



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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St Joseph's School Swimming Carnival



Nevaeh champion, Ruby and Grace equal runner up



Equal Champions Stella and Georgie with Myla runner up

*House Captains, Peter,
Joshua and Christina*



Champion Arley, Archie runner up



Champion Angus, Alfie runner up





On Sunday 25 February, NSW Ambulance tasked the Westpac Rescue Helicopter to Barraba to assist a man in his 70s suffering from a serious medical condition. The patient was treated at the scene before being airlifted to John Hunter Hospital in a serious but stable condition.



POSTPONEMENT OF BARRABA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEETING

The meeting scheduled for Friday 1st March has been postponed a week to Friday 8th March at 10am at the Day Centre. All welcome! Enquiries to Julie Williams (secretary) on 0412 603831.



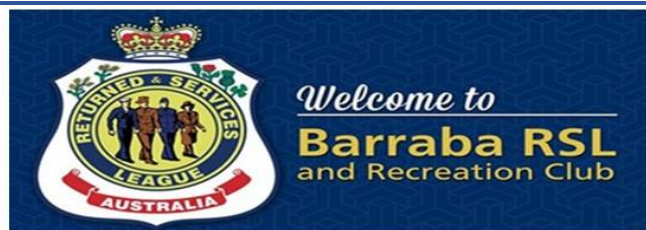
At The Playhouse Hotel

Open Saturday and Sunday

8am to 2pm

**Breakfast, morning tea, brunch
and lunch**

**To book or enquire please phone
Shelley on 0488192256**



BARRABA RSL & RECREATIONAL CLUB LTD

Phone 67821379

For the information of members and guests.

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 29th February

Bingo from 6pm

FRIDAY 1st March

MEAT RAFFLES

1st Draw 6.45pm

2nd Draw 7.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1100

Sunday 3rd March

Angler Club raffles from 1pm

Membership Draw \$1800

HAPPENING SOON

SUNDAY 10th MARCH CLUB AGM STARTING 11AM

BISTRO HOURS

Phone 0427330808

DINE IN OR TAKEAWAY

DAILY BLACKBOARD SPECIALS AVAILABLE

ALSO PIZZAS MADE TO ORDER

MONDAY: CLOSED

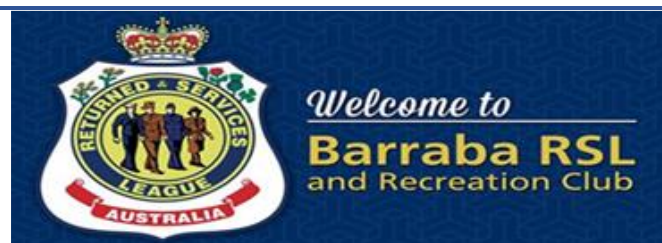
TUESDAY: CLOSED

WEDNESDAY: 12PM-2.00PM

THURS/FRI/SAT: LUNCH 12-2PM

DINNER FROM 6PM

SUNDAY: 12-2PM



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Of the Barraba RSL & Recreational Club Ltd

**To be held Sunday 10th March 2024 @ 11am
@ the clubhouse**

**FLAPPER & GANGSTER
NIGHT 16 MARCH**

*Funny Money Casino
Speakeasy Bar
Martinis and Gin Cocktails
Dance The Charleston From 8.30 pm
Dress Gatsby style!
Entry is FREE*



**Sell your unwanted
treasures at The Pub
on Sunday 3rd March
from 10.00 am. Don't
have a car boot? Just
BYO table, chair, rug!
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bargain?
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No Charge**

Commercial Hotel
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**Clearing Sale
A/C: Wahroonga Pastoral Company
(property sold)**

'Wahroonga'

4813 Killarney Gap Road Narrabri

Saturday, 2 March 2024, 11am

Ford 4000 tractor with ROPs and 3 pl; Morehouse post hole digger; 3pl bucket; ripper; blade for Ford 4000; New Holland hay rake; Class baler; New Holland baler; New Holland cutter bar; Harrows; Harrows on bar 12 ft; 14 run Shearer combine with small seed box; Silvan spray unit; 3pl fertiliser spreader; hay forks; auger. 4 inch x approx 6 mtr; Carryall; 3pl crane; slasher 6ft; heavy duty slasher; Dean tipping trailer 5 x 4; Toyota Hilux 2.4D running; Landrover SWB one owner running; Bertolini sprayer 400 litre Honda motor 160; fibre glass tank; International D1510 Truck going; ultra light aircraft; Holden Statesman VZR450 1997 reg till Apr 2024; Delta single phase woolpress; rabbit traps and setter; old tools and augers; Haynes and drums; approx 30 wooden sheep feeder troughs; old rake - horse drawn; horse draw bar on wheels; scoop; mulboard; tin bath; John Deere corn shucker in good order; steel wheel cart; Sunshine header operational; old gates; auger 6 inch; Chamberlain 1 way plough 14 disc; scarifier 17 tyne; 4 ute crates; qty steel posts; qty saddles and numerous tack; Cox ride on mower going; Stihl chainsaw ; Stihl Chainsaw; wedges & axe heads etc; files; Lister motor; bolts etc; qty bottles; shovels etc; spanners etc; oil and fuel pumps; Stihl post borer and bits; Atom post borer attachment; ute tray tool box; cane wool bin; firefighter and hoses; chains and rope; crowbars, sledges; hoes etc; dehorners, bolt cutters etc; ramps; pipe threaders, tap and die set, bag filler; air compressor; saws; drench guns and scales; handles wooden; Yamaha bike and spray tank etc; qty steel posts and wire; 150 kg tall ladder; small step ladder; John Deere Press Wheels etc. 1996 International Prime Mover with 60 series Cummins engine 400hp. New Steer tyres; 2.5 tonne grouper grain and super. 2008 Nissan patrol, 7 seats, automatic, dual battery system iDrive, upgraded intercooler, Rego Nov 2024.

<https://raywhitecoonabarabran.com.au/properties/clearing-sale/nsw/narrabri-2390/uncategorised/3028732>

DIRECTIONS: Follow Killarney Gap road approx. 50 km from Narrabri, 53 kms from Bingara, follow flags

TERMS: Cash or approved cheque on the day (NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE)

REGISTRATION: Buyer number, ID required

CATERING: Will be available

CONTACT: Danny White 0427 925 955

Ray White Korff & Co Coonabarabran

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March @ 4:00 pm
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(TRECC)

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History Notes

Show time is fast approaching with our society sorting a few photos for the pavilion, so go along and see if you can recognize yourself or perhaps your parents who took part in the various shows performed by Barraba residents in the middle to late last century.

I doubt if anyone can match Bill Rumsby's record attendance at the show, although there would be some who would come close. Many of the older generation worked on the same section in the pavilion year after year - you almost had to leave the district to retire!

I remember one of our elder stewards in the cooking section noting that one entry had seven pikelets on a "plate of six pikelets". She quickly ate one pikelet before the judge got to that class, and saved a disqualification!

There was always a lot of competition in sewing, knitting, jams and preserves with some competitors winning year after year while others worked to defeat these clever craftswomen. Champion photo was always a good local challenge as well.

Also, in the mid 1900's there was a professional photographer wandering around taking family photos and a few of these still exist - I wonder if anyone can produce one!! Presidents of the Barraba Show last century stayed in the position for their allotted time before handing over to their vice-president, who had probably held their position for the same time as their serving President. This was the era of Robert McDouall, Laurie White, and Rupert Richardson and, like Bill Rumsby, I remember them well. But, I have missed at least ten years of shows over that time. Does anyone remember one wet show when Rupert appeared in the pavilion, on the first morning of the show, covered in mud! Virginia to the rescue and he appeared a few hours later all cleaned up.

Time has changed our show and its exhibitions but we all need to support our hard-working show committee and come to see the 2024 show this weekend.

Returning to history, the meeting this week went well, with some discussion on activities for this year. All being well the markets will be back in March, so come along and have a chat and support our stall holders.

This weekend the Dean Room shelves are being renovated to make a more usable space for the family history files and society records. Hopefully it will be easier to find the correct file for family researchers.

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST COUNCIL NOMINATED EXPERT PANEL MEMBERS ON THE NORTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

Tamworth Regional Council is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from people interested in serving as Tamworth Regional Council's Expert Nominee on the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP).

The principal function of the NRPP is to determine regionally significant Development Applications (DAs) and undertake re-zoning reviews. The NRPP consists of five members. There are three state appointed members and council has the opportunity to nominate two further members and alternates.

Nominees should have a high level of expertise in at least one area of planning, architecture, heritage, the environment, urban design, land economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering, tourism etc to serve on the NRPP. They will need to demonstrate their suitability based on qualifications and experience in their field(s) and be satisfied that their professional activities will not give rise to a real or perceived conflict with their public duties on the NRPP.

Subject to Section 2.13 (3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, property developers or real estate agents are not eligible to be a member of regional planning panels.

The NRPP meets on an 'as needs' basis. Generally, five meetings could be expected in a 12-month period with an additional day of preparation.

Further information can be provided by Council's Strategic Planning Division on (02) 6767 5417 and information relating to the operation of the NRPP can be found on the NSW Planning Portal (www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/planningpanels).

EOIs can be submitted in one of three ways:

On Council's website - Expression of Interest - Nominee for Council Representatives on the Northern Regional Planning Panel | Tamworth Regional Council (nsw.gov.au)

Via email - trc@tamworth.nsw.gov.au

Via Post - The General Manager
Tamworth Regional Council
PO Box 555
Tamworth NSW 2340

All Expressions of Interest must be received by 5:00pm on Monday 25 March 2024

Council seeks State support for remediation

Tamworth Region Council is seeking financial assistance from the NSW Government as it weighs up options for the future of Ray Walsh House which was vacated by staff in 2022 after it was found to contain asbestos. Tamworth Region Mayor Russell Webb met with the Minister for Lands and Property, Stephen Kamper to discuss the issue.

NSW Public Works recommended a staged approach to the rehabilitation of the building and last year Council spent about \$1 million on the first stage. This included removing all materials from below ceiling height so that asbestos in the ceiling cavity remained intact, ensuring that during stage 2 there will be less contaminated waste. Stage two will involve removing the ceiling, stripping out of the asbestos-containing vermiculite insulation and then reinsulating the building. The preliminary estimate from NSW Public Works for this work is \$10 million.

The Mayor today explained that Council has taken the position that because the Ray Walsh House was bought from the State Government in the 1990s with no disclosure of the asbestos issue, the State should assist with funding to complete the second stage of works.

"I spoke with Premier Chris Minns about this when he was in Tamworth for the Bush Summit last year and he told Council to write to the Government with our request," he said. "We had the opportunity to meet with Minister Kamper on Wednesday last week and we will now be providing him with additional information to progress our request for financial assistance."

The Mayor said the Minister clearly understood Council was facing a multi-million dollar cost of completing the necessary remediation works. "When asbestos was discovered in the building we knew it would not be a quick fix," Cr Webb said. "Both Council and our community would like to see this resolved sooner rather than later but we also know we need to do it right."

The Mayor said a response from the Minister was not expected for "a couple of months" but Council will not be sitting on its hands in the meantime. "While we await a decision, Council will continue to investigate a number of options for the future of the site once the asbestos has been removed," he said.

"These options include everything from demolishing the building and rebuilding on the current site to retaining and refurbishing the existing building or selling the building and relocating the Council into new offices at some point in the future.

I would like to make it clear that the Council has not made any formal decision about the future of the building and has certainly not resolved to sell the building to any other entity.

All of the options being considered will come at a considerable cost and will be fully disclosed in an open Council report once these costs are more accurately determined."

21 February 2024

The Editor
Northern Daily Leader
27 Bourke Street
Tamworth NSW 2340
Via email: mail@northerndailyleader.com.au

Dear Editor

Proposed Sale of Council Car Park Kable Avenue and Ray Walsh House

The Tamworth Regional Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc (TRRRA) is a non-profit association whose charter is to represent to Tamworth Regional Council (TRC) and other government bodies on behalf of TRC residents on matters that affect their interests by any person, organisation, or government body.

The below comments are made as a matter of public interest to assist the Tamworth Regional Council in its decision making.

Ray Walsh House (RWH) has had \$2 million spent on removal of all the internal walls and floor coverings. We are told by a reliable informant that the asbestos lagging around the air conditioning above the false ceilings is still in place. We have also been told that all of the fittings in the Tamworth Regional Council (TRC) Chambers and meeting room on the fourth floor, many being historical artefacts, have been removed and disposed of as waste, as have all of the floor coverings throughout the building. Essentially the interior of RWH has been gutted. The source of the original asbestos issue does not appear to have been addressed.

The information released under freedom of information contains details of plans for refurbishment and remediation of RWH. Any amounts that contain estimates of costs have been redacted,

What emerges is a reckless disregard for the preservation of a major community asset valued at \$50 million and amortised to \$28 million in the TRC 2023 financial statements.

Rumours persist that RWH is to be sold to developers, possibly for demolition, along with the RWH carpark.

Recently it has also emerged that TRC is talking with CBD property owners about possible sale of their premises to TRC for redevelopment as Council Chambers, with building construction probably at a cost of around \$100 million.

It appears that none of the Councillors, at least at a formal level, have been notified of these discussions or proposals.

This is the same Council requesting a rate increase of approximately \$7 million in 2025/26 and \$14 million in 2026/27.

We now have some notion of how TRC will spend that money and how soon they will come back to the community for more rate rises.

The Councillors need to be much more active in holding the TRC bureaucracy to account.

Yours sincerely

Tamworth Regional Residents and Ratepayers Association

cc: Tamworth Regional Council

The above letter and the IPART information on the next page was supplied by Daphney Mandel-Hayes, Tamworth.



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**IPART - Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal**

7 Feb ·

The NSW Government has asked us to review and report on the financial model for councils across NSW.

We welcome your feedback on the key focus areas for this review:

- Visibility of councillors and the community over council performance.
- Current budget and financial processes and whether they are delivering value-for-money.
- Sustainability of the current funding model in supporting community needs.
- Financial capacity and capability of councils to meet current and future community needs.
- Improving planning and reporting systems to improve long term budget performance, transparency and accountability.



Visit our Have Your Say survey to share your thoughts on the draft Terms of Reference. <https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/local-government-tor>

You have until 15 March 2024 to participate in the survey and/or make a submission. We welcome feedback on the draft Terms of Reference from ratepayers, councils, councillors and the community.

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The 114th Barraba Show



SHOWJUMPING AND THE SIXBAR COMPETITION – on again!

There will be a full program of Showjumping at this year's Show – entries on the day. We missed listing the SIXBAR Competition in last week's published program.

Friday 1 March from 12 midday: Junior and lower height classes.

Saturday 2 March from 8.30 am: All heights and Championship events.

Saturday 2 March 4.30 pm: U18 and Open Six Bar Competition.

Showjumping is always exciting to watch – there is much skill in getting around the course without hitting any of the jumps. Perhaps most exciting is the SIX-BAR competition, this year with a prize pool of \$455.00. The SIX BAR will be the last event on Saturday afternoon, in front of the Grandstand. A real crowd pleaser for spectators at previous Shows; six jumps are lined up in a straight line along the racetrack. After each round the jumps are raised; a competitor who knocks one is eliminated. The competition continues until there is only one horse and rider left; we have a winner!

Definitely should not be missed; about 4.30 pm on Saturday 2 March!



Clearing the bar – Showjumping 2021 Barraba Show

Barraba Show 2024 – Competitions for fresh things from your garden

You can still enter flowers, vegetables and fruit growing in your garden in this year's Show competitions.

ENTRIES for:

Section 15: Farm and Garden Produce – take them to the Luncheon Pavilion at the Showground between **2pm and 4pm on Friday 1 March.**

Section 16: Cut Flowers – again, take them to the Luncheon Pavilion at the Showground between **2pm and 4pm on Friday 1 March.**

Many vegetable gardens around Barraba this time of year have all sorts of produce; tomatoes, pumpkin, corn, watermelon, zucchini, cucumbers, etc, etc. Before you eat it, pick it and put it in the Show. There are thirty-five different classes listed in the Schedule – it costs only \$1.00 to enter a class, and you might win a prize (and the bragging rights). And it all will be on display at the Show on Saturday and Sunday! Enquiries to the Chief Steward Mrs F Coombes 6782 1992.

And it is similar for the flower gardens, particularly after a warm and wet summer like we have just had. There are lots of different classes for Roses and for Dahlias, but there are also classes for lots of other flowers, and for pot plants. And again, it only costs \$1.00 to enter; more entries and there is a great display in the Luncheon Pavilion. Enquiries to the Chief Steward Patti Crowley 6782 1795.

All the Section and Class details, enquiry numbers, and the entry forms can be found on line in the Barraba Show Schedule on the website: www.barrabashow.com.au

YARD DOG TRAILS – Muster Dogs at work!



Competition starts **8 am Saturday 2 March**

All levels of Competition.

Yard Dog area – north-eastern side of the Showground. Keep left from the main gate.

World Day of Prayer 2024

Palestine



Date & Time: 1st March 2024

Location: THE SALVATION ARMY
QUEEN ST
BARRABA

Contact person: PH 6782174
ROYLENE CONNAY

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 3rd March Barraba all services return to
10:45am
All Welcome

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef 2nd Sunday of the month at 11.30am

Snippets from St Laurence's

Please take time on Friday morning to join us for the World Day of Prayer service at the Salvation Army. If you can't join us, at least spare a thought for all those living in that area. Who could have known five or six years ago when arrangements were started for this year's Day of Prayer, how great the needs of this area would be?

Our service in Barraba is at 10am. The speaker will be Major Tony Tomasso. Also, on Friday Men@Glen starts. This is a two-day gathering for men to learn from the Bible. Then, on 23rd March, St Laurence's will be hosts for the Barraba Bash, when young people from all over the diocese come together. In preparation for that there will be a working bee on Saturday 16th.

On top of all that, March is time to give your BCA Box to Lee for counting. Spend a moment to think about these words from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 4, verses 3 to 6: "Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Beth

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

On this road called LIFE
you have to take the good with
the bad.
Smile with the sad, love what
you've got and remember what
you had.
Always forgive, but never forget,
learn from your mistakes, but
never regret. People change.
Things go wrong. But just
remember, the ride goes on.

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow;
I am the diamond glints on the snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there; I did not die.

The 2 poems above submitted by Betty Graham



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2024 Barraba Show window display.

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THE 2024 BARRABA SHOW

Opens Friday 1 March at 12 noon

NEW THIS YEAR!!

MOTORBIKE BARREL RACES



Thrills and spills for all ages **from 6 pm!**

Followed by at **8pm** - Live music by

Vanessa Lea & Road Train



Junior Young Woman judging, Pavilion and Sideshows.

Bar Closes 11.45 pm

ON AGAIN THIS YEAR

All day Saturday 2 March from 7.30 am



8 am – 5 pm:
Sports Shearing
/Wool handling
national comp!

See the top
shearers and
wool handlers
battle to win!

Sat: Merinos

Sun: Xbreeds.

Meanwhile, the Horse, the Cattle, the Poultry events, The Pavilion beckons -

THEN - at 4.30 pm: SIXBAR comp



Great entertainment! As the jumps get higher, competitors are knocked out – the last horse to clear them all is the winner!

THEN – at 7 pm:

3 DAYS OF GREAT FUN!

Saturday evening at 7 pm – PRO
RODEO – with big prize money and all the top riders!



See all the action from the Grandstand, with Music and **Bar** open until **11.45pm**.

Final Day Sunday 7.30 to 3 pm

7.30: 2nd day of the battle of the **Sports Shearers** and **Wool Handlers** comp.

ALSO, more Horse events, Yard Dogs, and The Pavilion.

AND, the final event at 1.30 pm, the **Junior Dog and Pet Show** judging.

Great fun for all the young ones!

BONUS: During all the time the Show is running, the BARRABA CAMPDRAFT runs – Thursday afternoon until Sunday afternoon – great entertaining action.

SEE YOU AT THE BARRABA SHOW!