home - perhaps now is the time to write their stories before we all get older and the memories are forgotten.



**Nandewar Historical
Society Inc. Markets**
**Saturday 11th November,
2023**

Jams, Preserves, Cakes, Honey, Pottery, Plants,
Books, soaps, Household goods, and much more.
Sit and enjoy the live music.

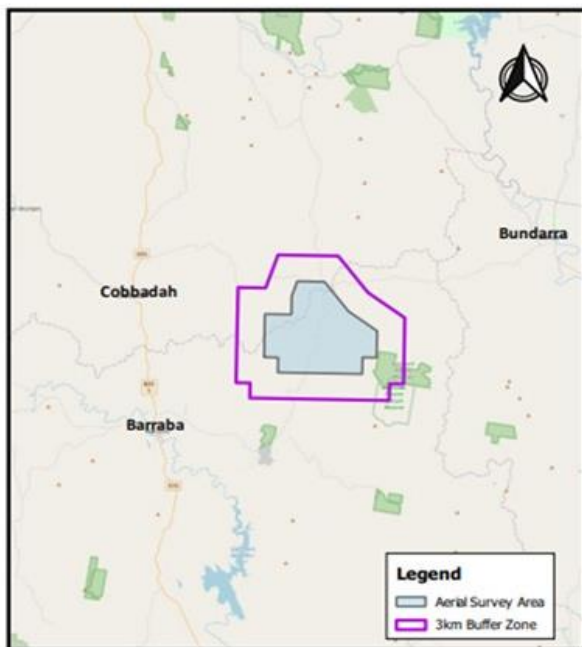
GREAT DIRT

RESOURCES LTD.

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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 24th
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



Barraba SES will be meeting at the unit each and
every Tuesday at 6:00pm. All new and prospective
members will be welcome.

If you are young and wanting to gain nationally
recognised qualification that can, and in many
cases, assist in employment or older members who
have many rolls that need to be done.

All ages ranging from 16 years and older seniors are
welcome.

You are the most important resource we have and
our town needs you.

You can call Greg on 0421 919 789 for details

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 3rd September 2023

Service time 8.45am.

All welcome

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef 2nd Sunday of the month at 11.30am

CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Saturday evening Mass 6pm

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

Upper Horton 11am on the 3rd Sunday

Weekday Mass Wednesday 10am

Barraba Community Inc AGM

6.00 pm Thursday 23rd November 2023

Andy's Guest House

Incorporated entity for the following committees;

- Frost Over Barraba
- Friends of Barraba Trees
- Barraba Birth Books and Beyond
- Barraba Public Art



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

I am delighted to share some exciting updates from Barraba Central School

as we dive into the fourth week of Term 4. Our students have been actively engaged in various activities, showcasing their talents and skills inside and outside the classroom.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Secondary Debating Team and Public Speakers for their outstanding effort in the recent competition against Bingara Central School. Your hard work and dedication are truly commendable, and we are immensely proud of your achievements.

It's inspiring to witness our Year 10 and 11 students mastering essential skills such as working at heights, operating scissor lifts, handling power tools, and learning first aid. These practical skills are invaluable and will undoubtedly serve them well in their future endeavours. Moreover, I am pleased to announce that our students will participate in a shearing school next week, further enhancing their hands-on experiences and knowledge.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating the upcoming School Swimming Carnival on Thursday, Week 6. I encourage all our students to participate wholeheartedly, embracing the spirit of friendly competition. I am particularly excited about Copeton's performance and am confident they will bring home the victory in the war cry event.

On Friday, Week 6, our Secondary students will embark on an enriching journey to Tamworth to participate in the Stand Up program. This initiative has proven incredibly impactful, as observed from the experiences of students who attended last year. This year's participants will find the day both enlightening and empowering.

I am also pleased to share that Mrs. Bell and I have had the privilege of engaging in meaningful discussions with our Year 10 and 11 students and their parents. These conversations centred around mapping out their pathways through senior school. It's heartening to see our students demonstrating a clear sense of direction and purpose as they plan for their futures.

Lastly, a gentle reminder to mark your calendars for our upcoming Presentation Day on Tuesday, Week 10. This day is dedicated to celebrating the remarkable learning journeys and achievements of our students throughout 2023. We invite all parents and guardians to join us in honouring their accomplishments and recognizing their hard work.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's continue to foster a nurturing environment where our students can thrive academically, socially, and personally.

Warm regards

Patrick Sullivan
Principal

Kindergarten Transition

On Fridays from Week 1 to Week 8 in Term 4 we have our Kindergarten Transition program for students who will be starting Primary school in 2024. Students get an insight to what Kindergarten is all about!



Congratulations to Phoebe Hunter who has now completed her Aged Care School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship. Phoebe has been working at Richardson House for nearly two years to complete her SBAT and now has a Cert 3 in Individual Support. Well done Phoebe, we are very proud of your hard work and determination in completing the qualification. Thank you to the staff of Richardson House for providing Phoebe with the support and knowledge to help her complete her training.





Students of the week



K: Jack for confident writing in the Big Write and Cold Write.

1/2: Dexter for showing enthusiasm towards writing.

3/4: Arley for effort and achievement in mathematics.

5/6: Shae for being a mature and helpful student.

Captains Award: Stella for being a great friend



Reading Award
200 nights
reading for
Makenna



GRANT PROGRAM A 'SLAM DUNK' FOR LOCAL SPORTING ORGANISATIONS

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson is putting the ball in the court of local sporting organisations, encouraging them to apply for the NSW Government's Local Sport Grant Program. Mr Anderson said grassroots clubs can now apply for grants of up to \$20,000 for initiatives that aim to increase participation in sport.

"We know how important it is to get up off the couch and stay active for our physical, mental and social wellbeing," Mr Anderson said. "Sport is the best way to do stay physically fit and active in our community, which is why I'm a big advocate for our local grassroots sporting organisations. Now is the time for our clubs to shine with funding available to increase participation in sport in our region. The Local Sport Grant Program provides an opportunity for our clubs to apply for up to \$20,000 for an initiative that they know will increase participation in their sport. The best thing about this program is that \$50,000 is guaranteed for the Tamworth electorate, which is great news for local clubs."

Local sporting groups can find further information in relation to the grant online at <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-grant-program>

Senior Citizens Notes

Hi everyone,

Our last meeting did not have as many members as usual, if you are on the sick list, please get better soon. Even housie numbers are down.

Members, please try to remember that our next stall is set down for the 16th of November.

Plans for Seniors Christmas lunch are well in hand. Each member to choose their own choice off the menu. Final numbers in by Friday 8th December please.

Debby and Elizabeth are in the process of gathering goodies to fill the basket for our Christmas raffle. Tickets are available now, this will be drawn on the 16th Dec. Donations for the basket are most welcome.

Housie Christmas lunch will most likely sort itself out. More hands for the Masonic lunch are very welcome, if you are able to help, please put your name on the list.

This is all for now. Till next time Cheers Judy B

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Curby Soft Plastics Recycling



Residents in the Tamworth region can now prevent soft plastics from going to landfill with Curby's Soft Plastics Program. This innovative initiative is run in conjunction with Australian recyclers IQ Renew and CurbCycle, gives residents a free, home-based option to recycle clean, soft plastics that are not able to be placed loosely in their yellow-lid kerbside bin, including shopping bags, chip packets, bread bags and bubble wrap.

The program is now available to residents in the Tamworth region who have a kerbside recycling bin.

Note: Council have been advised of the CurbyTags taking up to 4 or 5 weeks to arrive over the holiday period, Curby has advised Council that the Tags are on their way to the address you have registered. We thank you for your patience and registering for the program.

Start recycling your soft plastics

Become a Curby member today and join the thousands of Aussies who are diverting their waste from landfill by recycling more materials from home!

Step 1 Download the Curby app.



GET IT ON
App Store

GET IT ON
Google Play

Step 2 Complete the Registration in the app.

Step 3 Wait for your Curby stickers to arrive in the post, once received you can start recycling your soft plastics!

Curby it!

Once your bag is full of the material specific to your program, you're ready to Curby it!

When the bag is full, scan one of the QR codes on the CurbyTag using the Curby App.

And into your yellow lid recycling bin it goes!

Your CurbyBag is collected with your other recycling on your normal collection day.



Golf Notes

Patti Crowley (Over the Hill)
carded an excellent 26

points to claim the chook on Friday. Runners up were Sam Faint (Geriatrics) 25, Keith Akers (Unreliables) 22, Trevor Hill (Unreliables) 21, Bevan Benson (Forgetfuls) 21, Helen Kelly (Over the Hill) 21, Adam Scanlon (The Bogeymen) 21, Tom Mellor (Hackers) 20, Dan Lott (Ruttleys Earthmoving) 20, Kerrie Smith (Bareela Birdies) 20 and Josh Austin (Bareela Birdies) 20.

With the worst week scores now dropped from teams the overall leader board stands as;

Next Gen. 131	Over the Hill. 125
Unreliables. 120	The Bogey Men 115
Bareela Birdies. 114	6666. 114
Hackers. 113	Ruttleys Earthmoving. 112
The Wouldbes. 112	Dams. 110
New and Old. 110	Geriatrics. 109
Stock and Crop. 105	Forgetfuls. 103
Vintage. 91	Worm Burner. 91

In the 5 hole comp Sarah Hamilton finished with 7 points, just ahead of Jack Ward 6 and Ben Freeman 5.

Pleasing to see so many players on Fridays and special mention for Rutts and Davo for keeping the tees and greens looking so green.

Don't forget people requiring a meal each Friday evening please notify Kerrie Smith.

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6."

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk.

The wife asks: "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He said: "They had avocados."



COLLEGE CHAT

www.ccni.nsw.edu.au
RTO90027

Christmas is coming!

Come along to the Community College and wow your family and friends with these

CHRISTMAS FANCY FOLD CARDS AND ENVELOPES.

All the tools and cardstock for a card and envelope will be supplied and extra kits will be available.

WHEN: Wednesday 15 November from 10am to 2pm

WHERE: Barraba Community College, 47 Fitzroy Street

COST: \$60 per head which includes all materials

Learn to make a

NEVER-ENDING CHRISTMAS CARD.

All the tools and cardstock for a card and envelope will be supplied and extra kits will be available.

WHEN: Saturday 18 November from 10am to 2pm

WHERE: Barraba Community College, 47 Fitzroy Street

COST: \$60 per head which includes all material



For please enrol on line through

www.ccni.nsw.edu.au/short-course-details

or phone the Community College on 6782 1662.