



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Barraba Branch of the United Hospital Auxiliaries of NSW Inc hosts New England Regional Forum at the Playhouse Hotel

If you thought there were more people and cars than usual in Barraba on Monday 18th March then you were right! Not only was it Ruby Mae Day, but the Barraba Hospital Auxiliary hosted the annual get together of the branches in the New England region. There were almost fifty visitors as well as eleven from Barraba, and over half of the twenty-one branches were represented at the forum. Visitors came from as far afield as Collarenebri, as well as Uralla, Bingara, Boggabri, Walcha, Inverell, Moree, Manilla, Narrabri, and Tamworth.

Locals and visitors were treated to very interesting presentations including from Sally Cronberger - State President of UHA, Kim and Nick Peake – Ruby Mae’s Wish, and Daniel Gillet – Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. Another highlight was the presentation of life membership of the UHA to Ellen Eather from Boggabri Branch.

and welcomed everyone on behalf of the local health services.



The group was honoured to have a moving presentation by Kim and Nick Peake about their daughter Ruby Mae on the occasion of her birthday.



UHA State President Sally Cronberger presents life membership to Ellen Eather from Boggabri



Attendees taking their seats in the Playhouse cinema.

Councillor Marc Sutherland welcomed the attendees to country and performed a song in the language of the Gomeri indigenous people whose land we were meeting on. He also welcomed us on behalf of the Mayor and Tamworth Regional Council. Sheredan Bonner led the singing of the National Anthem with a lovely rendition of “Advance Australia Fair”. Barraba Branch President Joan McCarthy did a fine job of chairing most of the proceedings. It was great that Cathy Stein, MPS Manager, also called in

Thank you to Cobbadah Flowers for the Life Member bouquet, Kylie Kitchenshop Catering for the spectacular lunch and morning tea, Fiona and the Playhouse team for organising the hospitality of the day. It was also pleasing to see a number of people carrying bags of goodies from Frocks and Locks, where I believe there was a discount for visitors.

Julie Williams (Secretary, Barraba Branch)



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For the information of members and guests.

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 28th March

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FRIDAY 29th March

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2nd Draw 7.30pm

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Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service



Results from Barraba Westpac Support Group

Easter raffle results

1st prize went to Lyn Forbes

2nd prize to John Hall

3rd prize to Trent Hardwick

A big thank you to everyone who supported us



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Succession Act 2006 s.93, Probate and Administration Act 1898 s 92 and Trustee Act 1925 s 60.

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Health Careers forum

On Tuesday a group of Year 10 and 11 students participated in the University of Newcastle Health Careers Forum at the UON Rural Health Education Centre in Tamworth.

The students were given an overview of the range of health careers that can be covered through training at the University with the areas including Occupational therapy, Physiotherapy, Psychology, Nursing and Midwifery, Medicine, Pharmacy, Nutrition and Medical Imagery. Students then got to break up into groups to learn more in depth about chosen areas and pathways to study in that field.

It was a great opportunity for the students and gave them plenty to think about in terms of possible career pathways in the high needs area of Health.

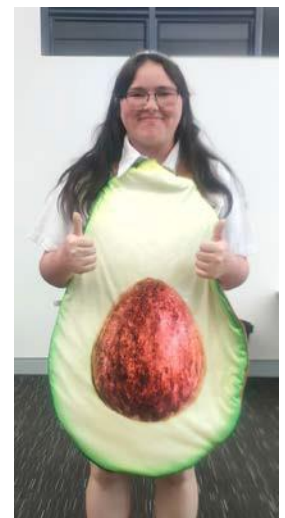
What are you reading?

This week Mrs Bell gives us the inside scoop on the best books to read!

What is the name of the book you are reading now? - The Great Hunt which is the second of a fourteen book series.

What is it about? - some rare items were stolen at the start of the book and it follows a group of people who are tracking them across a fantasy country to retrieve them.

What is your favourite genre to read? - science fiction, fantasy or murder mysteries



Real Schools Program

This term the staff at Barraba Central School have started the Real Schools program. The program is about building the school culture around a restorative practice model with everyone taking responsibility for their actions. On Monday afternoon our staff spent a few hours in a workshop learning how to put this into practice in our day to day.

If you could pick one book to read again for the first time, what would it be? - Elantris by Brandon Sanderson. it is a stand-alone fantasy which has an excellent plot.

How many books have you read this year so far? - over a dozen. I've lost count of the exact number.

What do you love about reading? - I love the fact that it takes me into an imaginary world where problems are being solved. It is an escape from the busyness of everything in this world. It is my way of relaxing and I always read at least a little every day.





Kindness/Ruby Mae Day



On Monday 18/3/24 The children wore purple in recognition of Ruby Mae Day. The morning started with the children making cards and decorating activity books for the 3/4/5/6 children to take to Richardson House and the Hospital. After recess the children walked to the hospital and Richardson House to deliver these items. The focus of the day was being kind to others and showing random acts of kindness.



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YET, YOU CAN TIPTOE BUT NOT TIPFINGER .	

Barraba Show 2024 News

The Barraba Show 2024 Flower Lucky Entrant Draw was won by Bridgett McDouall.

Thank you to Heemskerks Nursery who donated the voucher.

Looking forward to seeing a flower display again from Bridgett next year.

Barraba Show 2024 Children's Colouring

The display in the Luncheon Pavilion looked amazing, it was so colourful and was extremely hard to choose winners.

Thank you to all the children who participated and to Lyn Forbes for being our major sponsor.

The winners were:

Pre-School	1st Emma S	2nd Isabella R	3rd Elise H
Infants	1st Elkie W	2nd Lexie D	3rd Ellie Jobson
Year 3 & 4	1st Myla B	2nd Annabell	3rd Destiny M
Year 5 & 6	1st William F	2nd Mylee G	3rd Ali C

At a certain point in your life, sitting at home alone watching TV on a Friday night goes from being super depressing to the most enjoyable part of your week.



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History Notes

As a number of readers would know, members of the historical society gather at the museum on Friday mornings to chat with each other about questions they have received, look up enquiries, and discuss how best to show various items. Last Friday the discussion flowed along to poetry.

Many of our ancestors wrote/recited poetry concerning things that had happened to them or others they knew. Great grandfather was one of these poets - he converted cricket matches into poetry, using nicknames, sometimes not very complimentary, about players! I can think of at least one that is not suitable for publication even a century later!

He also wrote the well known verses about his sons playing tennis on a tour around New England pre World War 1, and even illustrated the page. This poem has been photo-copied several times.

One of the best known poems is about Kennedy's pigs at Cobbadah - a well known local poem - the pigs were getting into the publican's vegetable garden and various ideas, as to how to remove them were brought forward!!

Then we have the poems such as the building of the cattle shed at the show ground and another written by a bank manager's wife about the lady golfers. A poetry book was published by a group of poets about 1988 and I do have a copy of that which is a good one especially as most of the poets are no longer with us. They were a very clever group.

Another wonderful poet was Ken Baker who published two lively books in the 1980's. His books were very popular and the proceeds assisted Richardson House but I suspect there are still a few copies around Barraba.

Another source of local poetry is an autograph book which often has a short verse devoted to a friend – incidentally, I wonder how many autograph books are around today! They may have fallen victim to our modern age of machines!

Anyway, we are hoping to have a poetry reading in the future, possibly on a Friday morning, depending on the numbers that are submitted.

Finally, I have a quote from a 1930's Barraba paper-

Four Scotsmen entered a cafe. One ordered a cup of coffee and three saucers!

Back to history next week!



Senior Citizens News

Hi Everyone

Our My Aged Care information morning was well attended. Our guest, Julie Tremayne gave a very interesting talk, with quite a few questions being asked and answered. Morning tea was much appreciated. Well done girls.

The meeting on Friday was also well attended. High on the agenda was our holiday. The date set is – 19 August to 24th August. We will be heading off to Dubbo with a 7am departure, returning home on the 24th. We have an outline of a plan; the main feature seems to be the Taronga Western Plains Zoo. I am in the final stages of sussing out accommodation and entry fees. At the meeting we decided on a deposit of \$100 – NON-REFUNDABLE. Whatever the full cost is, I will be able to say after Easter. Only 22 seats are available, so, first in gets a seat. So, folks have a think about it. Of course, this trip is open for everyone, a full bus will help to keep costs down. A tip for those who would like to go – if you have a Seniors Card, that will be very handy, if you have not got one, may I suggest that you obtain one. To let me know, my phone number is 0429821158.

Housie and handicrafts are zooming along. The earlier start has not deterred any of the regulars. Members and supporters, please keep in mind our street stall on the 10th of May.

Our Easter Raffle brought in a nice return. Winners' names are elsewhere in the paper. A big thank you to all who purchased tickets.

This is all for now, so with a "get well soon", to those on the sick list, and a safe and happy Easter wish to all. Stay well and stay safe.

Cheers to all

Judy Brady

Senior Citz Easter Comp Results

- 1st - ? Baldwin
- 2nd – Brian Belcher
- 3rd – G Darlington
- 4th – Carol ?



FREEMASONS NSW & ACT

Lorna Milgate Scholarship - Preliminary Nominations 2024

Freemasonry in NSW & ACT is very fortunate, through the Lorna Milgate Scholarship Trust, to continue to benefit young people by bringing tertiary education within the reach of those who may otherwise have been denied such an opportunity. These young people have been represented at many Universities and TAFE Colleges and have graduated in a wide range of disciplines including Agriculture, Business, Nursing, Teaching, Engineering, Speech Therapy, Marine Science, IT, Plumbing and Vehicle Mechanics to name just a few.

Over the years there have been in excess of one hundred Students who have benefitted from the foresight and generosity associated with the Trust.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge Trustees, we, Lodge St. Andrews Manilla are pleased to invite suitably qualified students for the Lorna Milgate Scholarship Awards - 2024.

Preliminary Nominations close 17th May, 2024.

Each nominee must be:

- an Australian citizen;
- a resident of New South Wales or the Australian Capital Territory;
- of suitable academic standing;
- attending a recognised institution of tertiary education;
- in need of financial assistance to assist in pursuing the course.

Please note that if an application that does not meet all of these requirements it may still be considered.

Initial scholarships will be awarded to students who have successfully completed the first semester at an Australian University, TAFE College or other approved tertiary institution.

For more information and how to apply, please contact members of Lodge St. Andrews, Secretary David Jones at Manilla motors, Bryan Barrass Barraba, Jade Norman or any other member of Lodge St. Andrews Manilla.

Following a preliminary interview, the applicant will be contacted directly and invited to make a formal application to the Trustees.



Parliament must pass vaping legislation to protect young Australians

The AMA welcomes the introduction of draft laws into Parliament today that will tackle the dangerous and growing habit of vaping and protect younger generations.

AMA President Professor Steve Robson urged all MPs to support the legislation, which includes a ban on the domestic manufacture, supply, advertising and commercial possession of non-therapeutic vapes. "The significant rise of vapes in recent years is a catastrophic health concern, with children becoming addicted to nicotine and many young Australians moving on to cigarettes after vaping," Professor Robson said. "This is a national health crisis that must be stopped in its tracks, and the only way to do that is to stop the retail sale of vapes and give people the help they need to kick this dangerous habit by moving to a prescription only model. The federal government should make absolutely no apology with their tough but necessary legislation to be introduced today, and we call on federal parliament to support these changes."

The AMA has long advocated for restrictions on vaping, especially as more evidence emerges about the serious health risks linked to vapes. Substances commonly found in these products include diacetyl, which damages small passageways in the lungs, formaldehyde, which is known to contribute to lung and heart diseases, and acrolein, which is often used as a weed killer. There is also strong evidence to show young people who vape are three times more likely to go on to take up smoking.

"Big tobacco profits from the misery of others and uses every trick in the book to hook young kids on vapes," Professor Robson said. "Fruity flavours, bright packaging, false claims that vapes are nicotine free and vaping shopfronts within walking distances of schools are all within big tobacco's arsenal of tricks. This is marketing sleight of hand at its absolute worst, and these shady tobacco companies won't stop unless stringent legislation is put in place to prevent vaping from escalating into the next cigarette and smoking crisis."



What is Easter really about?

For many people, Easter is all about chocolate, bunnies and enjoying a long weekend. But for Christians, Easter is about something so much bigger than all of that. In the Gospel of Mark in the Bible, we see that Easter involves two big ideas: judgement and mercy.

As Jesus hangs on the cross on that very first Easter, we read that darkness overtook the land. Imagine if at 12pm today, all of Barraba just went dark! It would be a pretty crazy thing to witness! You'd know something big was happening.

Darkness is a symbol of God's judgement all throughout the Bible and so God sending darkness over the land is him saying to the people - judgement has come. But where is the judgement at that moment?

Well, it is on Jesus as he dies on the cross. Jesus calls out to God: **"why have you forsaken me"**. Jesus asks God why he has abandoned him. Jesus in this moment is living out the judgement of God as he is separated from him.

Why is separation from God judgement? Well right from the very beginning of the world, humanity has rejected their creator God. In the garden of Eden, the famous story of Adam and Eve, the very first humans rebel against God by disobeying him. They choose to follow their own desires instead of listening to God. That is what the Bible calls sin.

And so, when Adam and Eve rebel against God, their punishment is getting removed from the garden, removed from being with their God, and ultimately their punishment is death and eternal separation from God.

That is what sin brings, separation from God. That is the judgement we all deserve and all face for our rebellion of God.

And there on the cross, as Jesus dies, he takes that judgement on himself. Even though he never sinned, he takes the penalty of sin in our place, and is separated from God. That is the judgement that Easter is all about.

But as Jesus takes that judgement on himself instead of us, we see the other big meaning of Easter, that is, God's mercy.

Mark 15:37-38 says: **With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.**

In the Jewish temple, there were different sections where different groups of people were allowed to go. And in the very

centre was an area called the holy of holies. This part of the temple was where the very presence of God resided. And the only one who could enter that area was the high priest once a year to offer a sacrifice for the people's sin. And separating this area from the main area of the temple was a big curtain. The idea was that sin separated the people from God, you couldn't just walk up to God, because he is perfect, and you are not. The curtain was a reminder of this separation.

And as Jesus dies, the curtain miraculously splits in two. Why? Because the problem of separation had been solved. Jesus became separated from God so that you don't need to be.

As the curtain splits, God is saying to the world - come in, come into eternal life with me! That's what Easter is all about.

And so now, the person who owns up to their sin and asks God for forgiveness, whoever they are, and whatever they have done, will find themselves walking into the family of God, will find themselves no longer facing judgement but instead inheriting eternal life.

If you want to know more about this good news, then please join us at Barraba Anglican church this Easter, we'd love to see you there!

Matthew Hearne,
Minister of Barraba Anglican.

A poster for Easter at Barraba Anglican Church. The background is a dark silhouette of a hill with a large cross on top, set against a sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The text is white and orange. The main title is 'EASTER AT BARRABA' in large white letters, with 'Anglican Church' in a cursive orange font below it. The event details are listed in white: 'GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29TH 10AM BARRABA ANGLICAN CHURCH' and 'EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31ST 10AM BARRABA ANGLICAN CHURCH'. At the bottom, it says 'ALL WELCOME FOR A FREE BBQ LUNCH AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY'. There are small white crosses scattered on the right side of the poster.

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BARRABA**
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ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef 2nd Sunday of the month at 11.30am

Bereen: Easter Sunday 5pm, bring a plate to share

St John's Catholic Church Easter Services:



Holy Thursday - Mass 5.00pm

Good Friday - Stations Of The Cross 10.00am

Easter Sunday - Mass 9.00am

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH EASTER SERVICES

Friday 29th March Good Friday

Service at 10:30AM

Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday

Service at 10:45AM

All April Services at 10:45AM

ALL WELCOME

Uniting Church in Australia Easter Message - 2024

Where will you pitch your tent this Easter?

Easter is a popular time for camping and holidaying. We enjoy the time away from the busyness of work and study, taking a few short days for a break. However, the quality of that time often depends on where you pitch your tent and who you pitch it with.

Theologian and poet B.D. Prewer in his poem "Great Divide" challenges us to consider which side of Easter we make our camp.

He suggests it is easy to see smart people and those regarded as fools spend a lot of time on the wrong side of Easter. There

are also many good people and many corrupt people who become bogged down by trying to camp on the wrong side of Easter. Even leaders and followers, God-fearers and godless, join those, and die with those who live in darkness and cold on the wrong side of Easter.

Sadly, there are only a few, many with small faith who have found life and found life abundantly as they camp among those on the right side of Easter.

For Easter is not just about time away, a break from the everyday things of life. Easter is the celebration of the everyday things of life if they are from the heart filled with love and respect for all others. Easter is the celebration of one person's actions which sets believers free from fear. The right side of Easter invites each of us to stop and consider what is important in life.

Can we achieve it through our own strength?

Easter is the fulfilment of God's saving grace found in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which we celebrate at the time called Easter.

Rev Jim Furze.

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Tony John Chester

In loving memory of our dear
son and brother, Tony.

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And another year passes by,

The loss we felt when you left us,

Has never gone away.

Only we, who knew and loved you,

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But precious memories of your loving
ways, will be with us forever.

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Dad, Mum and Craig.

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NSW Government to begin public consultations on Compulsory Land Acquisitions review

The NSW Government has begun public consultation on their review into improving compulsory land acquisition processes for communities impacted by state infrastructure or other public projects, delivering on a key election commitment.

In-person public consultation sessions will take place in Nowra, Singleton, Dubbo, Coffs Harbour, Armidale, Parramatta and Wagga Wagga, with two online sessions also scheduled to take place in April.

The Land Acquisition Review is considering a whole of government approach to acquisitions, including processes undertaken by agencies when acquiring land, roles and responsibilities, and how best to ensure consistent acquisitions under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

The review will consider potential legislative changes and improvements to acquisition processes to strike the right balance between the rights of landowners and the benefits of essential public infrastructure such as trains, roads and renewable energy projects.

Some of the key themes raised in the review's discussion paper include improved consistency in government processes, measures to ensure genuine negotiations and outcomes, better coordination of multiagency acquisitions, clarifying certain compensation provisions, and potential legislative amendments to clarify requirements.

The Land acquisition review, led by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, follows a joint parliamentary inquiry into land acquisition for major transport projects.

Community consultations are occurring between 22 March and 3 May 2024. The NSW Government encourage all interested stakeholders to respond to the discussion paper and provide suggestions for improvements.

Further information on the review, its discussion paper and how to make submissions are at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/land-acquisition-review

Minister for Lands and Property Steve Kamper said:

“Compulsory acquisitions are necessary at times to allow state infrastructure and other public projects to proceed for the benefit of the wider community, such as schools, roads, water and electricity infrastructure projects. However, there are opportunities to improve processes which are being explored by this review to help landowners negotiate more effectively on their compensation. We want to put people in the best position to understand their legal rights and ensure there are consistent and transparent acquisition processes across government.”

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES

Russia annexing the Crimean Peninsula (2014)

The fifth and final member - Patrick Willmott - was found guilty of Plutus Payroll's \$105 million tax fraud, the largest tax fraud case in Australia (2023)

The US confirming its troops used chemical warfare against the Vietcong (1965)

A terror attack on London's Westminster Bridge and Houses of Parliament, which killed 4 people (2017)

The 1st recorded use of "OK" [oll korrekt] in the Boston Morning Post (1839)

The Battle of Okinawa, the largest battle of the Pacific War in World War II (1945)

Syria declaring the last Islamic State-controlled territory had been retaken (2019)

Federal Parliament overturning the world's first euthanasia law that was passed in the Northern Territory (1997)

The Aussie cricket ball-tampering scandal in Cape Town (2018)

The first Easter, according to calendar maker Dionysius Exiguus (31)

The abolition of the slave trade throughout the British Empire (1807)

The death of Beethoven (1827)

Boris Yeltsin becoming Russia's first President (1989)

The Schengen Treaty taking effect (1995)

Barraba Courthouse from the Historical Society Museum files

(scanned by Adrian Hagan)



Central Hotel, Post Office and the front of the Courthouse circa 1897.

The Central Hotel was single story at that time and the Post Office in the original form.



Court Day at the Courthouse in 1903. A big crowd waiting. A lot of these may have been mining leases and similar needs.



The Courthouse in the Heritage colours it was given during the Queen St. beautification.

Posted by Brian Coote.