



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Wednesday 29th November 2023



Ruby's Animal Walk @ Barraba Preschool

On Tuesday 21st November, we officially opened a memorial in honour of one of our dear preschool friends, Ruby Peake.

Last April we said goodbye to Ruby, who had been coming to preschool for a little over a year and had won the hearts of us all very quickly. She was a kind and gentle girl. Her beautiful smile and infectious laugh would light up the room. She was always happy and was simply a pleasure to have here at preschool.

We wished to create a special space here at preschool so that we may remember and think of our dear friend Ruby. It was obvious that Ruby had a special place in her heart for animals and with that in mind, we created a memorial called "Ruby's Animal Walk."

Barraba Preschool would like to thank the community who supported the preschool's fundraising events this year and the kind donations we received, that have all contributed to funding this memorial.

We hope that the children now and, in the future, will enjoy playing and engaging with Ruby's Animal Walk and in doing so, her memory will live on.





Fashion Fun On Ladies Night

Models courtesy of our beautiful Barraba babes!

Brought to you by Opportunity Knocks

Where: The Commercial Hotel
7.30 pm Start

Friday 1st December



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For the information of members and guests.

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 1st December

MEAT RAFFLES

1st Draw 6.45pm

2nd Draw 7.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1100

Sunday 3rd December

Angler Club raffles from 1pm

Membership Draw \$1200

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 13th December - Ham Raffles

Members Christmas Party Sat 16th Dec.

Minimum numbers apply.

Bookings essential by 10th December.

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SUNDAY: 12-2PM



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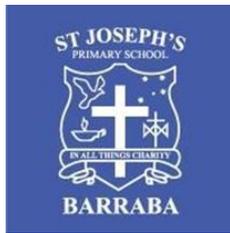
Offering veterinary services within the Barraba district for small and large animals in clinic or on farm. Cat & Dog Boarding available for short or long-term stays.

My girlfriend complains a lot that I don't smile anymore.

Well she's the one who wanted a serious relationship.

While in an elevator I asked my girlfriend to marry me.

We took our relationship to the next level.



GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

1st December 2023

Shopping till 7



QR to Facebook Event



Bring a friend & enjoy some refreshments, discount shopping & in store prizes. Get some Christmas shopping sorted or treat yourself to something nice. Join our local businesses as we say *Thank You* for your support throughout the year.

Girls Night Out is on again this **Friday 1st December** with shopping till 7 o'clock. Come and enjoy the evening atmosphere and take part in the fun that each shop has in-store for you! You can expect different things from each business such as lucky door prizes, discounts, new in-store items and more. **Cobbadah Flowers** has teamed up with **Ruby Mae's Wish** and **Omnificent Road** for a pop-up shop in the corner space of **A Little Twisted** who is also participating this year. **Polkadot** will have their coffee shop and boutique open. **Babes in the Bush** always have fun in-store and has **Amy's Bows & Clips** next door in the block. **Frocks 'N' Locks & Barraba Caremore Pharmacy & Newsagency** have let slip that they have exciting things happening again this year and word is **Universal Commercial Catering Equipment** and **Catering by Kylie Kitchenshop** again has something special planned. The **Playhouse Hotel** will be open for drinks and cheese platters and **The Barraba Post Office** has an amazing amount of new goods in-store. **Andy's Guesthouse** will have their ever-relaxing atmosphere and **Merlene's Fine Fibres Studio** will be open till 7 also. The **Commercial Hotel** and **Opportunity Knocks Op Shop** have teamed up for a Fashion Parade at the Pub from 7.30pm.

So, leave the kids behind and grab the girls to come and enjoy the amazing evening atmosphere of Girls Night Out. Enjoy the special things on offer, get some Christmas shopping done and maybe even gather intel to drop hints on what you would like this year! We take this opportunity to remind our valued customers that each store has curated their own things for the evening so be sure to visit them all to experience all the different things. Please remember if you cannot leave the kids behind and you do bring them along you must supervise them at all times regardless of age (especially around the refreshments and merchandise that some businesses have out) to ensure everyone has a great afternoon.



K: Rupert for being on fire in maths

K: Sophie for consistently writing impressive persuasive texts

1/2: Monty Great progress in reading and comprehension

1/2: Caspian for convincing persuasive writing

3/4: Ava-Jane Effort and Persistence in all learning

Captains Award: Monty for great playground behaviour



2.30 pm SUN 3 DEC

OPPENHEIMER

(MA15+, 180 mins)

This biopic of Robert J.

Oppenheimer, "father" of the atomic bomb explores one man's

character, the evils of politics and humanity's place in the universe.

At the Playhouse Theatre

When I was trawling through the riches of the Barraba Historical Museum and Barraba Friends facebook pages I was interested in the photo posted by Wayne Schmidt of the home of Frances Bridges (nee Hiscock) and her fourteen children. I was looking for something to add variety to the 2024 Nandewar Historical Society Calendar. This may not be the best of photos, but it gives a feel of what I suspect many family homes may have looked in the 1920s.



It was on the corner of Queen and Savoy Streets, where the solicitor's office is now. I knew very little about this family and I wondered how they fitted in this house, how they made ends meet, and what happened to the father of these children. Wayne clarified that Charles Bridges died from the effects of the Spanish Flu in 1919. When Frances's younger brother Henry Albert (Harry) Hiscock returned from WW1 he supported the family and filled the role of a father figure.

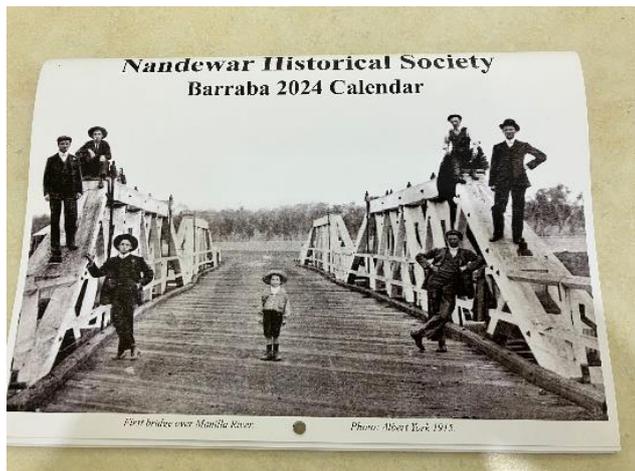


That's Frances on the verandah, then her son Charles Bridges. Harry Hiscock is on the far right. Barraba's much-loved Peter Heywood is a great grandson of Frances Bridges.

How did the family survive in one house?? Well, I doubt if each child had his or her own bedroom with ensuite! And, of course, the children weren't all small children at the same time so the older ones would have helped run the household and care for their younger siblings. Might that have instilled a better sense of responsibility than if they lived in luxury? Life could not have been easy.... Were these the "good old days"?

Thank you to Wayne Schmidt for this information.

We have good news from the museum! We have received another lot of our calendars printed. They are available at the museum and at Saunders Fruit and Veg for \$15 each. We can arrange to post them to those who live out of town.



Don't forget the Museum Christmas markets on Saturday 9th December!

Barraba High Country Music Musta
\$10 entry for 18 years and older
Sunday 10th December 1pm to 5pm
Special Guest Johnny Nashgrill Grills
Christmas fun and prizes
Wear you best Christmas outfit
Walk up artists welcome
Barraba Bowling Club



Snippets from St Laurence's

It is that time of year when we move out of our comfortable rut into a flurry of "spring" cleaning, shopping and other preparations for Christmas. Youth Group have only a couple more meetings before the end of term, our Bible Study groups have already had their Christmas get-together and the first of our Christmas services will be at Bereen on Sunday, 3rd December at 5pm. Bring food to share!

The Gingerbread events are on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th (I think bookings for those have already closed – check with Chloe if you are interested).

The Woodsreef service at 11:30am on the 10th will be followed by lunch, so bring something to share. There will be a service for Richardson House and Garvin House at 11.30am on Wednesday 13th. On Sunday 24th at St Laurence's at 10am there will be a service of lessons and carols and at 4pm an "All Ages" service. On Christmas Day the service will be at 9am.

In between all that, on Sunday 17th, we farewell Hugh and Barbara Cox.

All this flurry because as John tells us in Chapter 3 verse 16 of his Gospel, *"God loved the worlds so much that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

Beth

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES
 Sunday 3rd December times return to 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
Barraba Anglican Christmas Services:
Bereen: Sunday 3rd Dec, 5pm, bring a plate of food to share.
Woodsreef: Sunday 10th Dec, 11:30am, bring lunch to share.
St Laurence's:
 Sunday 17th Dec, 10am Hugh & Barbara Cox farewell service
 Sunday 24th December, 10am – Lessons and Carols Service
 Sunday 24th December, 4pm – All ages service
 Monday 25th December, 9am – Christmas service

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
Christmas program Mass
 Saturday 23rd December 6.00 pm
 Sunday 24th December 8.30 pm



Tamworth Region Mayor Russell Webb said the new rebate is a direct response to affordability concerns raised by community members in feedback about a proposed application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a permanent Special Rate Variation of 36.3% over two years starting next year.

“We appreciate the high level of public interest in the proposal and I want to thank all community members who took the opportunity to learn more about the proposal, attend one of the community information sessions and provide feedback,” he said.

“This will all form part of Councillors’ considerations next Tuesday night about whether to proceed with the application to IPART for a Special Rate Variation.”

The report Councillors will consider proposes a variation of 18.5% from July 1, 2024 (including the forecast rate peg of 3.5%) and 15% cent from July 1, 2025 (including the forecast rate peg of 2.5%), as it was written before the IPART rate peg announcement on November 21. The 4.9% rate peg set for the Tamworth region for the 2024-25 financial year will not change the total rate revenue Council expects to receive if it does decide to proceed with an application. It only means that the most Council would seek above the rate peg is 13.6% for the next financial year.

“While we welcome the changes from IPART, we still need to address the budget situation our Council faces as a result of many years of the old rate peg methodology, and to continue to deliver the services and projects our community has told us they want and need,” concluded Cr Webb.

The Council report, which includes a detailed review of the findings from the feedback, is published with the business papers for the meeting on Council’s website.

Additional pensioner rates rebate proposal

A proposed additional rebate for ratepayers who receive an Australian Government pension/income support payment is among the options Tamworth Regional Councillors as part of their deliberations next week about whether to proceed with an application for a Special Rate Variation.

The rebate is proposed to be \$50 in addition to the State Government Funded existing rebate in the first year if a Special Variation is approved and enacted. It would increase to \$100 in the second year of the Special Variation and continue ongoing.

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Manilla Community Christmas Carols

4 December @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Free



Yes, it's really that time of year already!

Share the spirit of Christmas with locals in Manilla at the Community Christmas Carols on Monday 4 December. Held at the Manilla Central School from 6pm, the evening is the perfect way to get into the Christmas groove 📺 Those who are attending are encouraged to sing along, have fun and bring the family along to an evening filled with Christmas cheer 🎄

Tamworth Southside Uniting Church
Carols on the Grass
Friday, 15 December 5:30pm
440 Goonoo Goonoo Road, Tamworth

We invite you to come dressed as a character from the Nativity story, to be part of an interactive Pantomime and Carols.

Children's Games
Sausage Sizzle
Bring a comfy chair or rug to sit on.

Carols on the Grass

15 December @ 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Free

Tamworth Southside Uniting Church invite you to join their Carols on the Grass on Friday, 15 December from 5:30pm. Come dressed as a character from the Christmas Nativity Story to be part of an interactive Pantomime and Carols.

There will be children's games and a sausage sizzle so bring a comfy chair or rug to sit on and enjoy an evening of Christmas carols to help spread the Christmas cheer.

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CAROLS IN THE PARK

16TH DEC
FEATURING
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
FOOD STALLS
VISIT FROM SANTA

BICENTENNIAL PARK SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER
STARTING AT 6:00PM

Carols in the Park 2023

16 December @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Free

Tamworth Carols in the Park is back for 2023!

Featuring a huge range of local artists and entertainers, glow sticks, candles, food vendors, a visit from the Big Man himself. This will all be topped off by a visit from the one and only Hayley Jensen.

Celebrate Christmas with the Tamworth Community the right way in 2023 and join us on 16 December.

Fundraising for Ronald McDonald House Tamworth.



From Adam Marshall MP's website



NORTHERN Tablelands MP Adam Marshall has today slammed the ongoing secrecy surrounding the re-written Murray-Darling Basin Plan between the NSW and Commonwealth Governments, calling on the State Water Minister to come clean with bush communities about the details.

“Water buybacks are a blunt instrument that literally wipe communities off the map and rip away economic activity, which we have seen first-hand in our region,” Mr Marshall said. “The Premier has repeatedly said he’s against buybacks and his Water Minister recently said she too was opposed to buybacks, saying ‘I accept they have a negative impact on communities. This then begs the question, if the government knows how devastating buybacks are, what measures has the Water Minister put in place to safeguard against them? What guarantees can the government give that it won’t resort to removing further water from the consumptive pool? Our region, especially the Gwydir Valley, has already done more than its fair share of the heavy lifting, exceeding the sustainable diversion limits for productive water, within the Murray Darling Basin Plan. Our region should not be contributing, that is losing, a single extra drop of productive water – we’ve already lost more than the Plan asked for and we simply cannot afford to lose further production, jobs and economic activity.”

Mr Marshall said the State Government had adopted the attitude of ‘trust us’, but so far it had done nothing to earn trust, with no transparency about its dealings, just empty platitudes. “Our communities deserve to know what’s in the rewritten Basin Plan and I’m calling on the NSW Water Minister to show our communities the respect they deserve and be up-front about what promises her and her government have made to the Commonwealth,” Mr Marshall said. “The Commonwealth Government has made clear they’re determined to deliver the extra 450GL of water for the environment, one way or another, but we don’t know how the

NSW Government intends to help them achieve that. Removing water from the consumptive pool, especially without proper assessment around the socio economic and cultural impact and without demonstrating measurable environmental outcomes, is certainly not the answer. This government must immediately stand up to the Federal Water Minister, draw a line in the sand, and categorically rule out buybacks – the economic future of our region depends on it.”



FUTURE OF AG ON DISPLAY IN TAMWORTH

Farmers, innovators, tech enthusiast, entrepreneurs, students, and researchers are forging the future of agriculture at today’s Farmers2Founders AGtivate series launch in Tamworth.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson MP congratulated Farmers2Founders for bringing the event to Tamworth and looked forward to local farmers benefitting from a day of sharing ideas. “Farmers2Founders recognise that our producers deserve to be at the centre of innovation, ensuring that farming practices are at the cutting edge of modern technology,” Mr Anderson said. “By bringing an event like the Agtivate series to Tamworth, Farmers2Founder give local producers an opportunity to collaborate with the very best and brightest in ag innovation from across the nation and the world. Farmers in our region are constantly updating their practices, staying ahead of the curve, and ensuring they meet the challenges of today and of tomorrow.

“The event allows our local farmers an opportunity to collaborate, innovate and influence the future of the agricultural sector. Agriculture faces a range of challenges moving into the future, including ongoing workforce shortages, biosecurity risks, climate variability, supply chain disruptions, costs, and sustainability. I’ve also been hearing from local farmers who have been preparing for the coming drought, modernising their practices to build resilience into their land. I have no doubt that today’s event will be a productive one for our farmers and I thank Farmers2Founders for choosing Tamworth for their first event.”

The Farmers2Founders event kicked off today at the Tamworth Agricultural Institute before moving to the Mercure Tamworth for an afternoon session.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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Provide transport to individuals or groups of older persons

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Christmas is only a few short weeks away.

The last Barraba Community News for 2023 will be Wednesday 13th December when we'll celebrate all things Christmas. After that the team will have a few weeks break and return mid January.

If you would like to send a Christmas greeting or advise your members, clients and customers of your holiday closure times please contact us to place your advertisement no later than Friday 1st December.

Contact details for Bronwyn 0447165008 or email direct to news@barrabacommunitynews.org.au

Or call into the Community College with the details you'd like included in the ad.

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It is important to ensure the opinions expressed are not discriminatory or offensive. The Editor reserves the right to use judgement to edit or decline to print should a letter not meet editorial standards.

Barraba Girl off to Spain on Rugby Tour

Recently, local girl Regan Simpson has been invited to join the Australian Raptors Rugby Academy on their rugby tour to Spain.

The Australian Raptors Rugby Academy is a relatively new organisation and is Not-for-Profit and aims to develop coaches and players both on and off the field to be the best version of themselves they can be.

The Academy not only provides additional pathways to be involved in rugby both here in Australia and Internationally, but also provides educational programs to develop participants with a holistic approach. Being involved in rugby isn't just about the game, their mission is to: *"Shape our rugby youth today, as we empower them for tomorrow."*

Regan who started playing rugby with the Barraba Junior Rugby club in 2019 has fallen in love with the game and has dedicated many hours training and travelling to get to where she is.

Regan now plays with a combined Armidale school team in the Northwest school competition which has led to representative duties for her zone Central North in both 7's and 15 a side format. Regan has also gained selection for NSW Country for the past two years.

This year she was also successful in getting picked in the open NSW Combined Independent Schools 7's team which played at the NSW all schools competition.

Regan will fly out to Spain with the Raptors on the 7th of December and whilst on tour will play 5 games and experience some sightseeing in Spain.



Golf Notes

With the lack of run due to some beautiful rain the scores were a little lower this week. "Next Gen's" Dusty Hiscock didn't know anything about this and came in with a good score of 23 points to win the chook. His team has put a gap on the rest of the competition as they continually play above and beyond themselves. Oh to be young again!

Balls went to Lincoln Brown 20 and Tom Mellor, Craig Ruttley, Dan Lott, Ian Cabot, Amanda Koopman and Daniel Anderson all with 19. With 3 weeks to go, it's hard to see anyone getting around "Next Gen" (Corey Jordan, Cooper Chapman, Finn Allan and Dusty Hiscock) who are on 246, with 6666 (Bill Tonkin, Billy Servin, Phil Dawson and Sam Night) next on 228 and Bareela Birdies (Kerrie Smith, Josh Austin, Amanda Koopman and Ally Smith) on 226. A good roll-up of 5 holers with Mel Dye showing a lot of potential winning the ball.



From The Conversation

How risky is it to give card details over the phone and how do I reduce the chance of fraud?

Paul Haskell-Dowland, Professor of Cyber Security Practice, Edith Cowan University

Ismeni Vasileiou, Associate Professor, De Montfort University

Paying for things digitally is so common, most of us think nothing of swiping or tapping our card, or using mobile payments. While doing so is second nature, we may be more reluctant to provide card details over the phone.

Merchants are allowed to ask us for credit card details over the phone – this is perfectly legal. But there are minimum standards they must comply with and safeguards to protect consumer data.

So, is giving your card details over the phone any more risky than other transactions and how can you minimise the risks?

How is my card data protected?

For a merchant to process card transactions, they are expected to comply with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard. This is a set of security requirements designed to protect cardholder data and the trillions of dollars of transactions each year.

Compliance involves various security measures (such as encryption and access controls) together with strong governance and regular security assessments.

If the information stored by the merchant is accessed by an unauthorised party, encryption ensures it is not readable. That means stealing the data would not let the criminals use the card details. Meanwhile, access controls ensure only authorised individuals have access to cardholder data.

Though all companies processing cards are expected to meet the compliance standards, only those processing large volumes are subject to mandatory regular audits. Should a subsequent data leak or misuse occur that can be attributed to a compliance failure, a company can be penalised at levels that can escalate into millions of dollars.

These requirements apply to all card transactions, whether in person, online or over the phone. Phone transactions are likely to involve a human collecting the card details and either entering them into computer systems, or processing the payment through paper forms. The payment card Security Standards Council has detailed guides for best practice:

A policy should be in place to ensure that payment card data is protected against unauthorised viewing, copying, or scanning, in particular on desks.

Although these measures can help to protect your card data, there are still risks in case the details are misplaced or the person on the phone aren't who they say they are.

Basic tips for safe credit card use over the phone

If you provide card details over the phone, there are steps you can take to minimise the chance you'll become the victim of fraud, or get your details leaked.

1. Verify the caller

If you didn't initiate the call, hang up and call the company directly using details you've verified yourself. Scammers will often masquerade as a well-known company (for example, an online retailer or a courier) and convince you a payment failed or payment is needed to release a delivery.

Before you provide any information, confirm the caller is legitimate and the purpose of the call is genuine.

2. Be sceptical

If you are being offered a deal that's too good to be true, have concerns about the person you're dealing with, or just feel something is not quite right, hang up. You can always call them back later if the caller turns out to be legitimate.

3. Use secure payment methods

If you've previously paid the company with other (more secure) methods, ask to use that same method.

4. Keep records

Make sure you record details of the company, the representative you are speaking to and the amount being charged. You should also ask for an order or transaction reference. Don't forget to ask for the receipt to be sent to you.

Check the transaction against your card matches the receipt – use your banking app, don't wait for the statement to come through.



Cancelling your card is a hassle, but it's the best way to prevent further funds being stolen from your account. Eduardo Soares/Unsplash

Virtual credit cards

In addition to the safeguards mentioned above, a virtual credit card can help reduce the risk of card fraud.

You probably already have a form of virtual card if you've added a credit card to your phone for mobile payments. Depending on the financial institution, you can create a new credit card number linked to your physical card.

Some banks extend this functionality to allow you to generate unique card numbers and/or CVV numbers (the three digits at the back of your card). With this approach you can easily separate transactions and cancel a virtual card/number if you have any concerns.

What to do if you think your card details have been compromised or stolen?

It's important not to panic, but quick action is essential:

1. call your bank and get the card blocked so you won't lose any more money. Depending on your situation, you can also block/cancel the card through your banking app or website

2. report the issue to the police or other relevant body
3. monitor your account(s) for any unusual transactions
4. explore card settings in your banking app or website – many providers allow you to limit transactions based on value, restrict transaction types or enable alerts
5. you may want to consider registering for credit monitoring services and to enable fraud alerts.

So, should I give my card details over the phone?

If you want to minimise risk, it's best to avoid giving card details over the phone if you can. Providing your card details via a website still has risks, but at least it removes the human element. The best solution currently available is to use virtual cards – if anything goes wrong you can cancel just that unique card identity, rather than your entire card.

Campbells Motors Barraba – from the Historical Society collection



Ross Campbell Motors circa 1982 odd I think. There are fortunately a number of cars in this photo that might allow the car nuts to narrow the possible date down a bit.

Originally Clifton Motors in the 1930s & 40s this building is still largely the same except for the addition of the red brick frontage. Prior to its position here Clifton's were originally across the street in the Goldman Building next to the current Vinnies.

Posted by Brian Coote.