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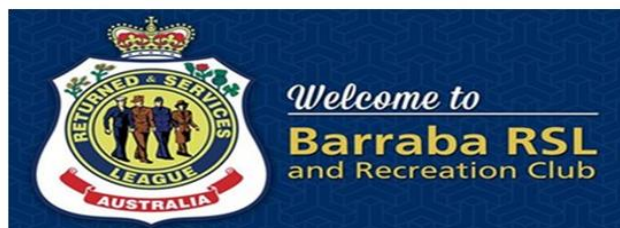
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The Barraba and Potters Craft Guild has cancelled the planned street stall on the 24th May and encourage everyone to support the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea which is on that week.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Any information regarding very loud dirt bike near hospital/nursing home.

\$500 reward. 0456495300

If you have a new business or an existing business with a new product or service we can offer you free advertising, for a month, to help get your message out to the wider community.

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Farm business management advice on offer for local farmers

Farm business management is often overlooked when it comes to advice available to primary producers, but the decisions made in the farm office are often more important than those made in the paddock. North West Local Land Services will be hosting multiple workshops and webinars during May and June for producers in the North West looking to create efficiencies and expand their skillset when it comes to farm planning, budgets and business decision making.

A suite of industry professionals will cover essential concepts including tracking farm performance, 90 day planning, budgets and forecasts, approaching conversations with the bank, managing staff, Work Health & Safety requirements, livestock trading and optimising farm business administration processes.

Face to face 'Farm Office Plus' workshops will be held in Croppa Creek and Manilla, hosted by Carmen Quade of AgriFocused, and a 6 week 'Business Resilience' webinar series will be available for farmers to tune from their own farm offices to hear presentations from a number of agricultural finance experts.

Naomi Hobson, Acting Team Leader Land Services Ag Extension at North West Local Land Services said that North West Local Land Services has previously focused on providing technical production advice, but the team is now looking at a whole farm approach.

"These events were developed in response to producer feedback, and I'm pleased that have been able to organise such a fantastic line up of farm finance experts to help producers expand their existing skills in this area", she said.

"At the end of the day, farmers are business owners, and while the industry faces unique challenges, it is essential that producers have strong business acumen and a solid administrative skillset if they are to be really successful", said Ms Hobson.

The workshops and online webinars are available to all landholders based in the North West region. Further details and links to register can be found on the North West Local Land Services website at <https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/north-west/events>



Barraba High Country Music Musta

Sunday 12th May 2024.
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Barraba Bowling Club

Happy Mother's Day



NOMINATE A VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Nominations have now opened for the 2024 NSW Volunteer of the Year awards which celebrate the hard work and dedication that goes into the community.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said volunteers were the backbone of so many community groups, organisations and initiatives.

"Volunteers contribute \$178 billion to the NSW economy, and I know here locally, our community just wouldn't work without the hard work and dedication of volunteers," Mr Anderson said.

"I've said many times that volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and that is particularly true in the Tamworth electorate. From our show committees to our Lions clubs, our emergency services and our hospital auxiliaries, there are those in our communities who work day and night to make our part of the world a better place to live. If you know someone who deserves to be recognised as part of the 2024 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards, I encourage you to get your nomination in now!"

The NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards are an annual program aimed at recognising the incredible dedication, effort and community service of our state's volunteers, volunteer leaders and volunteer teams.

Nominations for the 2024 awards opened today and close on 14 June 2024. There are eight categories of awards including Adult Volunteer of the Year, Young Volunteer of the Year, Senior Volunteer of the Year, and more.

For more information, visit the The Centre of Volunteering website at

<https://www.volunteering.com.au/awards/about-the-awards/>



History Notes

Market week again this week- details in the advertisement- our society has had a clean-out in the shed so there will be more than books and coffee on the stall this week.

As the weather cools there are more enquiries coming in. This week we have a difficult request for history of motor cycling at the showground from the mid 1920's to the mid 1930's. To begin with the Golf Club was at the showground for some of those years - perhaps they meant the Recreation Ground (near the bridge!)

The request comes from Allan Baker who notes the Barraba Championships were held in April 1925 and were won by an AJS motorcycle - in fact this type of motorcycle won all the events that year!

In 1933 a handicap event and a championship event for motorcycles were included in the program on Easter Saturday. A scratch race over 3 miles was won by the narrow margin of ½ a wheel!! The winner was Barraba's R. Hagan (probably Roy Hagan).

The 1934 motorcycle show started in fine weather and was opened by Captain F. A. Chaffey, in the presence of the Minister for Lands, Hon. S. W. Moore. Unfortunately, the weather intervened and there were no results due to heavy rain.

Allan Baker would like to know more about this motorcycle club and is especially interested in any photos that might be in the Barraba area. We are always at the museum on Friday and Saturday mornings and would be very happy to see anyone with more information. We can copy photos and cuttings and get them back to you if necessary.

Another enquiry this week concerned a member of the Russell family who served in the first World War with the 33rd Battalion. His baptism was easily found together with the name of his adoptive mother and hopefully his family are happy with our reply. He did not return to Barraba to live after the war.



Nandewar Historical Society Mother's Day Market

Saturday 11th May 2024. 8.30-noon

Homemade/handmade gift ideas plants, cakes, biscuits, honey, sewing, novelties, 2nd hand books.

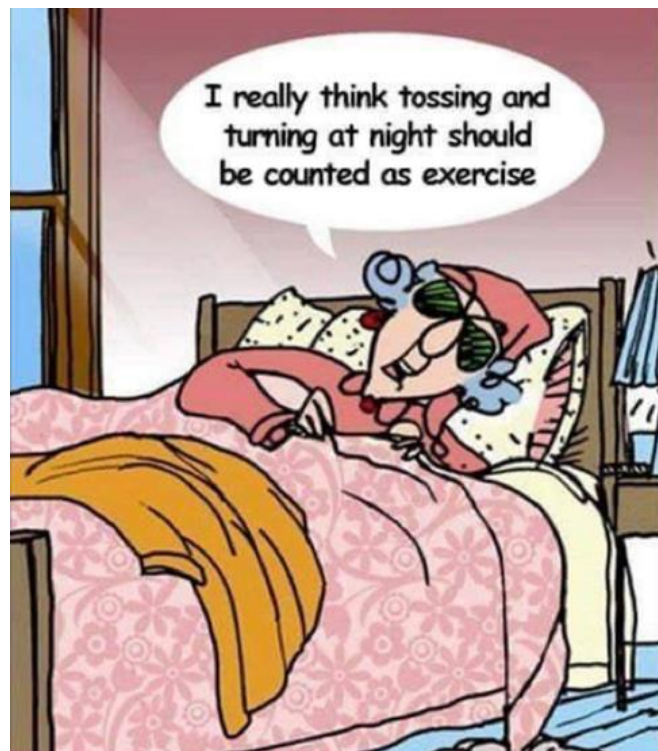


Senior Citz Street Stall

Will be held on Friday 10th May

Donation of saleable goods would be greatly appreciated.

J Brady (Hon Sec)



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1. What is the logo of all-inclusive holiday operator, Club Med?
2. What country are you in if you are eating Penclawdd cockles and laverbread in the Worm's Head Hotel by Rhossili Bay?
3. Built by Rajput ruler Rao Iodha in the 15th-Century, and cursed by a hermit they removed to build it, spectacular Mehrangarh Fort sits on a hill overlooking what Indian city?
4. "Taking care of business" was the motto and band name of which US performer?
5. Luzon and Mindanao are the two most populated islands of which country?
6. Stanley Kubrick's 1971 film *A Clockwork Orange* was adapted from a 1962 novel by whom?



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Community art to hang with nation's best

A number of Tamworth Regional Gallery portraits will be going on display this week, when Archibald Prize 2023 comes to Tamworth.

Amongst the Gallery portraits on display, will be the portrait of the late Aunty Yvonne Kent, acquired by the Tamworth Regional Council at the end of 2023.

Tamworth Regional Council Director Art Gallery and Museums Bridget Guthrie said she hoped many would take the opportunity to view the portrait of the highly respected local Elder.

"This artwork is a collaborative project with community and has involved many community members including Aunty Yvonne's family members".

Locals were invited to contribute a brush stroke to the community art portrait which was facilitated through Tamworth Pioneers Portrait Leadership Development Program project, led by the board of Regional Unlimited, with support of Tamworth Family Support Services and Tamworth Regional Council.

"What better way to showcase the importance of this artwork, and how the community came together to create it, than hanging it alongside some of the most prestigious artworks from across the nation as part of the Archibald Prize 2023 Tour".

Aunty Yvonne Kent was a Kamilaroi Elder with many accomplishments including helping to establish the Tamworth Regional Council Aboriginal Liaison Committee, was a former Chair of the Tamworth Local Aboriginal Land Council, 2018 Local Woman of the Year and was involved in many other community groups.

Deb Maes, Chair of Regional Unlimited said "We are deeply honoured to see Aunty Yvonne Kent's portrait take its place among the esteemed artworks at the Tamworth Regional Gallery. This portrait is not just a depiction; it's a testament to the strength of community collaboration and the enduring legacy of Aunty Yvonne's leadership."

The portrait is being installed on Monday 6 May, 2024 and will be on display until Sunday 23 June, 2024.

Tamworth Scottish Ceilidh. 18 May @ Paceway

Tamworth Showground Rd, Tamworth

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm



WHAT IS A CEILIDH?

Originally the word Ceilidh (kay-lee) descended from the Gaelic word for 'gathering' or 'party'... However, these days when people think of a Ceilidh, they think of a fun filled night of wild dancing, good music and great company!

Join The NSW Highlanders Pipe Band and the Tamworth Pipe Band for an evening of Scottish fare, Pipe Bands, Scottish music and dance, 3 course traditional Scottish dinner, sing-a-long with fun and games and of course come and sample the Haggis. Bar onsite.

The NSW Highlanders are raising funds to assist their tilt at the Pipe bands World Championship in Glasgow this year. Kilt up and join the Fun.

Smokin' new event for the Capital of Country

The Tamworth Region is set for a smoking September thanks to the Tamworth Barbeque Festival. The new event will run across the last weekend in September, Friday 27 September until Sunday 29 September at the Riverside Sporting Complex on Carter Street.

The festival will offer three days of American-style low and slow barbeque-related food and market stalls, smoker demonstrations, the National Thunder Motorcycle Rally and live music.

Tamworth Regional Council Events Officer Mel Millstead said the event was shaping up to be a great celebration for the Tamworth Region. "We're inviting locals and visitors alike to enjoy a beautiful spring weekend in the Capital of Country with the barbeque competition, motorcycle rides and over 20 hours of live music. The festival will also feature food vans and a wide variety of trade sites selling items for the barbeque and bike enthusiast."

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The family-friendly weekend will be one for the senses as the rich smoky aroma of 40 low and slow cooks from around the country battle it out for a share in \$19,000 in cash and prizes as part of the Australian Barbecue Alliance competition. We're excited to welcome some of the biggest barbecue enthusiasts to Tamworth. It's a huge national competition and will make a lot of people around town very hungry, I'm sure!"

Three-day passes will be available for the whole weekend at \$65, or day passes for \$25 Friday, \$35 Saturday and \$15 Sunday. Children under 16 are free all weekend.

To find out more and to purchase tickets visit www.tamworthbbqfestival.com.au.

Here is an overview of the outcomes from Thursday 2nd May 2024 Youth Council meeting:

- The Youth Council would like to thank Totem Skateboarding and Tamworth Regional Council for their support of 2024 Youth Week events. The skateboarding workshop held at Viaduct Park was engaging and fun for all participants. The Youthie Open Day attracted over one hundred youth to participate in activities and conversations surrounding youth wellbeing. Youth Councillors were thankful of the bus service that was offered to youth in Manilla and Barraba.
- The Youth Councillors discussed their yearly priorities from Tamworth Regional Council's Youth Strategy Action Plan. The five key focus areas of the Strategy are *Life Ready, Wellbeing, Access and Connectivity, Community, and Identity*. Sitting within existing Council strategies, Active Transport was raised as an important topic for both young and old in our community, particularly accommodating bikes and e-scooters, and access to safer crossings. The second passion project raised was Future Pathways, which falls into a number of focus areas of the Strategy. The possibility of a one-stop-shop for all things life after school, either a physical location or a digital one was important to all members. Youth Councillors would like to meet with relevant Council staff, as well as the Business Community to discuss their approach to achieving these goals.
- At the next meeting to be held on 30 May 2024, the Youth Council will consider participation in NAIDOC Family Fun Day, NAIDOC Touch Footy competition and MiriIdhuul Creations Art workshop all to be held in July. There was also a request for outreach programs during

the Winter School Holiday Program in outlying areas such as Barraba, Manilla and Nundle. Council's Youth Services team will be discussing with libraries, gallery and customer service on what may be incorporated into the program. Details about the program of events will be released in June on Tamworth Regional Council's website.

Answers for the Trivia Wednesday quiz

1. Trident
2. Wales (Swansea)
3. Jodhpur
4. Elvis Presley
5. The Philippines
6. Anthony Burgess

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

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BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 11th May

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CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday evening Mass 5pm
All other Sundays 9am

Letters to the Editor

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.

Mr Squiggle, the man from the moon, has landed at the National Museum of Australia!

The beloved children's television puppet Mr Squiggle, and his friends Blackboard, Rocket, Bill Steamshovel and Gus the Snail, have landed in Canberra after being acquired by the National Museum of Australia.

With a pencil for a nose, Mr Squiggle delighted generations of children with his impromptu drawings and cheerful banter. The original Mr Squiggle marionette and more than 800 related objects, including fellow puppets, artworks, scripts, costumes, props, sets, production notes, merchandise and audio-visual material, have joined the National Historical Collection 65 years after first debuting on Australian television.



The extraordinary collection captures the life's work of Norman Hetherington, master puppeteer, cartoonist, artist and performer who was the genius and the voice behind the characters who featured in Mr Squiggle and Friends.

Katherine McMahon, Director of the National Museum, expressed her own excitement at the arrival of the collection. "Mr Squiggle was a feature of my childhood and I, along with generations of Australian children, was enchanted and inspired to draw by Mr Squiggle, who starred in one of the nation's longest running and most beloved television series," Ms McMahon said. "We can't wait to share the collection with Australia and give grandparents and parents the opportunity to revisit their childhoods and share their memories with today's little ones."

Ms McMahon paid tribute to Mr Hetherington's daughter, known to many Australians as 'Miss Rebecca'. Ms Hetherington was the last presenter of the show and led the decision to establish the Norman Hetherington collection at the National Museum.

"We are grateful and humbled by Rebecca Hetherington's decision to entrust this treasured collection to the care of the National Museum. The acquisition will become a

highlight of the National Historical Collection and will be cherished by us and the rest of the country," Ms McMahon said.

Rebecca Hetherington said, "I'm so happy that my father's collection has found a home at the National Museum of Australia so that it can stay together and retain its character and significance. My father was one of a kind. He combined unceasing artistic energy and creativity with technical ingenuity, an amazing work ethic, whimsy, kindness, humour and a wonderful imagination."

Dr Sophie Jensen, Senior Curator at the National Museum, who worked with Ms Hetherington over several years to bring this collection together, welcomed the acquisition. "The Norman Hetherington collection is an extremely significant addition to the National Historical Collection. The range of the collection items offers a fascinating glimpse into one of the most original and creative minds our country has produced. Norman Hetherington delighted and inspired generations of Australians. The richness, diversity and magic of this collection is a direct reflection of Hetherington's particular genius," Dr Jensen said. "We are looking forward to bringing all of this to light as we research and document the collection and make it available for everyone to enjoy."

Mr Squiggle and Rocket will be on show at the National Museum from 29 April to 16 May 2024. A larger exhibition featuring more of Mr Squiggle's friends is in development.

Collection highlights

- The complete set of puppets from Mr Squiggle and Friends, including Mr Squiggle, Blackboard, Bill Steamshovel, Gus the Snail and Rocket, and those from the first show in July 1959.
- Scripts and squiggles from Mr Squiggle's 40-year run.
- The Nicky and Noodle string puppets, which appeared as part of the first broadcast of ABC TV on 5 November 1956.

Norman Hetherington

- Generations of Australian children were delighted and inspired to draw by Mr Squiggle, the star of one of the nation's longest running and most beloved television series, and thousands more were entertained by Hetherington's theatrical performances, television productions and live puppet shows.
- In 1942 Hetherington enlisted in the Second Australian Imperial Force, where he joined the Army Entertainment Unit as a performer and cartoonist.
- He worked as a cartoonist at the Bulletin from 1945–1961.

- He was born into a Methodist family and became involved in creating a variety of performances with the Methodist Order of Knights from 1948–1951.
- He worked as a designer and illustrator from the late 1940s onwards, producing freelance pieces for clients such as the Bank of New South Wales, the University of Sydney and the Australian Puppetry Guild.
- Hetherington had a long-standing interest in puppetry and working at the Bulletin as a cartoonist gave him the creative space and freedom to pursue this interest. He built his knowledge and connections with the Clovelly Puppet Theatre from 1952.
- He went on to create, produce and perform his own puppet shows in theatres, department stores and preschools around Australia, including at the Sydney Opera House.
- Hetherington was creating puppets and doing puppet shows around Sydney when a director of the ABC TV Training School saw one of his shows and asked him to join the school. He continued working at the Bulletin and doing puppet shows around Sydney while also working at the training school, preparing for the introduction of television and the beginning of ABC TV. Nicky and Noodle were part of his original retinue of puppets and appeared on the opening night of ABC TV on 5 November 1956.
- He became the inaugural president of the Australian Puppetry Guild when it was founded in 1969.
- He created and performed puppets for other television shows including Pinocchio, Blinky Bill, Skippy and Playschool.
- He created Mr Squiggle and Friends. The show first aired on 1 July 1959 and ran for 40 years, with its final episode airing on 9 July 1999.
- He completed over 10,000 drawings during his 40-year run with Mr Squiggle, with many of them being completed upside down.
- In addition to Mr Squiggle, Hetherington created, performed and voiced all the characters that appeared in the show, including Rocket, Blackboard, Bill Steamshovel and Gus the Snail.
- Hetherington and his wife, Margaret, who wrote scripts for the shows, received several honours and awards for their work on Australian television. In 1984 and 1989 they received a Penguin Award from the Television Society of Australia 'for their outstanding contribution to children's television'. In 1989 Hetherington received a signed artist's smock from the Australian Cartoonists Association when he was awarded life membership, and in 2009 was honoured with the Jim Russell Award for his outstanding contribution to Australian cartooning.

- In 1990 Hetherington was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia 'for service to children's television programs and puppetry'.
 - The Norman Hetherington collection at the National Museum of Australia includes costumes, props, sets, scripts, artworks, designs, cartoons, promotional material and awards associated with all these aspects of his life and career.
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From The Conversation

Help, I've just discovered my teen has watched porn! What should I do?

Megan Lim, Head of Young People's Health Research, Burnet Institute

Unlike in previous generations, you're unlikely to discover your adolescent's first exposure to adult sexual content from finding a scrunched-up Playboy magazine under their mattress. With easy access to the internet and the use of tablets and mobile phones, it's more likely to be from free, mainstream online porn. And it can be a very shocking introduction to sex. But it's common and has become normalised among young people. The median age for boys to first view pornography is 13, while for girls it's 16.

OK, so your child or adolescent has watched a porn video. First, stay calm.

Start a discussion about what porn is – and isn't

How much detail you go into and what's appropriate for them to know will depend on their age and level of maturity. Many parents let their adolescents know porn is not real – it's a fantasy. But it's not enough to just say, "that's not real". They also need to know what reality is.

Explain that porn is not what sex is like – and what's wrong with depictions of sex in porn: everyone who's involved should be enjoying it, not just the man. In porn, you don't see all the normal things that happen around sex, like discussions on how to ask about consent, or even the bloopers of sex, such as when people change positions, negotiate, and move around.

Porn is not designed to show sex the way it would be experienced as pleasurable, or show what positive relationships are meant to look like. People don't tend to ask, "do you want to do that?" And if they do, you won't see what happens if someone says "no". The performers aren't doing it in a way that feels good, but instead focus on what is deemed to "look good".

Porn doesn't present sex in a real way, and it can change young people's ideas and expectations about what sex is.

How are adolescents accessing porn?

Adolescents are used to discovering things on their own using the internet and are naturally curious about sex. Their exposure to porn can come from something as simple as googling a term they've never heard of before, or their friends sending them a link. They're most likely to come across mainstream porn. With lots of flesh, quick movements and closeups, it can be very graphic and can come across as violent to someone seeing it for the first time.

This becomes how adolescents, who don't have personal experiences of sex, or have the information they need, learn about sex. Just as they go to YouTube to learn how to cook a meal or fix the tap, they are used to watching and following. And for something private and stigmatised like sex, there are limited good alternatives for them to learn how it really works.



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When should we have 'the talk'?

An open conversation about safety, sex, consent and relationships and gender roles is important throughout their whole life. Introduce the topic of sex gradually, depending on your child's age. It doesn't have to be a big sit down, to have a big talk. It's best to bring it up in relevant situations, particularly on seeking ongoing consent, because that applies to all aspects of life. Everyone has the right to make decisions about their own body, and it's up to them if they want to be touched, hugged, kissed or have sex. It's also important to reinforce that women and girls have feelings and needs, and they're not just there to look pretty.

If they're asking questions, then they're old enough to talk about it. Ideally, you won't wait for them to ask. You should be having conversations about consent, positive relationships, and sex from an early age. But it's important

to talk about it earlier rather than later, even if you don't think they've watched porn.

Instead of saying "have you heard about porn?", let them know from a young age they can trust you if they see something online that they don't like or confuses them. Assure them you can't believe everything you see online and you're a safe person to go to with any questions. Let them know it's not their fault if they see something they don't like, make sure they are OK and ask how it made them feel. Remind them to simply close the browser or turn off the screen if they see something that upsets them or makes them feel yuck.

Can I prevent my child accessing porn?

Your children will probably see porn at some point, but the older they are when they first see it, the better. Data shows watching porn is associated with poor mental health, riskier sexual behaviours, and attitudes supporting violence against women. Unlike with adolescents where conversations are paramount, restrictions can prevent and protect young children from seeing porn. These include parental controls on devices, apps or browsers, or establishing rules about when, where and with whom they can access their phones, computers or tablets. Yes, older teenagers can probably get past them, but younger kids can't.

Be open and honest with your kids about using internet restrictions – don't spy on them. Let them know why you're doing it, explaining there are bad things online you need to protect them from – it's about building trust. If you find your child showing unusual behaviour or acting out towards other children, or your teen shows signs of addiction (where their viewing activities interfere with their day-to-day lives), seek professional help.

The GIST is a great resource for parents and older teens about how to approach difficult topics like this. If you're a child or adolescent and need support, you can call the Kids Help Line on 1800 55 1800.

Message from the Editor

At Barraba Community News we welcome local news and stories from our community members about activities, events and news of interest to the Barraba community. Share your news, views and what you or your local organisation is doing.

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Tickets WILL sell fast – So hurry and secure yours today!



Triumphant Barraba hockey team in the early 50s

Uncle Don Smith,
Owen Hagan,
Bruce Smith (Dad),
Graham Preston,
Dick Cox,
Boyd Heywood,
Peter Spence, Fred
Baker, Peanut
(Kenneth) Baker,
Ken Miller, Erwin
Smith
Cafe family owner
and trophy
sponsor Theo
Gravily. (I think it
was The Golden
Bell cafe.)

(Posted by Graham Smith 4 May 2024)



Barraba Central Vigoro Team 1950.

Another great
photo shared by
Pam Reed with
all the names
from 1950.
Thanks Pam.
Posted by Brian
Coote.

Barraba Central Vigoro Team 1950.

Rear: Pat Murray, Jan Flynn, Dorothy White, Pam Jenner, Marion Douglas, Julie Elliott.
Front: Esme Parry, Aileen Reading, Beryl Chester, Brenda Corcoran, Shirley Park.

Nationals announce Northern Tablelands candidate for by-election

By [Samantha Townsend](#)



Moree solicitor Brendan Moylan has been preselected as The Nationals candidate for the by-election in the seat of Northern Tablelands after Adam Marshall resigned. Picture The NSW Nationals.

The NSW Nationals have announced their replacement for Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall following his resignation last month. Moree solicitor Brendan Moylan, who has a long-record of community service, has been preselected as the NSW Nationals candidate for the Northern Tablelands by-election. Mr Moylan, who has lived in regional NSW all his life, said stepping up to represent the Northern Tablelands was a good opportunity to give his community a voice in Macquarie Street.

"State government is about service delivery and making sure those of us in the regions get our fair share in Macquarie St," Mr Moylan said. Mr Moylan, who grew up on the family farm at Gunnedah, finished his law degree at the University in New England in 2003, where he worked in the livestock industry to help pay for his student fees. "I was going to go home to work on the farm but dad said 'no' and go use my degree," Mr Moylan said. "So, I moved to Moree for two years and have been there ever since."

It is there where he met his wife Cath at a charity ball, and they now have three children Lucy, 12, Rory, 10 and eight-year-old Milly.

Mr Marshall said on the NSW Nationals Facebook page that: "Brendan knows this region, its people, the issues, and the opportunities. I look forward to joining him on the campaign trail. Mr Moylan expressed honour at the nomination and looks forward to continuing Adam Marshall's legacy in the region," the Facebook post said.

He will formally hand his resignation as the Member for Northern Tablelands to the Speaker of the NSW Parliament on 13 May.

A Great Weekend of Golf

With all the hard work undertaken the big concern for Barraba's three days of golf was a forecast of threatening showers over the entire weekend.

Fifty eight Veteran players hit off on Friday where the winner of Division 1 was Barraba's Will Sedgwick with 37 pts from runner up B Sipple (Nbi) 35 pts and T Gray (Tam) 34 pts. The winner of Div 2 was B Bradley (Qri) 37 pts with runners up being P Dutton (Man) 37 pts and M Court (Man) 35 pts. The winner of Division 3 was D Neighal (Man) 42 pts from L Thompson (Man) 37 pts and Paul Grigg on 34 pts.

A good turn-out of players Saturday contested the DJ Kelly sponsored Barraba Mixed Open 4 BBB. A special thankyou to the contingent of Tamworth lady golfers who make the annual pilgrimage to support our event. The scratch winners were the pairing of Chris Sweeney and Mandy Koopman on square with the runners up being Bill and Gail Simpson. The net winners were Shane Middlemiss and Lib Thompson (M) with 43 pts and runners up Liam Johnston and Bev Muller (Tam) 38 pts. The first nine winners were Jack Boyd and Ali Smith 21 pts with Bevan Benson and Jules Nash (Tam) 19 pts claiming the second nine.

NTP went to Chris Sweeney 16th.

With the weather gods looking after us on Sunday 72 players from around the region hit off in the annual Barraba Open. The overall scratch winners were locals Kevin Kelaher and Chris Sweeney 1 over with the runners up being T and I Stackman (Tam) 3 over. The net winners were Will Sedgwick and Liam Johnston plus 7 with the runners up being Steve Ward and T Greacen (Bin) plus 6. First nine winners were K Goodwin (Wal) and N Bird (Wal) plus 4 with second nine winners P Norbury (Wal) and W Brennan (Wal) plus 5.

NTPs went to

3rd G McLeod (Tam)

6 th C Sweeney

16 th C Rutley

A Grade C Redmond (Sin)

B Grade D Lott

C Grade G Walker (Ura)

Best 2nd Shot M Stackman (Wal)

President Will Sedgwick thanked everyone for coming and acknowledged the great work of our local volunteers who presented the course and facilities in such great order. He thanked the ladies for the delicious lamb shank lunch that was well received by all the players.

