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Wednesday 31st July 2024



Students of the Week Stella, Chastity, Oliver and Aahana

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FREE men's health checks! In Barraba



**At Barraba Mall, Queen St
Wednesday, August 14th 9.30am**

It doesn't seem to matter how old they are ...most blokes in country NSW don't pay much attention to their health - 'she'll be right!...' But treatable high blood pressure and diabetes often go unnoticed until it's too late.... If you don't remember when you last had a checkup... It's time!

Get checked ... see mherv ... its a gift!

Free health checks at the Men's Health Education Rural Van include:

* Blood pressure just to check the heart isn't too stressed. * Blood sugar levels ... just a pin-prick in the finger, to make sure there's no type two diabetes ... which is manageable even if there is. * Cholesterol ... just to see if levels are high and need attention.

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as allocated by RNSW.
Saturday 21st September 2024.



Barraba Men's Shed

Notice of bi-monthly meeting to be followed by the AGM.

Held at the Men's Shed Workshop
at 4.00pm on Friday 9th August.



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Phone 67821379

For the information of members and guests.

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 1st August

Bingo from 6pm

FRIDAY 2nd August

MEAT RAFFLES

Tickets on sale from 5.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1800

SUNDAY 4th August

ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES

Raffles on sale from 12pm, drawn 1.30pm

Membership Draw \$2000 (3 Draws)

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THURS/FRI/SAT: Lunch 12-2pm. Dinner from 6pm

SUNDAY: 12-2pm

Senior Citz Notice

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Senior Citizens "Christmas in July" lunch has been postponed till Saturday 3rd August.

The same arrangements as before will be followed.

J Brady Hon. Sec



COME CELEBRATE NAIDOC WEEK WITH US

ALL WELCOME.

The Barraba Health Service and Richardson House invite you to join us to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2024.

WHEN: Thursday 15th August 2024

TIME: 10am.

WHERE: Barraba MPS Day Centre.

There will be a Welcome to Country, presentations from the local school children and Story Telling followed by morning tea.

Join the Elders to celebrate the rich history of the First Nations people in our district.

If possible, a call to the Administration Office at the Barraba Health Service, **02 67822500** for catering purposes.



The Playhouse Cinema

2.00 pm SUN 4 AUG

MONSTER

(PG, 126 mins) (Japanese with subtitles.)

A study of childhood, identity and truth, *Monster* is a masterpiece of shifting perspectives packed with surprises. This gently devastating yet compassionate psychological thriller comes from the great filmmaker [Hirokazu Kore-eda](https://www.hirokazu-kore-eda.com/)



History Notes

During the last four or five weeks I have found time to sort through the old newspapers that have been cluttering several rooms over the last few years - hopefully the history will be removed from them before they go into the recycling bin.

This week I have been going through 1984 - a most interesting time even in our home town. I wonder how much

is remembered by our more senior citizens. Can you remember Flynn and Smith? Mr Flynn and Mrs Smith were brother and sister, Jenny Flynn grew up at Blue Nobby and Gordon Smith was from England. As most people would say three of them had lived in Barraba for most of their lives.

In 1964 they opened a store at 92 Queen Street as a base for their electrician's business. The store was opened for two days before the 1964 flood arrived and then it was closed again while all four owners gave their time to assist with the flood and clean up afterwards. Several houses had been flooded and the electricity had to be checked and repaired before residents could move back in. Sometimes the house had to be demolished and rebuilt as was the case in southern Queen Street.

Flynn and Smith returned to their commercial business later in the year and in 1965 they bought part of the Lynch couples' business in the Goldmans building and Don Flynn's father, well known Walter Flynn, managed the business. Soon after this, Flynn and Smith bought the whole of the Lynch couples' business while Don and Gordon continued to do the electrical business around the town and district.

In 1970, just a year after Bill and Fay Flynn joined the group, they decided to build a new shop on the Royal Hotel's vacant block next door- it would be much easier to clean and work in, and allowed room for more stock to be sold beside the electric goods. Barraba's local tradesmen built the whole building and the new shop opened on 28/11/1970 complete with a special children's attraction - the model horse was named Silver and gave rides to the children for six pence and later with the disappearance of six pence coins there was an exchange six pence for five cents until the shop finally closed on 31/3/1984.

The new shop was almost a year old when it was burnt again in October 1971. This time repairs were soon made and the shop was open for Christmas. Don and Gordon worked on building Richardson House, being Electrical Subcontractors, while Marie and Jenny ran the shop. Marie had a lot to do with local events in town, writing and launching the Richardson House book of Barraba. She also organized the Queen competition and Opening Day to raise funds for Richardson house. Finally, Flynn and Smith closed their shop at the end of March 1984 and it was only three years later that Don Flynn suddenly died. Jenny, Marie and Gordon moved to the coast soon afterwards taking four of Barraba's busiest people out of the district.

farmers to better manage natural capital

Farmers and land managers in the North West can now access new, independent guidance and support to incorporate opportunities in natural capital markets and management into their farm business. This Local Land Services initiative is designed to increase productivity, improve biodiversity and protect market access. Andrew Jack has been appointed by Local Land Services as the Natural Capital Advisor for the North West region. He is dedicated to helping farmers identify ways to improve their natural capital resources, and improve the integration and benefits between natural capital and their farming operation. Andrew can also assist growers in understanding the benefits and potential risks of participating in environmental markets.

Andrew brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in sustainable agriculture, having previously worked as an agronomist in Barraba, Tamworth, the Riverina and Tasmania. "Natural Capital has been seen as a secondary cousin to improved pastures and cropping when in fact it is an integral part of farm dynamics", said Andrew. "By improving the management of natural capital, it can open up new possibilities, from reducing a farm's carbon footprint, to mitigating the effects of drought and providing access to new and existing markets".

As part of its new Natural Capital Program, Local Land Services is hosting a series of engaging Natural Capital Conversation events across the North West region. These events are designed for landholders looking to increase the value of their land's natural assets whilst improving productivity and managing, restoring and protecting the environment. Upcoming events will feature expert speakers, practical workshops and valuable networking opportunities with farmers who are leading the way in natural capital.

Andrew will also be available at events around the region to provide insights and answer questions on how to find the right opportunities, connect with other trusted advisors and make the best decisions for your property.

"To kick off the program locally, I'll be attending AgQuip and will be present at the Local Land Services stand to have a chat with landowners about what natural capital assets actually entail, carbon market opportunities and how they can assess their carbon footprint," said Andrew. For additional details and event registration visit lls.nsw.gov.au/events or call 1300 795 299 to speak with your local Natural Capital Advisor.




- 1 The phrase "mad as a hatter" refers to milliners' exposure to which metal?
- 2 *We Belong Together* by Randy Newman is on which *Toy Story* soundtrack?
- 3 Is "crwth" Welsh for a type of ancient musical instrument or a Celtic curse?
- 4 Which grape is the best-known of the Mendoza region in Argentina?
- 5 Which three countries hosted the 2011 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup?

Trivia Answers	
1	Mercury.
2	<i>Toy Story 3</i> .
3	Welsh for a type of ancient musical instrument.
4	Malbec
5	India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh.





COUNCIL ELECTIONS – latest news

The Local Government elections will be happening on 14 September.

 Make sure your contact details are up to date before 5 August so you are ready to vote:

www.elections.nsw.gov.au/voters/enrolment

Some other key dates to keep in mind are:

-  14 Now-5 August: Non-residential rolls open
-  14 5-14 August: Candidate nominations open
-  14 6 August-9 September: Postal vote applications open
-  14 7-13 September: Pre-poll voting open

For more details, visit the NSW Electoral website

<https://elections.nsw.gov.au/voters>

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef –every second Sunday of each month

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 4th August

Service time 8.45am

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE OF TIME.

All Welcome.

CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday evening

Mass 5pm

All other Sundays 9am

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2024 Reining Australia National Reining Championships

Venue: [Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre \(AELEC\)](#) 503 Goonoo Goonoo Road Tamworth, NSW 2340
5 August @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

In Reining Australia competitions, reining horses are judged individually as they complete one of many specified patterns. Each pattern includes small slow circles, large fast circles, flying lead changes, roll backs over the hocks, 360-degree spins and the exciting sliding stops that are the hallmark of the reining horse. One or more judges will score each horse beginning at 70. The scoring system then adds or subtracts from .5 to 1.5 on each manoeuvre. Penalties points may also be subtracted from the score for incorrect performance. A scribe keeps track of each judge's manoeuvre scores and penalties on a score sheet. Scores are calculated and announced after each run.

Entry for spectators is FREE

2025 Visual Arts Fellowship (Emerging)

Funding to support NSW emerging visual artists, to undertake a professional development program to support their personal, creative and career advancement.

- **Grant amount:** The successful recipient will receive \$30,000 in funding towards their fellowship.
- **Application opened:** 15 July 2024
- **Application closes:** 26 August 2024, 5:00 pm

Program objective

The Visual Arts Fellowship Emerging (VAFE) is delivered with the curatorial and exhibition support of Artspace. The objective is to support NSW visual arts practitioners in the early stages of their career to challenge and expand their practice.

Up to 6 applicants will be shortlisted to take part in the fellowship exhibition at Artspace, Sydney in July 2025. At the exhibition opening, the fellowship of \$30,000 will be awarded to 1 successful emerging visual artist to undertake a self-directed professional development program. The self-directed program could include research, travel, studio residencies, creation of new work, mentorships and other activities that align with the recipient's practice.

Shortlisted artists will receive an artist fee to participate in the exhibition and may be asked by Artspace to participate in artist talks, other public programs, meetings with visiting curators, and media interviews to produce greater visibility for their practice. The shortlisted artists will be interviewed prior to the opening of the exhibition, as part of the assessment process to determine the fellowship recipient.

Tamworth Mountain Biking Festival

Tamworth Mountain Bike Park, 194 Forest Rd, North Tamworth. **9 August - 11 August**

Tamworth Mountain Biking Festival – Triple Event Weekend is a three-day festival encompassing three events over three days.

- **Friday August 9** – 2024 NSW School MTB Series Round 4
- **Saturday August 10** – Northern Inland Cross Country Series Round 4
- **Sunday August 11** – 2024 AusCycling Cross Country State Series Round 3

Hosted by Tamworth Mountain Bikers at the Tamworth Mountain Bike Park, this will be a fantastic weekend of mountain biking for all ages and abilities. Tamworth Mountain Bike Park boasts 14 km of International MTB Association guideline graded MTB trails, Pump Track, Skills Park and 5 km of Adaptive Cycling Trails. As well as shelters, picnic tables, toilets, water and a children's playground

New report reveals technical and market implications for small modular nuclear reactors in Australia

A new report from the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) has found the nascent state of small modular nuclear reactors (SMR) globally means that a mature market for the technology may emerge in the late 2040s.

The technology is yet to be proven technically and financially, given there is currently a dearth of reliable, publicly verifiable information about operational full-scale prototype SMRs around the world. As current coal-fired power stations begin to retire and there is an urgent need for mature, low carbon technologies to fill the energy supply gap, the time it will take to establish a mature SMR market, including appropriate legislative and regulatory settings, means that it won't be possible to fill this gap with SMR technology this decade.

The least risky option would be for Australia to procure SMRs once several models have been established and are proven and operational in other OECD countries. Alternatively, Australia could choose to enter the SMR market at an earlier pre-mature-market stage of development, which would carry a significant financial cost and technical risk.

The report notes that for a nuclear energy industry in Australia to be considered, federal and state moratoria on nuclear power would need to be lifted, a national nuclear regulator established, and an appropriately skilled workforce to be grown. In addition, SMRs will not succeed without broad social acceptance of the technology over their entire life cycle.

ATSE President Dr Katherine Woodthorpe AO FTSE said that from a technology and engineering perspective, SMRs could form part of the future energy mix for Australia, however this is unlikely until a market is fully formed, which would be likely in the mid to late 2040s. "SMR technology could provide low carbon energy compatible with Australia's current electricity system, however as an emerging technology, there is considerable uncertainty around commercial viability and some of these potential benefits," Dr Woodthorpe said. "Overall, the associated timescales, expense, skills gap, legal and regulatory barriers, and social acceptance of nuclear power means the technology is high-risk when compared to existing energy options. Sourcing a prototype SMR is a higher-risk proposition for both technical and commercial reasons. Non-partisan analysis is required to objectively examine technology readiness and the role of nuclear technology in the long-term. However, this should not detract from the rapid deployment of renewable technologies that are ready and available here and now."

ATSE supports a technology-neutral approach to the energy transition which requires that all options are considered on their merits.



Have your Say and Win!

A new Tamworth Regional Council will be elected later this year. Be involved in setting the direction for the new Councillors. What would you like them to focus on?

Our Community Plan is a community owned plan for the future of the Tamworth region. Community input is crucial to helping achieve our goal of creating a world-class regional centre, a great place to live, to work, to study and to visit. The Local Government Act (1993) and Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework requires that each Council prepare a Community Strategic Plan covering a minimum ten-year period, reviewed every four years.

Our Community Plan 2023-2033 is aligned with Blueprint 100 and its current themes;

- Deliver durable infrastructure including raw water
- Facilitate smart growth and housing choices
- Create a prosperous region
- Build resilient communities
- Connect our region and its citizens
- Design with nature
- Celebrate our culture and heritage
- Strengthen our proud identity

Prior to the draft Community Strategic Plan being created there will be a community survey and have engaged a consultant Informed Decisions to conduct surveys with residents to determine what is important to the community.

Complete the survey and go in the draw to win one of five \$100 eftpos vouchers

<https://p8er5x0wrlo.typeform.com/to/Cg8LwnsD>



Council meeting update

Here is an overview of outcomes from Tamworth Regional Council Ordinary

Meeting on Tuesday 23 July, 2024

- Councillors backed a notice of motion from Councillor Marc Sutherland to support a local Closing the Gap Strategy. Tamworth Regional Council will formally endorse the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Tamworth Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (TACCO) to establish a strategic partnership aimed at supporting the development of a local Closing the Gap Strategy and enhancing service delivery across the Tamworth Region.

Details of the MOU are yet to be explored and the partnership aligns with the relationship and data objectives of Our Community Strategic Plan endorsed in June 2022.

- The NSW Department of Education has selected Tamworth to host this year's National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day event at the Sports Dome on 2 August. With the event to be livestreamed and recorded for the nationwide program Play School, Council agreed to waive the \$1500 of venue hire fees using the Sports and Recreation operational budget.
- Creating a framework to meet the housing needs of the region's community now and into the future, Councillors have tonight formally adopted the Tamworth Regional Housing Strategy 2024. A report to Council said the strategy is "not only focused on increasing housing supply but also promoting diverse and creative housing solutions" and was the result of extensive community and stakeholder consultation. The creation of the strategy was fully funded under the NSW State Government Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund.
- Draft amendment No. 17 of the Tamworth Regional Council Development Control Plan 2010 has been adopted. A report to tonight's meeting proposed a series of updates to the plan in response to consultation with the community and the development industry. The proposals relate to parking provisions, biodiversity and environmental protection, general building controls, the urban heat island effect, resource and waste management plan requirements, flooding controls, small-scale renewables and water reticulation requirements for Daruka and Tintinhull. The purpose of the Tamworth Regional Development Control Plan 2010 is to provide "how to guidance" for anyone proposing to undertake development in the Tamworth Local Government Area.

From the Gwydir Shire Council Facebook page



Community Election Information Nights

Tuesday 6 August 2024 | 7:00pm | The Living Classroom, Bingara

Tuesday 13 August 2024 | 7:00pm | Warialda Memorial Hall



Are you looking to attend university, TAFE or start an apprenticeship? Do you need funds for study or training? Apply for a Country Education Foundation Grant!

Grants can help with educational expenses through the reimbursement of costs associated with your study, such as textbooks, travel, accommodation, tools or laptops.

Eligibility criteria:

- Aged 16-25 years
- Demonstrated financial need
- Commitment to achieving your goals
- You live or went to school in Gwydir Shire

To find out more or apply, please visit <https://cef.org.au/apply-for-a-grant/>

Applications close 30 November 2024.

Release Date: July 23, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**TRRRA Demands Immediate Halt and Independent Probe into
Ray Walsh House Saga**

Tamworth, NSW, July 23, 2024 — The Tamworth Regional Residents and Ratepayers Association Incorporated (TRRRA) is urgently calling for an independent investigation into the handling of Ray Walsh House. Highlighting significant concerns over transparency and the asbestos, the TRRRA has formally requested the cessation of all decisions and works related to the site. This urgent appeal has been directed to both the NSW Minister for Local Government and the NSW Ombudsman.

The TRRRA is a non-profit association whose charter is to represent to Tamworth Regional Council (TRC) and other government bodies on behalf of TRC residents on matters that affect their interests by any person, organisation, or government body. The comments in this Media Release are made as a matter of public interest to assist Tamworth Regional Council in its decision making.

The TRRRA has formally requested the immediate halt of all decisions and works related to Ray Walsh House. Letters have been sent to the NSW Minister for Local Government, the NSW Ombudsman, and Independent Commission Against Corruption (New South Wales) urging an independent investigation into the matter.

Background on Ray Walsh House

Ray Walsh House, designed in 1976 by Sydney-based Peddle, Thorpe & Walker (PTW Architects), initially served as the Peel Cunningham County Council building. The structure, built by Sydney builders Kell and Rigby, had construction costs exceeding \$5 million. Tamworth City Council purchased the building in 1997 for \$4.5 million from North Power, retaining most commercial tenants.

In 2022, asbestos concerns during air conditioning work led to staff evacuation. On June 22, 2022, the Tamworth Regional Council (TRC) issued a press release titled "Relocation of Ray Walsh House Staff," promising more information as the project continued.

Recent Developments

On September 13, 2022, TRC councillors voted to engage Public Works from the Department of Regional NSW for asbestos removal and refurbishment of Ray Walsh House. The project details were not transparently communicated to councillors or the community.

An article by the *Northern Daily Leader* on May 25, 2023, highlighted the Council's lack of transparency stating, "COUNCIL is keeping tight-lipped about an investigation into whether or not the relocation of staff from the asbestos-riddled Ray Walsh House was done by the book."

On May 28, 2024, TRC councillors voted to make all documents relating to Ray Walsh House publicly available.

On June 3, 2024, TRRRA requested documents related to the proposed sale of Ray Walsh House from the Mayor. No response was received, prompting another request on July 4, 2024.

Asbestos Concerns

An EnviroScience Solutions Report, "Asbestos Register and Management Plan version 5" dated February 29, 2022, indicates that most of Ray Walsh House is categorised as "A5 NO ACTION REQUIRED-NO HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS IDENTIFIED" This contrasts with the Council's decisions to vacate the building and undertake extensive internal demolition.

Documentation from the Hunter New England Region, NSW Public Works, obtained under a GIPA request, includes a statement of works involving demolition, stripping, and disposal/recycling of all non-structural items on all floors except the fifth and sixth/roof floors. This contradicts the EnviroScience report.

Request for Intervention

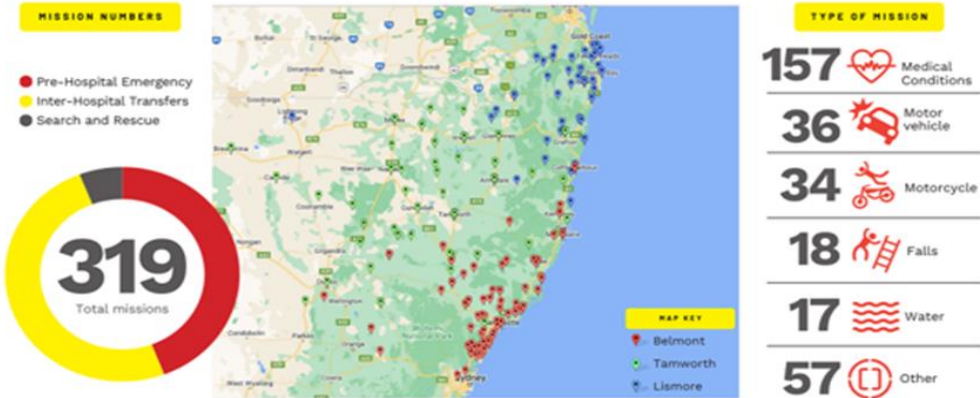
Given these discrepancies and the lack of transparency, TRRRA requests immediate intervention to:

- 1. Halt all decisions and works related to Ray Walsh House until an independent investigation is completed.
- 2. Ensure the Tamworth Regional Council makes no further decisions in relation to Ray Walsh House until the investigation's completion to maintain impartiality.

These steps are deemed necessary to restore trust in the Council's decision-making process and ensure the safety and well-being of the community.

For further information, please contact David McKinnon.

Quarterly Missions
AUTUMN 2024



OPERATIONAL BASES

Belmont

128

Tasked to Premier where a motorcyclist in his 70's collided with a kangaroo. He was treated by local paramedics and the helicopter's critical care medical team for multiple injuries prior to being airlifted to John Hunter Hospital.

Tamworth

108

Tasked to Boggabri to a man in his 40's suffering from serious burns. He was treated by paramedics and the helicopter's critical care medical team prior to being flown to Royal North Shore Hospital.

Lismore

83

Tasked by NSW Ambulance on an urgent inter-hospital transfer from Grafton Hospital to Lismore Base Hospital. The man in his 30's was stabilised by hospital staff and the helicopter's critical care medical team and flown to Lismore.

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Golf Notes

On Sunday we played a 4BBB Stableford Multiplier for a trophy donated by David Kelly and Bill McKid. The pairing of Davo York

and Bevan Benson carded a good score of 57 points to take out the trophy from runners up Daniel Anderson and Jesse Phillips on 55 points. Balls went to Neil Smith and Shane Middlemiss on 54 points and Gary Allen and Rodger Fisher on 51 points. Only one NTP this weekend to Davo on the 3rd and without telling secrets that he turns 91 in August it's inspirational to all of us to see he is still claiming the trophies and enjoying his golf.

Pleasing to see Di Etheridge pick up the individual runner up Net trophy for the Wee Waa Ladies Open on Sunday.

Next Sunday 4th August is an Individual Stableford for Dave McMurtries trophy. On Sunday 11th August is a 2 person Ambrose for the Turning Heads trophy.



Rugby Report

On the weekend the Barraba Rams women's and men's teams travelled to Gunnedah to play against the Red Devils. The Women's game started with some excellent defence and strong tackles from Brooke Turner and Ally Smith and some quick leg work from Jess Kelso and Tiarn Northey. The girls struggled to gain momentum with Gunnedah having possession of the ball for the majority of the first half. The game proved challenging for the girls with the surface of the field and a wet ball posing challenges with slips and falls leading to one of the major contributors to the girls' inability to score a try. The first half ended with Gunnedah in a healthy lead of 22 - 0. The second half saw a few changes with Jemma Johnson and Charlene Hekka taking to field. The Rams forward pack struggled to find their strength throughout the game and could not manage to get in for a try however they were given some grace when Gunnedah was awarded a yellow card for a high tackle. The Rams kept the Devils out of the try line with some solid defence, not allowing them to score any points for the majority of the second half. Gunnedah managed to score in the last 3 minutes of the game with the halfback jumping over the ruck to get the ball down, leaving the score at 27-0 to Gunnedah.

The Men's game started very strong with some excellent plays and defensive work by Nick Sweeney and some great early tackles made by Tom Green and Cody Townsend. Gunnedah struggled with their scrums during the first half which the Rams capitalised on as they gained possession of

the ball. However, the Rams could not keep the Devils out and they got their first points on the board with an unsuccessful conversion to follow. Jack Ward used his speed and agility throughout the half with some excellent chases while Isaac Devine took care of a few strong players with some excellent tackles. However, completion of each play proved difficult for the Rams. Unfortunately, on the first half bell, Gunnedah were awarded a penalty kick which took the half-time score to 8-0 Gunnedah's way. In the second half there were some slight changes to the lineup with Jeremy York taking the field and making his presence known by scoring a try however the conversion was unsuccessful. The grounds still proved difficult for both teams with everyone struggling to stay on their feet and keep possession of the ball which worked in the Rams favour giving Tom Green the chance to steal the ball from a line out and allowing Alex Abra to make an excellent run towards the try line. However, with a wayward pass he lost the ball with only a few meters to go. Gunnedah managed to score the majority of their tries in the second half taking the full-time score to 20 - 5 to Gunnedah. Throughout the game, tensions were high and unfortunately got the best of some of the Rams and Gunnedah players when a physical altercation broke out at the end of the game. The Rams should be proud of their season which displayed some excellent sportsmanship and great defence.

Points for the weekend were as follows;

Women's

Players Player - Ally Smith, 3 - Charlie Norton

2 - Jess Kelso, 1 - Emily Kelso and Jemma Johnson

Men's

Players Player - Brommy Clarke, 3 - Tom Green

2 - Harrison Davies, 1- Oisin McKenna

These two games really gave the men and women something to focus on before they take on the Scone Brumbies this weekend. Our Sponsors Day will be kicking off at 12:30, where our 2024 sponsors are invited to have lunch before the women kick off at 2:20 and men at 3:15. We will also have live music to celebrate our last home game of the season.

Rugby City v Country

Congratulations to two of our young Barraba Ladies rugby players who on the weekend competed at the annual City v Country clash in Bathurst.

Regan Simpson and Zahlie Cabot were selected to represent 18yrs girls NSW Country Rugby after strong performances by the ladies playing for Central North at the Country and State championships which were held in Sydney over the June long weekend.



The girls had to travel to Narrabeen for a Country camp weekend and a trial game which was the only time the team was able to get together prior to the weekend, due to the vast area that NSW Country covers. Unfortunately, the Country girls went down to their City rivals but they never gave up and can hold their heads high on reaching this level of rep rugby.

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Several Brian Coote photos of the Maude St river crossing



Two old Kodachrome slides of the Maude St. crossing over the Manilla river circa 1960.

This was the main road to the east from Barraba towards Bundarra and involves crossing the Manilla River here then Connors Creek involved three more crossings before climbing the Jump-up and on to the plateau east of Barraba.

The Jump-up involved the most difficulty for heavy freight loads whereas for cars the many river and creek crossings between Barraba and Bundarra were probably the worst issue at times.

Where the lone water tank stands on the left was the location of the old Darlington house that was swept away in the 1955 floods.