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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Barraba Heated Hydro Pool.

For all those members of the community who use the Heated pool on a regular basis you will be please to know that the area around the pool including toilets, showers etc has had a good clean thanks to Jill who has done a great job.

However, she has advised us that there are fewer people who are currently taking advantage of this facility and unless it is used more often it will be closed.

At this stage it is only open Thursdays from 3.30p.m to 6.30 p.m. and whilst those times may seem late in the day it is the best Council can do with limited staff.

So come along Barraba let's make use of this wonderful facility – "use it or we lose it".

Judy Roberts



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THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 6th June

Bingo from 6pm

FRIDAY 7th June

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MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1100

SUNDAY 9th June

ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES

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Membership Draw \$1500

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SUNDAY: 12-2pm

Warm & Woolly Exhibition

The Fuller Gallery, Barraba

OPEN 10am – 3pm on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 June 2024.

Morning Devonshire Tea \$8.00/person

Lunch warm soup and roll \$15.00/person

Includes a bottomless cup of tea or coffee

Ceramic Break Sculpture Park—Triennial Travelling Quilters Challenge Competition entries will be on display to admire.

Exhibition of Warm & Woolly items for sale to keep you snug through winter. Lots of arts, craft, pottery, photography and preserves will also be available. All locally made. Browsers welcome.

A beautiful baby flannel quilt kindly donated to help raise funds for the Guild.

Thank you to Lyn Forbes for donating the baby flannel quilt kit, to Jenny Simpson for sewing it together and to Rebecca Beattie of 'Oh Sew Busy' for professionally quilting the quilt.

The cute baby bunny rabbit quilt is 40 inches square, it is warm and cosy, just perfect for a special little one. Pop into the Clay Pan at 74 Queen St to buy it. Price \$150



The Playhouse Hotel

2.00 pm SUN 9 JUN

THE TASTE OF THINGS

(PG, 145 mins)

Blending culinary art and *l'amour*, this 1885-set film features a couple whose shared passion for cooking produces not only unique recipes but also a subtle eroticism. An elegant showcase of French *haute cuisine* which is melting hearts around the world



Senior Citizens Notes

Hello Everyone,

Yippee – we have been able to hire a bus for the Bingara Orange Festival. The festival is on Saturday – July 6th. The cost will be \$20 each. The departure time will be 8.45am, so if everyone going can be at the Seniors Centre by 8.30am – that will be great. So, if you would like a great day out, please give me a ring on 0429821158, and I will be happy to welcome you aboard.

I must stress that this trip is for ANYONE who would like to come, it is not just for members of Senior Citz.

With the cancellation of our August holiday, we are trying to find something for next year.

The earlier start for housie has been welcomed, now we can have lunch at lunchtime. Numbers each Friday are very steady. Handicraft on Wednesdays is great, at times it is very social. If you are at a loose end, you are most welcome to drop in for a look-see.

This is all for now, to those on the sick list – a speedy recovery wish goes to you.

Cheers for now.

Judy Brady



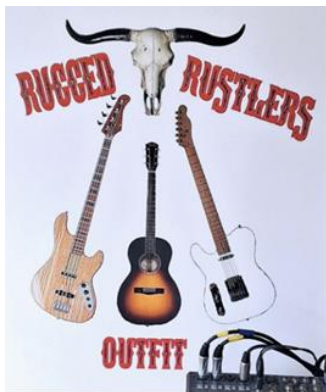
Barraba Pathology Collection Centre

Returning to normal days of Monday to Friday

Commencing from Monday 27th May 2024

8AM -1PM

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Barraba High Country Music Musta

Sunday 9th June 2024.

12 to 4pm. FREE ENTRY

Walk-up artists welcome

Barraba Bowling Club

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JOKES

Wife: Our new neighbour always kisses his wife when he goes to work, why don't you do that?

Husband: How can I? I don't even know her.

If a man speaks in the forest and his wife is not there to hear him...

Is he still wrong?

Frost 2024

Save the dates!

Thurs 5 - Sun 8 Sept 2024

Art Show 5 - 8 Sept

Arty Party Fri 6 Sept

Street music & stalls Sat 7 Sept

More info:

www.frostoverbarraba.org.au



Manilla Vintage Machinery Rally

Saturday 8 June – Sunday 9 June

Entry: \$10

Manilla Vintage Machinery Rally is an annual gathering of hundreds of old machines that are in beautiful condition and are owned by people who are keen to show you how they work. The featured machine this year is the Lister stationary engine, but there will be hundreds of others, tractors, trucks and cars, small engines, gadgets and tools. Most will be running, and the owners are always up for a chat. The rally is a must-see for vintage machinery enthusiasts, and a surprising day out if you are not familiar with the amazing range and ingenuity of old devices.



There will be a Swap Meet alley with vintage items for sale, and a street parade through Manilla on the Saturday morning.

The rally is on June 8 and 9, Saturday and Sunday of the long weekend, at the Manilla Showground. Entry is \$10 for anyone 16 and over, and free for those under 16. The rally will be open 9 to 5 on Saturday, and 9 to 3 on Sunday.



Barraba Branch of the United Hospital Auxiliaries

General Meeting

Friday 7th June 2024 10.00am at

The Day Centre, Barraba Hospital

Visitors are most welcome.

Enquiries to Julie Williams on 0412 603831



HISTORY NOTES – 5 June 2024

Margaret Currell is taking a break for this week and catching up with her own family history!

This weekend – the long weekend – promises to have a great line-up of stalls on Saturday 8th June for the Historical Society Markets! Bring your coat to keep out the cold wind so you can enjoy the stalls including cakes and biscuits, herbs, jams and pickles, pottery and plants, candles, handmade toys and dolls, honey and gift wares, poultry and eggs, and materials and books. I understand our fine musicians from the Edward Street Trio will be performing for our entertainment as well. A first – I think – for the markets – will be live poultry for sale!

We are coming up to the Kings Birthday Weekend. We have seen photos from other towns of extravagant celebrations for Queen Victoria's birthday in the 19th century, but we couldn't find any records for Barraba. Does anyone know of any?

We have again come across one man's story of travelling from Tamworth to Bingara by coach (and all his life-threatening adventures) in 1873. Perhaps a little comparison – At present, the Countrylink Coach travels Inverell - Bingara – Tamworth and return six days a week. The Tamworth – Bingara trip takes about two hours – a pretty comfortable journey on the Fossicker's Way.

In 1873, as recorded in the "Australian Town & Country Journal" Saturday 15 February 1873, it was an epic journey and somewhat less comfortable. Some quotes from this lengthy article :

"All ABOARD" the good coach " Terror " (Chaffey's Royal Mail), was the salute one morning last week, about 3 o'clock (3 am), the moon shining in all its brilliancy

..... The next apology for a township we next reached was Barraba, sixty miles from Tamworth, where we arrived at about 2.30 p.m., which, considering the roughness of the roads, the horrid wheel ruts, some of them two and three feet in depth, the boulders, &c, was not bad travelling.....

..... We did not remain long at Cobbedah, having to reach if possible, the next accommodation place for a relay of horses before dark, some twelve miles further. This was accomplished, but the evening closing in with almost impenetrable darkness it was thought, advisable to camp until the rising of the moon before penetrating the bush any

more. We did so after partaking of "billy" or two of bush tea and some damper, then despite the heavy dew falling managed to wile away the time until midnight, when preparations were made for another start.....

.... When we reached Bingera or Hall's Creek (the next morning), a feeling came over me of gratitude to the Great Creator that we were near to a place - place I say - where soap and water, damper and onions, tea, and fresh fish was to be found.....

The journey Tamworth to Bingara in 1873 by coach took over twenty-four hours – and it appears, according to this correspondent, the passengers were lucky to survive! We will leave the details of the obstacles they had to overcome to a later "History Notes".

Nandewar Historical Society Inc.

Markets Saturday 8th June 9am-noon

Stalls including cakes and biscuits, herbs, jams and pickles, pottery and plants, candles, handmade toys and dolls, honey and giftwares, poultry and eggs, and materials and books.

Lorraine Crittenden. Memories of Horton.

Lorraine Crittenden is the granddaughter of Mrs. Montroy, who was the Post Mistress at Upper Horton and who visited on a regular basis during the 1950's.

In my box, of old photos, there are many memories to be awoken, of my village home in the NW of N.S.W. Events, often long forgotten but instantly recalled with one quick glance. Memories of my village home, which came flooding back to-day, re-lived with love, and a sense of loss for a golden time of peace and safety. Here lives were lived to their conclusion, not lost, and fallen by the wayside like to-day in cities filled with drugs and danger.

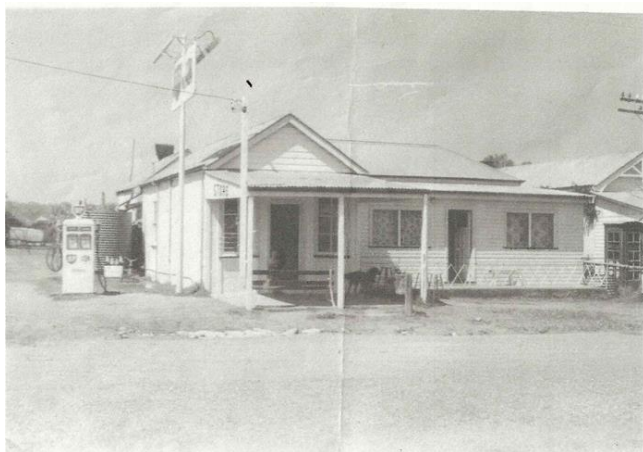
One photo shows a group of people, postal workers standing out the front of the Post Office, of which my grandmother, known by all as Mrs. Mont, a derivation of her surname Montroy, was the Postmistress. She was to hold this position for nearly fifty years, retiring in her eighties. The photo shows a tall, big boned woman, of French and English descent, who had married a Welsh miner late in her thirties, only to be left a widow within five years. The photo also shows the strength of character which enabled her to raise her children and run a country Post Office, with none of the modern amenities such as electricity, Kerosene lamps, and a fuel stove, for which she chopped and split the wood herself.

Stern, but fair, she connected phone calls, sorted mail, which outlying farmers could call and collect even on a Sunday.

Also, in the photo is Eunice, a young girl who assisted in the Post Office. I remember her as 11 sunny-natured, hard working girl who went on to raise a family of her own.

The other person in the snap, is the mail-man Joe, who picked up the mail from at drop off centre at Cobbadah Post Office, some twelve miles away. Eagerly awaited, mail-days provided a chance to mingle and chat. In the photo Joe stands with good-natured patience and at big smile mail bag hoisted high on his shoulder, as he waited for the photo to be taken.

In my mind's eye, I am there again, I see again the long dusty main street, lined with age-old trees to protect from savage summer heat. Elvy's General Store was next door with Joe's bakery behind from whence the most mouth-watering smells of new baked bread emanated, wafting down the sheet in an invitation to buy. His high-topped married loaves a far cry from the tasteless bread I buy to-day, his meat pies a delight to feast on.



Shop and house before the fire, next door to the PO where the fire started (on the right-hand side)

I remember also the devastating fire that reduced it all to ashes, a life-time of memories gone with-in a bare ten minutes. Progress eventually came to Horton in the form of the electricity connection. Villagers happily bought electric refrigerators to replace the old coke safes, kero lights were banished to the darkest comers of the pantry and televisions brought the world into their homes in a kaleidoscope of colour and song. A mere 12 month's later a freezer at the Post Office shorted out and the ensuing fire raged out of control in the old building, spreading to Joe and Elvy's home next door. The nearest fire brigade was based twenty four miles away. its eventual arrival was greeted by the sight of twisted

roofing metal and wisps of spiralling smoke from dying embers.

Elvy saved a box of butter, the shop till and business papers. A shocked Joe was left clutching a very old and holey green jumper which he wore while plying his trade in the cool early morning hours, their family and pets were safe, but they lost everything they owned.

Other memories came rushing out, of old Mrs. Reilly's garden, ablaze with colour, kept alive with a scant supply of tank water in an area of insufficient rainfall and frequent droughts.

There was old Mrs. Turnham's sweet shop across the road from the Post Office. its counter covered with bottles holding an amazing array of boiled sweets the likes of which you don't see these days, butterballs and aniseed humbugs. Next door, the home of Mrs. Maher, with sweet-smelling snail vine running across the entire front entry. In her front yard grew a massive old pepper tree, from which, on moonlit nights, a willie wagtails haunting calls of 'sweet pretty creature' echoed.

The little church where wattle grew, where bride and groom would pledge their troth, a baby christened, loved one's fare-welled with hymns and memories. The little, one teacher, bush school that celebrated 100 years of guiding young minds along the path of education.

The sporting grounds, where every year a rodeo was held and competitors flocked from far and wide to compete for prizes. Risking life and limb riding bucking stallions and wild bulls that were brought in from distant paddocks. The accompanying cheers and whistles would ring out above the haze of dust and over the loud-speaker. Joe Murphy on his guitar singing his tale of the Upper Horton rodeo.

In the near-by hall, the New Year's Ball was held, all the ladies donned their gowns of brilliant hue to dance the night away with their village beaus, grazier or stockman, to the music of the band and Mrs. Lewis on piano.

To-day, gone are the people of my childhood, the elderly passed on, others have moved away to city jobs, one must survive. Battered by repeated droughts, paddocks lie dry and dusty, the little school faces closure as the population dwindles. The pepper tree survives however, and in its' branches a new generation of 'willies' call "sweet pretty creature, sweet pretty creature".

(Thank you to Shirley Simmons who provided a copy of this story and photo. A second story by Lorraine, about her Horton Village memories, will be printed next week)



The Kidnapping of young Graham Thorne

In the big bright lights of Sydney
Tow sad eyed parents did mourn
When their only son had been kidnapped
The boy known as young Graham Thorne

In a phone call from the kidnappers
The mother pleaded for his safety
But they answered 25000 pounds
Or they'd throw the boy into the sea

The police began their enquiries
And the search was on through the land
And it seemed they were at a standstill
With no evidence at hand

And the weeks went into months
And it seemed all hopes were gone
The public got the opinion
That they would never find Graham Thorne
And then on a vacant allotment
A bundle in blanket was seen
By some children who nearby were playing
And the police were sent to the scene

The police analysed the blanket
And on it dogs hair was seen
They then started to trace for the dog
And who its owner had been

They now had a new lead to go on
In a car was the same dog hair
When a ship docked at Columbo
They arrested Stephen Bradley their

Then back to Sydney they flew him
It seemed he was a married man
How could he commit such a murder
It's hard for some folk to understand

Even though he'd been punished
It won't bring back the boy that is gone
But there'll be always folk who remember
The kidnapping of young Graham Thorne

Vic (Stumpy) Turner

Drovers Pudding

Terry Hall style, from Stumpy Turner

Ingredients

- Campfire wood, whatever is available at the time
- Blackened billy can preferably with dents in the side to allow for retraction and expansion of the rice while cooking
- 1 cup rice, long or short
- 3 cups of cold water, to thicken or thin add more or less water
- Small pinch of salt

Method

Place on fire to boil, stirring occasionally so it doesn't stick to the bottom. When boiled take off the fire and place at the side on coals.

When serving out, cover plate of rice with 2 or 3 tablespoons of powered milk, then 2 or 3 tablespoons of sugar, according to taste.

Stir milk and sugar into the rice and after eating you'll go to your swag with a full tummy every night.

This is the Drovers Pudding as cooked by me while working for Terry Hall. I also made jellies, but that's another story.

Stumpy Turner

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am
Woodsreef – No service in June

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 9th June

Service time 8.45am for the next 4 months
PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE OF TIME. All Welcome.

CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday
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All other Sundays 9am

In Memoriam

Patrick James Brady 11-02-1935 to 6-06-2020

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2024 MOST TRUSTED BRANDS AUSSIE winners announced!

CELEBRATING the 25th ANNIVERSARY of TRUSTED BRANDS!

Reader's Digest has announced the results of the **25th Annual Most Trusted Brands survey**. And the results speak volumes about the formula trusted brands use in a volatile market – retaining trust during difficult financial times requires timely **innovation**, swift **adaptability** and, above all, **commitment** to their **customers**. The winning brands understand that holding on to trust involves continuously demonstrating an unwavering commitment to their customers. Being consistent and transparent is vital to build on existing brand strengths as well as capture sustained future growth.

For a quarter of a century, our Trusted Brands survey has revealed three timeless ingredients in creating trust: consistency, reliability and value-for-money. When times are challenging, customers can opt out of long-established purchasing habits. They do this out of need. But a brand that is recognised as being good quality, of always being value-for-money and having a reputation untainted by controversy will always keep their loyal customers. Award-winning trusted brands work tirelessly to retain the trust of their existing customers and appeal to new ones, despite the challenges.

With the survey now in its 25th year, a total of 4300 Australians of a mixed demographic were asked to rate their levels of trust in well-known brands.

The Top 15 Most Trusted Brands – across all categories are listed here:

1. Dettol
2. Band-Aid
3. Cadbury
4. Bunnings Warehouse
5. Dulux
6. Cancer Council (sunscreen)
7. Bridgestone
8. Panadol
9. Toyota
10. Bega
11. Weber
12. Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia
13. Dairy Farmers
14. Glen 20
15. Selleys

The full list of the 2024 Australian Most Trusted Brands Awards winners can be seen here

<https://www.trustedbrands.com.au/>

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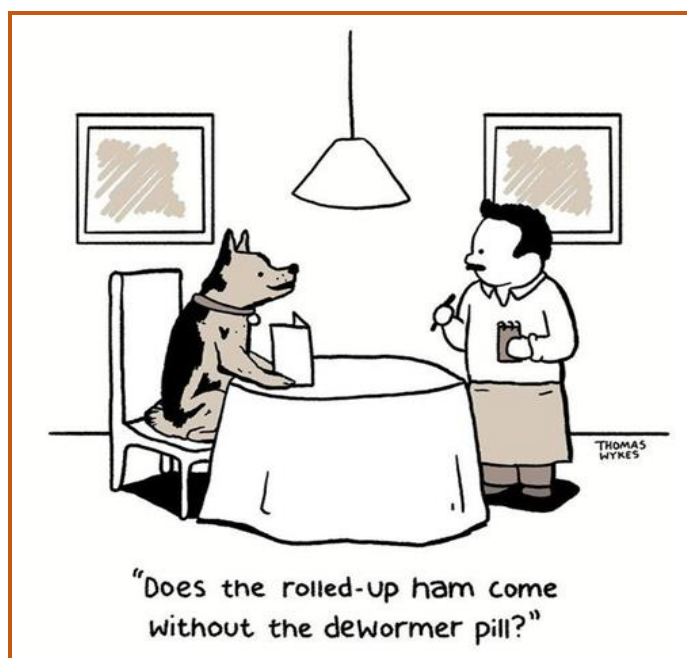
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Council meeting update

Here is an overview of outcomes from Tamworth Regional Council Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 28 May, 2024

- In a step towards determining the future of the vacated Ray Walsh House, Councillors tonight resolved not to remediate the building for reoccupation by Council staff and Council operations. They also agreed to investigate options to improve accommodation for staff over the medium term of up to 10 years and have requested that the General Manager develop an options paper about the future disposal of Ray Walsh House for further consideration by Council. The options paper will be subject to broad community consultation and all documents associated will also be made available for public scrutiny.
- Councillors have agreed to put the draft Tamworth Regional Housing Strategy on public exhibition from Monday 3 June 2024 for 28 days to give the community an opportunity to give their feedback. Developed through extensive community and industry consultation last year, the strategy is not only focused on increasing supply of the types of housing most suited for our community's needs but also supporting diverse and creative housing solutions. It aims to ensure the Tamworth region will have well-designed housing to meet the needs of a diverse and growing community and provide a wide range of lifestyle and affordability options into the future. All feedback will inform a report to Council in July when Councillors will consider the formal adoption of the strategy.
- Councillors adopted the Draft Electric Vehicle Strategy 2024-2027 and the Draft Electric Vehicle Charging on Public Land Policy. Councillors resolved to maintain the upfront fee at 50% and the lease period amended from five years to a five-year lease agreement with a five-year option at Council's discretion. These adopted documents will provide a clear guideline to companies who want to invest in our region with electric vehicle chargers.
- Councillors approved the public exhibition of the Draft Tamworth Region Creative Communities Plan 2024-2029 for a period of 28 days. Community feedback is being sought on the draft plan which outlines the Tamworth region's arts and culture priorities for the next five years. Community engagement was conducted from 12 February to 15 March this year through an online survey and Council in conjunction with Arts North West held 13 face-to-face workshops across the region to identify community needs and aspiration which have been included in the draft plan.
- Under the Sports Events Subsidisation Policy, Council has agreed to subsidise \$9990 out of the total \$21,975 in venue hire fees for One2Boxing to hold the "Clash of the Titans - Country vs the Rest of the World International Boxing Fight Night" at the TRECC in July. The event featuring local and international boxers will be televised around the world and is expected to inject \$619,958 into the local economy through the spend of participants and spectators.
- One of Council's key planning documents – the Development Control Plan 2010 – is undergoing a review and Councillors have agreed to put the proposed changes on public exhibition to seek community feedback. The Development Control Plan works hand-in-hand with the Tamworth Region Local Environmental Plan 2010 to set the rules for development within the Tamworth Local Government Area. In addition to general housekeeping and formatting changes, the review – known as the Draft Amendment No.17 – includes proposed new development controls and amendments in response to emerging and changing trends in the development industry driven by the changing needs and wants of the community. Council also agreed to include provisions relating to the impacts of small scale renewable energy projects including visual impact and agricultural impact. The public exhibition will run for 28 days from June 3. All feedback will be included in a report to Council when Councillors will consider the formal adoption of changes. Council will be communicating with community members to ensure they know how they can share their feedback.
- Councillors have continued to demonstrate their support to Tamworth NAIDOC Committee in voting to support its Fee Waiver Request. A report to Council said the Committee has been organising events for 2024 NAIDOC Week celebrations, which runs from Sunday, 7 July 2024 to Sunday, 14 July 2024. The Committee requested the waiver to subsidise the fees associated with the hire of Council facilities and services, including Oxley Lookout, Tamworth Regional Youth Centre and Bicentennial Park. The committee has also asked Council to sponsor the design and erection of a new set of light post flags. A report to Council said: "given the social value and cultural benefit these family-fun events bring to the local

Aboriginal community it is recommend that Council support the event with a 50% fee subsidisation for hire of the TRECC and fee waiver for hire and service fees” totalling \$10,000. Council’s support for the subsidy aligns with Blueprint 100 Focus Area 7, by supporting local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the preservation and celebration of their cultures. It also aligns with Council’s adoption of Closing the Gap and is part of Council’s commitment to advancing Closing the Gap goals within the Tamworth Region.

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Youth Council Meeting Friday, 31 May 2024 Update

Here is an overview of the outcomes from Thursday afternoon’s Youth Council meeting:

- The Youth Council passed a motion to write a letter to our state and federal members seeking action to improve Active Transport for youth in the region. The letter, addressed to the Hon. Kevin Anderson MP and Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP, aims to raise support for funding of more path and cycleways to improve accessibility for youth in the Tamworth Region. This action aligns with Tamworth Regional Council’s existing Active Transport strategy.
- Youth Councilors unanimously agreed to collaborate with Tamworth Regional Council on ways to enhance digital communication with youth. They discussed the benefits of exploring how a new website or an app containing information about career pathways, events and other useful information may help youth in the region. This aligns with Tamworth Regional Council’s *Access and Connectivity* focus area of the Youth Strategy Action Plan. The Youth Council will meet with relevant Council staff to discuss their approach to achieving these goals at a future meeting.
- The Youth Council has requested Tamworth Regional Council’s financial assistance to fund Mental Health First Aid Training for all Youth Councilors. The Youth Council would

like to participate in training to ensure they are equipped to assist and support their fellow youth at engagement events and within their school networks. This aligns with Council’s *Wellbeing* action of the Youth Strategy and Action Plan.

- The Youth Council will virtually meet with Narrabri Youth Council during a future Youth Council Meeting. The discussion will be used to understand more about what current projects each Youth Council is working on and how they can work together to meet the needs of each of their communities.
- Youth Councilors have unanimously agreed to help with the promotion of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library at the Celebration of 5 Year Milestone Party. Their involvement will help to make it a successful and fun event for all children attending. Details about this event will be released in June on Tamworth Regional Council’s website.

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ever done?**

**Me: Awfully bold of
you to assume I've
peaked.**



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Golf Notes

Players contested the first round of our Club Championships on Sunday. Playing for a trophy donated by Amanda Koopman the Club Championship format now allows players to take their 2 best scores over the first 3 rounds of play, with it being compulsory to play and include the 4th and final round.

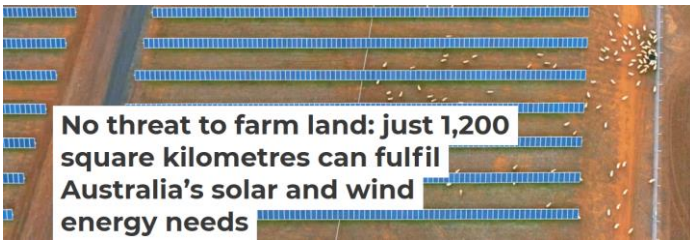
Our Men's Club Championship first round leader is Peter York who carded a 75, 4 over par to currently lead by one shot from Chris Sweeney. Other players just off the pace include Will Sedgwick 80, Ian Cabot 86 and Josh Austin also 86.

In our Ladies Club Championship Amanda Koopman 91 is our first round leader 1 shot ahead of Ali Smith on 92.

Ali Smith has been hitting the ball well lately and her net 70 claimed Amanda's trophy. Runner up in the net was David York 71 with balls going to Will Sedgwick 72, Peter York 73, Chris Sweeney 73, Graham Bowman 73 and Sam Faint 74.

NTP went to David York 3rd.

Next week Sunday 9th June we will play an Individual Stableford for the Betty Artis Memorial trophy whilst the week after June 16th is the 3BBB SAND trophy.



Andrew Blakers, Professor of Engineering, Australian National University

As Australia's rapid renewable energy rollout continues, so too does debate over land use. Nationals Leader David Littleproud, for example, claimed regional areas had reached "saturation point" and cannot cope with more wind and solar farms and transmission lines.

So how much land is needed to fully decarbonise energy in Australia? When we switch completely to solar and wind, do we have the space for all the panels, turbines and power lines? I've done the sums. All we need is 1,200 square kilometres. That's not much. The area devoted to agriculture is about 3,500 times larger at 4.2 million square kilometres. The area of land that would be taken away from agriculture works out at about 45 square metres per person – about the size of a large living room.

We can ditch fossil fuels and reduce greenhouse emissions with negligible impact on agriculture. And in many cases, farmers can be paid for hosting renewable energy infrastructure while continuing to run sheep and cows or grow crops.

The challenge of the energy transition

Electricity consumption in Australia is currently about 10 megawatt-hours (MWh) per person per year. Decarbonising Australia's economy will require electrifying many technologies that currently derive their power from burning fossil fuels. Then we need to ensure the electricity grid runs entirely on renewables.

When we electrify transport, heating and industry, annual electricity consumption per capita doubles. But we will need even more electricity to decarbonise aviation and shipping. So it's reasonable to assume electricity consumption must triple if we are to complete decarbonisation, to 30MWh per person per year.

This would logically be achieved in three stages, starting with the easiest to achieve:

Stage 1: Solar and wind displace coal and gas from the electricity system. The federal government target of 82% renewable electricity by 2030 puts us firmly on track to

decarbonise electricity. This trend is already well underway as shown by the graph below.

Stage 2: Clean electricity is used to electrify transport (electric vehicles), heating (electric heat pumps) and industrial heat (electric furnaces). This off-the-shelf technology could largely replace petrol and gas within a decade with negligible impact on the cost of running vehicles and heating homes.

Stage 3: The chemical industry is decarbonised. Clean electricity is used to make ammonia, iron, steel, plastics, cement, and synthetic aviation and shipping fuel.

Where will this clean power come from?

Virtually all new generation capacity in Australia over the past decade has been in solar and wind. Together, solar and wind have risen from about 6% of electricity generation in 2014 to 33% today. Solar and wind provide the cheapest electricity.

Most solar power in Australia today comes from rooftop solar panels. These panels don't require any extra land. But the area of rooftop is limited. In coming years, ground-mounted solar farms will become ever more important. We'll also need more wind farms. Each wind farm contains dozens of turbines and spans dozens of square kilometres. But only a small fraction of the land is lost to farming. And it's best to spread the solar farms and wind farms throughout the settled areas of Australia, to reduce the effect of local cloud and wind lulls.

Most solar and wind farms are located on sheep and cattle farms inland from the Great Dividing Range. Here there is plenty of sun and wind, and it's not too far away to transmit electricity to the cities via high-voltage power lines.

So how much land do we need?

Typically, only about 1% of land covered by a windfarm is actually lost to farming. In most cases, farmers run livestock or continue cropping around the turbine towers and access roads. Similarly, because solar panels are spaced apart, the area spanned by a solar farm is often two to three times the actual area of the panels themselves. The panels are typically spaced to avoid losses from shading. As an added bonus, it means rain and sunlight can fall between them, allowing grass to grow and livestock to graze and shelter.

About 10,000km of new transmission lines will also be required for the energy transition. This sounds like a lot but amounts to just 37 centimetres per person.

Again, the area of land that would be taken away from agriculture for wind turbine towers and access roads is relatively small. A further small area of land will be dedicated to new storage such as pumped hydro power and batteries. The total area spanned by the solar farms, wind farms and all the other infrastructure is about 22,000 square km (mostly the land between the turbines in windfarms). But agriculture could continue largely as normal on most of this land.

By my calculations, the total area taken away from agriculture to power a 100% renewable energy (zero fossil fuel) economy is about 45 square metres per person. Considering Australia's total population of 27 million people, that means the total land area required is 1,200 square km. The area currently devoted to agriculture is about 3,500 times larger than this.

Farmers can earn extra income

Mining companies are often permitted to mine land without the consent of the landowner. Solar and wind farm developers do not have the same rights. They must agree on lease fees with landowners before gaining access to land. These fees are typically tens of thousands of dollars per year per turbine.

In the case of transmission lines, hosts in Victoria are paid A\$200,000 per kilometre over eight years. The transition to renewable energy has attracted opposition from some residents living near proposed infrastructure. But this can be overcome. Successful solar and wind farm companies gain community acceptance through genuine transparency, particularly early in the project, to ensure no information vacuum is created and then filled with misinformation.

Paying neighbours as well as the renewable energy host farm, and establishing community funds, is also helpful.



Plenty of land to share

The expansion of renewable energy infrastructure will be concentrated in Australia's regional areas. But we can also expect new energy capacity from elsewhere, such as expanded rooftop solar and new offshore wind farms, which reduces the amount of land needed for the energy transition.

The location of good areas for solar and wind farms is shown in the Australian National University's renewable energy heatmaps, which takes account of the solar and wind resources, proximity to transmission lines, and protected land. Farmers in areas coloured red can command higher prices for leasing land to solar and wind farm companies.

In short, Australia has far more than enough land to host the solar farms and wind farms required for the renewable energy revolution.

Land requirement for a 100% renewable (zero carbon) economy is 1200 km²

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Land use calculations are based on reasonable scenarios. There is no one "right answer". However, all reasonable scenarios produce the same overall result, that land requirements to support a zero fossil fuel economy are small.

In the scenario described below, where there is doubt about the best choice of a parameter, we err towards exaggerating land requirements. Exact numbers are not important compared with identifying whether land requirements are large or small. In summary, if we had zero fossil fuel use throughout the economy today, then:

- The **area alienated** by the renewable energy industry would be small, around 1200 km². The word "alienated" means that the land has little utility for other uses.
- The **area spanned** is about 15 times larger, but most of this is suitable for continued agriculture. The area spanned is mostly occupied by farming between wind turbine towers. It is wrong to confuse the area that is spanned with the area that is alienated.

Electricity generation triples to replace all fossil fuels

[Current electricity consumption in Australia](#) is about 10 Megawatt-hours (MWh) per capita per year (272 TWh divided by 27 million people).

"Electrification of everything" allows the removal of fossil fuels from the Australian economy, and their replacement with solar and wind. This entails electrification of land transport via electric vehicles; electrification of air and water heating via electric heat pumps; electrification of industry via electric furnaces; and production of hydrogen atoms for the chemical industry via electrolysis (ammonia, clean metals, plastics, ceramics, chemicals, synthetic aviation and shipping fuels).

[When we electrify transport, heating and industry](#) then annual electricity consumption per capita doubles. Production of synthetic aviation and shipping fuels and other materials is additional. We assume that electricity consumption must triple for complete decarbonization, to 30 MWh per capita per year. This maximises land requirements.

Solar and wind replace fossil fuels

In 2023, solar and wind energy comprised 80% of global electricity generation capacity additions. Everything else combined (coal, gas, hydro, nuclear and other renewable) comprised the other 20%. Global solar capacity is doubling every 3 years and is tenfold larger than 10 years ago. It is obvious that solar and wind won the global energy race. We assume that solar & wind provide all the required 30 MWh of electricity per capita per year, to maximise land requirements.

Watch for Akabane affected calves this calving season

Cattle producers in the Northern Tablelands and North West regions are advised to monitor for Akabane virus related calving issues this season following the detection of antibodies in sentinel herds.

Routine blood testing of cattle herds in the region for insect borne diseases has recently detected antibodies against Akabane virus, which can affect the developing foetus of a calf during pregnancy. The stage of pregnancy at the time of infection will determine the extent of the abnormalities caused.

Andrew Biddle, Northern Tablelands Local Land Services District Veterinarian said that most cattle in the region are likely to have low or limited immunity from previous exposure to the virus, with these immunity levels decreasing as you move west from the eastern Northern Tablelands towards Moree and Narrabri.

“While the Northern Tablelands has had some small incursions of the virus in recent years, we haven’t seen a large outbreak of Akabane induced birth defects since the early 2000s”, he said. “Once cattle have been infected by the virus they are usually immune for life, but immunity levels across herds in general are likely to be very low this season”.

If infection occurs during early pregnancy, the development of the brain can be severely affected causing stillbirth, death shortly after birth or abnormally shaped heads at birth, with severe brain defects, often referred to as dummy calves. If infection occurs from 3-6 months gestation, deformities in the legs (arthrogryposis) or spine can occur. Calves infected in the final months of pregnancy may be uncoordinated or have difficulty suckling. This season producers should be on the lookout for stillbirths, cows having difficulties delivering deformed calves and calves that are deformed, blind, uncoordinated or struggle to get up off the ground after birth.

“There is currently no vaccine available to prevent the Akabane virus, so we are asking cattle producers to closely monitor their herds during the calving period”, said Dr Biddle. “It is important that we diagnose potential cases and keep track of any further spread of the virus in our region.”

If producers suspect cases of Akabane they are advised to contact their local veterinarian to obtain a diagnosis. Local Land Services District Veterinarians are also available to collect samples as needed to determine if the abnormalities have been caused by Akabane or another virus that causes similar abnormalities such as Pestivirus.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES

The AIDS virus being identified as HTLV-III (1984)

The launch of the Hubble space telescope into low Earth orbit (1990)

The Chernobyl nuclear disaster (1986)

The death Australian politician and Federation father Sir Henry Parkes (1896)

The mutiny on HMS Bounty against William Bligh (1789)

The Port Arthur Massacre (1996)

The Chemical Weapons Convention coming into force, which outlaws the production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons by its signatories (1997)

Penny Black’, the world’s first adhesive postage stamp issued by Great Britain (1840)

Geoffrey Hinton the ‘godfather’ of artificial intelligence stepping down as Google CEO so he could speak freely about the risks AI poses (2023)

the founding of SpaceX by Elon Musk (2002)

Coca Cola being sold publicly for the first time at Jacob’s Pharmacy in Atlanta, Georgia – cocaine and all... (1886)

The World Health Organization announcing the eradication of smallpox (1980)

The formation of the National Woman Suffrage Association, founded by Susan B Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1869)

Jessica Watson becoming the youngest person to sail solo, non-stop and unassisted around the world at age 16 (2010)

The World Health Organization removing homosexuality from its list of mental illnesses (1990)

Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis patenting the first blue jeans (1873)

The abolishment of the transportation of British convicts to NSW (1840)

Ireland becoming the first country in the world to legalise same-sex marriage by popular vote (2015)

Samuel Morse tapping out "What hath God wrought" in the world's first telegraph message (1844)

Amy Johnson becoming the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia (1930)

Australians voting in favour of a constitutional referendum granting the government the power to make laws to benefit Indigenous Australians and count them in the national census (1967)

Space Shuttle Discovery completing the first docking with the International Space Station (1999)

Dr John Harvey Kellogg patenting “flaked cereal” (1884)

Alexander Graham Bell making the first sound transmission (1875)

The first bikini bathing suit displayed in Paris (1946)

The patenting of the ATM (1973)



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Chicken and Chorizo Pasta

From Michele Lyons at the Free Range Butcher



This is a great mid-week meal that any member of the family could cook up. The addition of the chorizo gives it a great smokey but not too spicy flavour. Bonus is that I had some leftover cooked chicken breast in the fridge so it made this super fast and easy.

Ingredients:

- 1 chorizo sausage, sliced
- 500g Chicken Breast, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 2-4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 red chilli, finely diced
- your favourite pasta eg: rigatoni, twists
- 1 jar of Pasta sauce

Method:

1. Boil water and start cooking pasta before starting next step.
2. Heat 1 tsp oil in large fry pan.
3. Fry onion, garlic, chill and chorizo until onion is soft. Make sure to brown chorizo on both sides.
4. Remove onion mix and cook chicken in batches in your pan.
5. Drain the pasta noodles and add to the pan with chorizo & onion mixture plus cooked chicken.
6. Pour over pasta sauce. I didn't use the whole jar as the kids don't like it to wet and sloppy.
7. Mix and serve in bowls. Top with chopped basil and some grated parmesan if you like.

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APPLE ROSES.

JUNE 5 2 cups flour, rub in 2 tablesp. butter, add 2 teasp. baking powder, a pinch of salt, 2 teasp. sugar, 1 well beaten egg with sufficient water to bring pastry to right consistency. Roll pastry out into squares, cut thin slices of apple and spread over pastry and sprinkle with sugar. Roll up like a sponge, roll and cut into slices. Make a syrup of one cup of sugar and 2 cups water boiled for 5 minutes. Put the roses into buttered pie dish, pour syrup over, and bake in a fairly hot oven.

Miss Freda Cameron, Weetangerra Branch.

OUTBACK PUDDING.

JUNE 6 Rub 1 tablesp. dripping into 2 cups flour and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, add 2 nutmegs (grated), 1 cup milk with 1 teasp. carb. dissolved in it. Place in a greased billy or tin with a lid and put in with corned beef for 2 to 3 hours. Serve with milk sauce. $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dates or raisins can be used instead of nutmegs.

Mrs. O'Donnell, Emmaville Branch.

BAKED ROLY POLY.

JUNE 7 1 cup S.R. flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter, pinch salt, mix with a little water to make a stiff paste. Roll out and spread with apricot jam. Roll up and put in greased pie dish. Make a syrup of $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, 1 cup water and 1 tablesp. butter boiled. Pour over roll and bake $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour. Serve with white sauce.

Mrs. Slack-Smith, Burren Junction Branch.

RICH DATE PUDDING.

JUNE 8 2 tablesp. sago soaked in 1 cup sweet milk overnight. 1 lb. dates, 2 tablesp. melted butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. baking powder, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups breadcrumbs. Mix well together. Steam 3 to 4 hours.

Mrs. C. G. Whipps, Dyraaba Branch.

SWEET MINCE TART.

JUNE 9 Sift $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. baking powder, pinch salt. Rub in $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. butter, add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water, mix to a firm dough. Cut in two. Line a sandwich tin with the first piece and roll out the second piece to fit the top. Peel 2 apples finely and cut up into small pieces, add 2 tablesp. sugar, 1 tablesp. sultanas, 1 tablesp. currants, 1 dessertsp. lemon peel, the juice of a lemon. Mix up well and fill the lined sandwich tin with it, cover with the second piece of pastry, pinch the edges together, glaze with sugar and water. Bake in hot oven for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour.

Miss Jean Lamont, Younger Set, Wagga Branch.

JAM PUDDING.

JUNE 10 Beat together 1 tablesp. sugar and 1 tablesp. butter, add 2 tablesp. of any kind of jam, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk in which 1 teasp. baking soda has been dissolved, 1 cup flour, and a pinch of salt. Steam 2 hours, serve with any kind of sauce.

Mrs. Lewis, Stroud Branch.

ST. BARNABAS PUDDING.

JUNE 11 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups S.R. flour, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar, 1 cup mixed nuts, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup beef suet, 2 eggs. When eggs are scarce use 2 tablesp. golden syrup dissolved in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water. Beat eggs and sugar together. Put suet, nuts and raisins through mincer, then mix all dry ingredients together, thoroughly stir in eggs and sugar, and put into greased basin and steam for $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Serve with sweet sauce.

Mrs. G. B. Johnston, Broken Hill Branch.

CUP PUDDING (2).

JUNE 12 1 cup each flour, sugar, suet (finely chopped), raisins, a little lemon peel and slice, and 1 teasp. baking soda dissolved in 1 cup milk. Mix dry ingredients, stir in the milk, tie in a cloth and boil for 3 hours.

Miss Alma Buckley, Mendooran Branch.

BOWRAL TART.

JUNE 13 1 egg, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, 1 cup flour, 1 tablesp. butter, 1 teasp. baking powder, 2 teasp. jam. Cream butter and sugar, add egg and flour. Grease a sandwich cake tin. Spread mixture on it, make a hole in centre and add jam. Bake 20 minutes.

Bowral Branch.