



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Kindergarten 2024 Class - Hudson, Oliver, Albie, Lavana, Walter and Teacher Miss Sophie Goodman (Absent Hudson and Logan)



Welcome to New Students Ryder, Grace and Parker.



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For the information of members and guests.

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 15th February

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FRIDAY 16th February

MEAT RAFFLES

1st Draw 6.45pm

2nd Draw 7.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$2000 (2 draws)

Sunday 18th February

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DINNER FROM 6PM

SUNDAY: 12-2PM

Barraba Medical Centre

It is with the greatest of pleasure to inform the Barraba Community of the return of our much loved and missed Dr Heinrich Strydom to the Barraba Medical Centre.

Dr Strydom is set to commence practicing on the 12th March 2024.

All patients welcome, past and present.

Please phone 67821621 for appointments.

Our current surgery hours are:

Tuesday to Thursday 9am -5.30pm

Closed for lunch between 1- 2pm

Opening hours will change after 12th March.

Barraba Medical Centre Staff

Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising Group Inc.

AGM

Thursday 29th Feb 2024 12MD

Andy's Guest House

New Members welcome



2024

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 12th March 2024

6:30pm

Barraba Preschool

148 Queen Street, Barraba

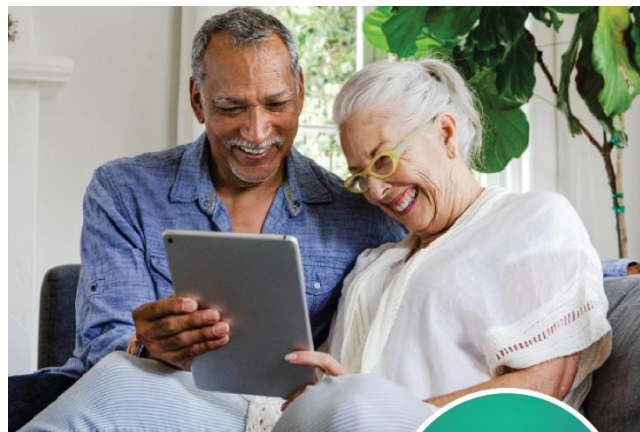
All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

A committee meeting will be held afterwards



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The 114th Barraba Show

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 1, 2, 3 MARCH
2024**



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Admission & Membership

Gate Admission/Non-Members:

Adult - \$15 (Fri & Sat) \$10 (Sun)

Child - \$10 (School Aged up to 18 yrs)

Pensioner - \$5

Family Pass - \$40 (2x Adults and any children under 18 for the duration of the show)

Membership:

Adult - \$20 per annum.

Pensioner - \$8 per annum.

Family - \$35 per annum.

New memberships and renewals are to be purchased at the show office prior to the show.
Note: Membership fees will not be accepted at the gate.

All patrons MUST wear their issued wristband whilst at the showground. Patrons found without a wristband will be asked to pay the admission price again.

NO WRISTBAND NO ENTRY

Gates open at 7am from the 1st of March 2024.

ARE YOUR PHOTOS READY FOR THE BARRABA SHOW?

A timely reminder that photography entries close at 3:30pm on Tuesday 27th February 2024.

All exhibits, entry forms and fees must be with the Show Secretary by this time.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE.

The full schedule for Section 19 – Photography can be found at www.barrabashow.com.au. Please pay particular attention to the conditions of entry as exhibits that do not comply with these conditions can not be judged or hung.

Our feature theme for the 2024 Show is “YOUNG AT HEART”, we are looking forward to seeing some creative photos in this class. There are also two new Open classes this year; Our Barraba (Events, places, people) and Textures.

The School Section has had a complete overhaul for the 2024 Show. It is now called Young Hot Shots, open to all school aged children. There are six new exciting classes which we hope will be well support by our younger enthusiasts. Age will be taken into consideration, so don't forget to include it on the name label (on the back of the entry).



Annabelle Kanno's winning photo from 2023 Show

Brenda McColl, Chief Steward, would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful sponsors of the Photography Section for their generous support:

Barraba Caremore Pharmacy, Wentworth Travel, Chloe Renee Photography, Guy Derrick Memorial (Rhonda Phillips), Rocky Glen Ag, Janene Randall, Jennylyn King, Daisy Groth Memorial (Patti Crowley), Andy's Guesthouse,

Jenny Farrar, Mandy Cabot, Polkadot Coffee Shop, Paula McIver Photography, Gerda Gamper, Brent J Agspray, Barraba Veterinary Service Pty Ltd and Barraba Potters & Craft Guild.

We look forward to seeing all of your photography entries at the 2024 Barraba Show.

BARRABA SHOW 2024 - WOOL SECTION

With more producers moving to shorter shearing intervals, we have decided to continue a "Merino Short Wool" class in 2024. This class will be open to fleeces with 6-8 months of growth as well as the usual 12 month fleece classes. If this class receives sufficient support; it is intended to incorporate further short wool classes in future years as producers move away from 12 monthly shearing. We have also added a novel class for 2024.

Your fleeces can be left at the show office during the week of the show or at the wool pavilion by 2.30pm on Thursday 29th February.

The Chief Steward of the Wool Section, Ian McColl, was very happy with the number of entries last year but is hopeful of even more in 2024.

The wool section would like to thank Rocky Glen Ag, John Dunn, Doonba Pastoral, Brooklyn Land and Jack Robinson for donating their fleeces from the 2023 show and Howard Carter for Judging.

The wool section would like to thank the following sponsors for their continuing support from their sponsors; Taminda Wool Trading, IT & N Spencer Memorial, Schute Bell Badgery Lumby, Stock & Crop, Appledore Pastoral Company, Barraba Show Society, Rocky Glen Ag and JPM Contracting.



Barraba Show Society Young Women 2024

The Barraba Show Society would like to announce Maddison Taylor as our Young Woman of the Year and Kaitlyn Smith as our Runner up Young Woman of the Year for 2024.



Maddison Taylor, right, and Kaitlyn Smith

Thank you to our judges and entrants in the Young Woman's inventive this year. A big thankyou to our judges Sally Steiger, Carmen Stassen and Christine Penna for giving their time to judge and be role models for these two young women.



Please follow and support Maddison's journey as an ambassador of our community to the Zone Finals in Tamworth in February and at the Barraba Show on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd March.

Thank to Marnie and [Cobbadah Flowers](#) for the gorgeous bunches of flowers and to all sponsors of the Barraba Young Women Competition.



Sports Shear and Wool Handling Competition – bigger and better in 2024!



Eighteen months ago, local shearer Jock Mallise decided to work to get Barraba on the national shearing and wool handling competition circuit. “Barraba has a long and proud history as a centre of the wool industry – it still is,” Jock told me. After a huge amount of hard work by Jock, the Barraba Show Society and other volunteers, a substantial grant from the Royal Agricultural Society Foundation, and support from Australian Wool Innovation and other sponsors it all happened. The old sheep pavilion at the Showground was transformed into a modern four stand shearing board with the sheep and wool handling (and spectator) facilities to match, ready for the 2023 Show.

It was a great success – “I was overwhelmed”, Jock told me. With over eighty competitors registered, and when the first shearers hit the board on Saturday at the 2023 Barraba Show, there was already a crowd in the stands. The crowd grew as the competition hotted up, and, right in front of the spectators, the wool handling competitors’ skills were on display. Such was the entertainment on display that the spectator stands overflowed; some spectators stayed all day, others kept coming back. This special built facility is perfect for training the future crop of shearers. A very successful shearing school, accredited by TAFE NSW, was held late last year; more are planned.

So Jock is planning a bigger and more entertaining competition this year. The Show dates (1,2, and 3 March) fitted perfectly with other NSW Sports Shear events; the only other official competition on that weekend is at Boorowa, in Southern NSW, so all the best shearers in northern NSW, keen to gain points, will come to Barraba. As well, Barraba is offering two days of Wool Handling competition; there has only been two other days in the season, so it is virtually guaranteed that the best competitors in this skill will be here.

The two days at the Show are as follow:

Saturday 2 March 8.00 am – Sports Shear competition starts (Merino sheep).

Sunday 3 March 7.30 am – Sports Shear competition starts (Crossbred sheep)



On both days **Wool Handling** competition starts when shearing heats for the four classes are finished.

While it will be mostly the same competitors on the two days, the skills and techniques used are different for merinos and crossbreds – the competitor who wins the day’s battle, may be quite different on the two days. Facilities have improved from last year: for the **shearers**, another shearing stand, making five, has been added and the floor

strengthened. With all the hard work, the shearers need food and drink. As well as the Show Dining room next door, on Saturday the Cattle Section BBQ is close by, and on Sunday there will be a BBQ in the Shearing Pavilion. A bar will also operate in the Shearing Pavilion on both days. For the **sheep**, there will be more yards and shade cover over those yarded outside the pavilion. For the **spectators**, there will be more seating, and cover from the heat/rain between the shearing pavilion and the poultry shed. And, of course, there will be a bar, operating both days, in one corner of the Shearing Pavilion.

This will be an enormous operation, one that Jock has been planning for months. Moving the individual competitors (at the time of writing there were 94 registered) in and out of their heats and finals efficiently is a very complicated logistic exercise, as is moving the sheep, and pressing and moving the wool. Five hundred sheep will be needed on each day. On Saturday those five hundred sheep will need to be yarded, shorn, then trucked out so that the next five hundred are ready at 7.30 am on Sunday. On Saturday, the fleeces from the merinos may make up to fifty bales; they have to be pressed and moved out. There is no woolshed in which to stack them!

This enormous operation will need many pairs of hands throughout the day. Moving the sheep, clearing the board, pressing and moving the wool, supporting the competitors, the list goes on. Many volunteers are needed. If you think that you can offer some help call/text Jock Mallise 0428 416 050. He would love to hear from you.

A special thanks to the sheep donors: **Ian and Mandy Cabot, and Neil and Kerry Smith**. A big "Thank You" to all the sponsors; Trend Tiles Inverell, Purtle and Plevy, Rocky Glen, Alugundi, J Gilmore, Ash Miller, C Rutley, Action Engineering Action Solutions, Peter and Lou Capel, Jack Johnston, Paul Layton Shearing, THCFA, Norco Glen Innes, Adette Grazing, Heinegar, Sleepy Merino, Barraba Bowlo, Fox and Lillie, Barraba RSL, Karen Gill, Sign Print & Stitch, McGregor Gourlay, AWI, Calibre Country.



Volunteer now be part of the action on the day!

**CALL JOCK MALLISE
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Succession Act 2006 s.93, Probate and Administration Act 1898 s 92 and Trustee Act 1925 s 60.

**NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION.
ESTATE OF JAMES ARTHUR ROBLIN**

Any person having any claim upon the estate of James Arthur Roblin, late of Barraba who died on 23rd June 2023 must send particulars of the claim to the legal representative for the estate at care of PJK Law, 149 Queen St Barraba NSW 2347, ref PJK:MS:2023/1247, within 30 days from the publication of this notice. After that time the legal representative intends to distribute the property in the estate having regard only to the claims of which the legal representative had notice at the time of distribution.



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Although we did not have markets this week, members are having a busy time with enquiries, changes to the Dean Room, and a special lot of visitors coming this week.

The enquiries still keep on coming with another Thompson one this week. Unfortunately, there are several family memories, especially names, that have proved to be incorrect. The person who said Troth could mean Groth was absolutely correct as I found the wedding in our files and it was Groth, although not the Barraba line -this one seems to have come from Queensland.

There was also little detail around the death of Mrs Thompson, who obviously had a heart attack after carrying water, from the creek up to the house of her employer. Her husband was a miner at Teatree mines where she lived and it seems she walked overland to her job.

Unfortunately, she died in 1882 and there are no death certificates for Barraba at that time - I have an ancestor who died at that time but we do have a headstone for her. The only clue to where and when Mrs Thompson died is the memory of her employer, Mr Orchard, and his descendants. She is buried with the Orchard family.

This week I have also found a couple of pages referring to another resident who lived in and around Barraba for most of his adult life. It seems that Robert Genge was born in Wiltshire about 1808. He grew up with his family and as a young man made a living for himself there.

At about the age of almost thirty years he sold his property and came out to New South Wales. He managed to secure a station of his own but ran into the 1840 drought and lost it.

In the early 1850's he became a goldminer at Upper Bingara and this is where he met Sidney Saunders. They seem to have worked together at Ironbark from 1861 until the diggings began to fail. Robert left and took on the management of Welbon for A. A. Adams - a position he held until the end of 1867.

It seems he went from Welbon back to mining as Sid Saunders noted in a letter to his parents in March "my old friend, Mr Genge, has taken to the pick and shovel again around Bingara".

Robert's health had deteriorated but he apparently ventured out to Moree in 1881/2 to manage a property. He then returned to Ironbark where he lived for the rest of his life.

Robert had little contact with his relatives in England although he did receive 100 pounds in 1894 from someone in South Moulton which indicates he had some contact with family.

Robert Genge died on 24th September, 1897, at the age of 89 years and he is buried in the Ironbark Cemetery. Mrs John Spencer advised the English family that he had died and received a letter from his niece, Clara Clothier, in reply.

The name Robert Genge has been used in the Spencer family in his memory.

A BARRABA SHOW STORY

Bill Rumsby stopped me in the street: "You've been asking for local stories," he said. "Here's one - I've been to every Barraba Show in the last eighty years. Can anyone beat that?" Bill was born in 1943. He has seen a photo of himself as a toddler with his family at the Show; he has memories of heading into town in the horse and sulky, off to the Show.

In later years, with his own family, the Show weekend was the big one of the year. The Rumsby family became involved in many of the Show's activities. Among other things, Bill showed his chooks, and organised the Poultry Section for a while. They nearly missed one Show - his daughter had been in hospital in Sydney and she was being discharged on the Show weekend. They picked her up and managed to get back to Barraba in time to get to the Show.

The Show was not held for a few years during World War 11 - so we worked out Bill must have attended more than seventy-five of the one hundred and thirteen Barraba Shows.

Do you know anyone who might have attended more? We would love to hear from you about this topic, or other Show stories in the next few weeks: Write in to The Editor, Barraba Community News, email news@barrabacommunitynews.org.au, or drop it off at The Community College, Alice St.

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From Adam Marshall MP's Newsletter –

Bills back on the table on first day back in Parliament

I wasted no time getting back to business in Parliament, tabling two Bills which seek to reduce enormous cost burdens on the region's local councils and return local power and control over frontline health services.

Last year, I introduced two Private Members Bills, to amend the Rural Fires Act to vest ownership and the cost of RFS trucks and vehicles with the State Government, and to split the Hunter New England Health District. The *Rural Fires Amendment (Red Fleet) Bill 2024* will resolve an archaic and redundant anomaly buried within the current legislation, transferring the ownership of NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) vehicles, fire trucks and buildings from local councils back to the State Government.

My second Bill, the *Health Services Amendment (Splitting of the Hunter New England Health District) Bill 2024*, would divide the current health district and re-create the former New England Area Health Service, headquartered in Tamworth, servicing the entire New England North West area. This may not be the panacea to solving all the ills of health care in our region, but the groundswell of support for the petition and the momentum it created, dictates this is the next inevitable step in bringing about the change so many people want to see.

I am also planning to bring further legislation to the Parliament in coming sitting weeks to relieve rural and regional NSW from the burden of payroll tax and to increase cost of living support for seniors living in country areas.





TIME TO START WORK ON MAJOR ROAD UPGRADES

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson has called on the NSW Labor government to commence work on two significant road projects in the Tamworth electorate.

The duplication of Goonoo Goonoo Road and safety upgrades to Port Stephens Cutting remain top priorities when it comes to road safety in our region.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said he had received confirmation that the projects would continue despite hundreds of major road upgrades in the state being placed on hold or under review. "The Goonoo Goonoo Road and Port Stephens Cutting Road projects are critical to the regional growth and economic development of the Tamworth electorate," Mr Anderson said. "That's why, under the former Coalition Government, I fought hard to secure the funding to get the projects locked in. Under Labor, road projects across the state have been cancelled, cut, and delayed and I did not want to see that happen to Goonoo Goonoo Road and Port Stephens Cutting, which is why I continued advocating hard to ensure these projects were retained as part of the government's reviews. I have received confirmation from the Regional Roads Minister that both projects are continuing, and the agreed 80-20 funding split between Federal and State Governments has been confirmed. This is great news because it means the millions of dollars allocated by the former Commonwealth and State Government's is on the table, ready to build the roads."

"The time for reviews and delays is over. It's time to get on with the job, and I've asked questions of the Minister seeking updated timelines for delivery. Port Stephens Cutting and Goonoo Goonoo Road are critical to the future of our region, and I'll continue fighting until the last of the bitumen is poured and the lines are marked.

I'm continuing to deliver the projects that are critical to the Tamworth electorate like the brand new Tamworth Ambulance Station, Rangari Road upgrade, Gunnedah Hospital redevelopment, a better Banksia Mental Health Unit, the Manilla Viaduct and more."

PUBLIC INVITED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ABOUT CROWN LAND MANAGEMENT

Crown land managers, community groups, Local Aboriginal Land Councils, native title groups, tenure holders, and members of the public are invited to have their say on a review of the legislation that governs the management and use of Crown land across the state.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is conducting a five-year statutory review of the *Crown Land Management Act (CLMA) 2016* and invites you to have your say. The review will determine how well the Act is working and identify reforms that could strengthen and improve it to better manage the Crown estate. It will consider if the Act has delivered as intended a modern, streamlined, and comprehensive framework to manage Crown land, and if its policy objectives and terms remain valid and appropriate.

The review is also a chance to consider if further reforms are needed to ensure the goals of the first state strategic plan for Crown land, *Crown Land 2031*, can be achieved. An important part of the review is seeking stakeholder feedback. From 7 February until 19 March 2024, interested parties are encouraged to visit <https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/> to review a discussion paper and make submissions.

Crown land is land that is managed by the NSW Government, or delegated Crown land managers, for the benefit of communities. Crown land provides space for a variety of uses including parks, sporting grounds, Scout and Girl Guide halls, surf clubs, cultural heritage sites, caravan parks and racecourses, as well as areas for business and grazing. It also plays a critical role in restoring and supporting the rights of Aboriginal people in NSW via Aboriginal land rights and native title interests.

Minister for Lands and Property Steve Kamper said "Crown land has never been more important to the people of NSW providing spaces for recreation, community groups and sporting organisations as well as environmental reserves to support native animals and plants," Mr Kamper said. "It also generates revenue, which is funnelled back into the community through initiatives such as fire trail upgrades, repairs and maintenance projects, and pest and weed control, among other projects. I urge anyone interested in the operation of the Act to have their say so we can make sure our Crown land works to benefit everyone."

A final report on the outcome of the review will be tabled in Parliament by 1 July 2024. For further information on the review and to have your say before 19 March visit www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/review



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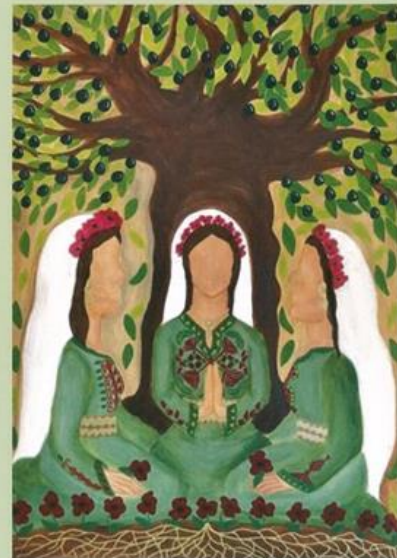
At *Barraba Community News* we welcome 'Letters to the Editor' expressing your opinion on any topic.

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.

The Barraba Waste Facility will be fully open again this Friday 16 February.

World Day of Prayer 2024

Palestine



Date & Time: 1st MARCH 2024

Location: THE SALVATION ARMY
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Sunday 18th February Service Time 10:45AM.

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The University of New England

The Hon Aileen MacDonald OAM MLC today called on the NSW Parliament to acknowledge The University of New England as the first Regional University in Australia. Ms MacDonald said it was entirely appropriate for the House to make an official recognition given the University celebrates its 70th Anniversary this month.

"I am so proud that this campus is in the part of Northern NSW which I represent," Ms MacDonald said. "It is such an achievement to be the first regional University in Australia after having been a college of the University of Sydney." Mrs MacDonald said the Platinum Jubilee also commemorates the ongoing influence of the first Vice Chancellor, Robert Madgwick and the first Chancellor Sir Earle Page.

"This University is the pride of the region. It's set on 74 hectares and features the original homestead, and combines heritage with modern academic, sporting, recreational and accommodation features," she said. "I wish to say happy birthday and may this great institution enjoy at least another 70 years of prosperous academic and community service," Ms MacDonald said.

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RECENT ANNIVERSARIES

The US Surgeon General Dr Luther Terry publishing a landmark report saying smoking caused lung cancer (1964)

The death of New Zealand mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary (2008)

Author JK Rowling completing the final Harry Potter book in an Edinburgh hotel room (2007)

The death of British crime novelist Agatha Christie (1976)

An earthquake in Haiti that killed more than 200,000 people (2010)

The first successful caesarean section operation (1794)

The establishment of the Reserve Bank of Australia (1960)

Henry VIII declaring himself head of the Church in England (1535), and Elizabeth I becoming Queen of England (1559)

The premiere of BBC's landmark nature series Life on Earth presented by David Attenborough (1979)

Captain James Cook coming across the Hawaiian Islands, which didn't end well... (1778)

The first group of ships from the First Fleet arriving in Botany Bay (1788)

The execution of the last king of France, King Louis XVI, during the French Revolution (1793)

Apple Computer Inc unveiling its revolutionary Macintosh personal computer (1984)

Antarctica being identified as a new continent by Charles Wilkes' American naval expedition (1840)

First confirmed case of COVID-19 in Australia, from a returning traveller from Wuhan, China (2020)

President of France Jacques Chirac announcing the "definite end" to France's nuclear testing program one day after the country exploded a nuclear device in the South Pacific (1996)

The Beatles performing their last live gig on a London rooftop (1969)

The WHO declaring COVID-19 as a public health emergency (but not yet a pandemic...) (2020)

The launch of Apollo 14, which went on to be the third successful human landing on the Moon (1971)

The Columbia Space Shuttle disaster killing all 7 astronauts aboard (2003)

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria killing more than 50,000 people (2023)

Mexican Chicken Tray Bake

From The Free Range Butcher



Chicken breast is a staple in every household. Create this simple dinner that the whole family will enjoy.

Ingredients:

- 1kg Chicken breast, diced
- red capsicum, sliced
- yellow capsicum, sliced
- red onion, diced
- 2 to 3 gloves garlic, minced
- chunk of ginger, grated
- 6 to 8 shallots
- 1/2 bunch coriander
- Mexican Spice Mix (double this recipe and use it all)
- To serve, tortillas, rice, salad, guacamole and garlic dip or sour cream

Method:

- Mix all your ingredients (except shallots and coriander) in a bowl and allow to marinated for 30 minutes or more.
- Pre-heat oven to 180 degrees.
- Place chicken ingredients into a roasting dish and spread it out flat so that it cooks evenly.
- Once your roasting dish is in the oven, set timer for 15 minutes and then stir your chicken dish. Spread it out flat again and roast for another 10 to 15 minutes, depending on your oven.
- Whilst your chicken is cooking, slice up your shallots and chop the coriander.
- Remove chicken from oven once cooked and sprinkle with shallots and coriander and place roasting dish on the table.
- Add your sides eg tortillas, guacamole etc and allow everyone to help themselves.
- Leftovers are great on rice or salad leaves as well.