



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Important repair work completed at heritage-listed Barraba Court House

The future of the historic Barraba Court House located north west of Tamworth is bright after the NSW Government completed \$270,000 in remediation work to repair and protect the local landmark from weather damage while maintaining its heritage and character. The Barraba Court House was constructed in 1881 and is believed to be the first commercial brick building in the town. The project, funded by Crown Lands and carried out by JNC Group Indigenous Contractors, used materials that maintained the building's original character to ensure it kept its heritage appeal.

Upgrade work primarily focused on replacing roof sheeting, gutters, downpipes, fascia, barge boards, eaves boards, verandah posts, and gables with similar materials matching the original building. A new stormwater system was also installed to help protect against water damage.

The Barraba Court House is one of the oldest buildings in Barraba and is a locally heritage-listed site that was a functioning court for many years. It also served as a police residence with an adjoining police station. The court house is one of a small handful of buildings that date back to the town's gold rush era and has stood the test of time for about 143 years.



The maintenance work carried out by Crown Lands will ensure the building remains weather tight against the

elements for years to come, preserving an important piece of local history and giving the Barraba community time to figure out how it wishes to use the site in the future.

Nandewar Historical Society Vice Chair Adrian Hagan said the court house is a rich part of Barraba's history. "It's a unique building that contains an old court room, magistrate quarters, two bedrooms and even a few prison cells. When you visit, it's like stepping back into the past," Mr Hagan said. "It's very important this building is maintained. There's a long way to go but this funding from Crown Land is a great first step and will hopefully see this local gem restored to its former glory."

Minister for Lands and Property Steve Kamper said Barraba Court House is one the oldest buildings in Barraba and was in need of urgent maintenance. "This work, funded by the NSW Government and carried out by a local Aboriginal contracting firm, will preserve this wonderful piece of Barraba history," Mr Kamper said. "Crown Land plays a vital role in heritage and environmental conservation as well as providing open space for recreation and land for community buildings."



A very successful NAIDOC celebration was held last Thursday at the Day Centre, Barraba Health Service. Cathy Stein, Health Service Manager, was MC for the well-attended celebration. Local Elder, Geoffrey O'Leary, did the Welcome to Country and his nephew, Charlie Lynch, from the NSW Aboriginal Lands Council, spoke about the importance of maintaining culture for our First Nation's people. Students from all 4 schools provided song, dance and art performances for the guests and local community members. See photos on pages 9, 10 and 11.



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THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 22nd August

Bingo from 6pm

FRIDAY 23rd August

MEAT RAFFLES

Tickets on sale from 5.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$2000 (2 draws)

SUNDAY 25th August

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SUNDAY: 12-2pm



Daffodil Day 2024

The 2024 Cancer Council DAFFODIL

DAY falls this THURSDAY 22nd

Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising Group Inc. (BCPFRG) will help celebrate this day, and are having their annual Daffodil Day Street Stall in the QUEEN STREET MALL commencing from 9am on Thursday, ie. TOMORROW! We invite the community to come along and support our local group's effort in raising funds to be put towards this worthy cause.

Tables filled with sunny Daffodils, home baked goods and produce will be there, along with the 100 Club, and usual Guessing Competition. Morning teas with a friendly cup of tea or coffee, will for sale in the Mall and can be enjoyed sitting there, whilst listening to the marvelous Martin Unwin's music. Morning tea plates and Daffodils will also be for sale around the township at the various Businesses.

Funds raised from Daffodil Day throughout the country, assist in raising awareness of cancer and are put towards cancer related projects and research. So please come along to help support the local BCPFRG efforts in the direction of the Cancer Council.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I have been instructed to write to you on behalf of the three members who turned up for the Bi- Monthly and AGM meetings on Friday the ninth of August to find that we could not form a quorum and so the meeting had to be postponed to a new date in October.

The Barraba Men's Shed only has a few members and we need some more members to keep the Shed running. If you are interested in joining please come along and talk to Paddy, the Shed Supervisor.

If there is no increase in membership then there is a great likelihood that the Shed will fold, closing both the Workshop and Shop.

This will be a sad day for the town as another social group is disbanded. Workshop and Shop hours are 9.00am to 12.00pm. The Workshop is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with the Shop open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Yours Sincerely, Bryan Barrass

Barraba Men's Shed Treasurer



BARRABA CANCER PATIENTS FUND RAISING GROUP INC.

Daffodil Day Street Stall

THURSDAY 22nd AUGUST 9am Queen Street Mall

There will not be a movie at The Playhouse Cinema on Sunday 25th August



Captain Award Fletcher



Students of the week Nahla, Angel-Lee, Fletcher and Rupert




Reading Awards Elkie, Nahla, Angel-Lee, Preston, Dexter, Albie, Parker T, Hudson C, Chase and Felix (next column)

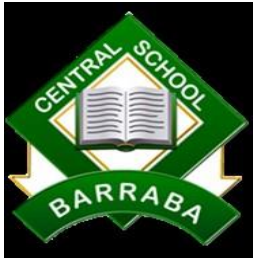
VOTE 1

A vote for
COATES
is a vote for

- C** - commitment
- O** - objectivity
- A** - authenticity
- T** - tenacity
- E** - effectivity
- S** - sincerity



Judy COATES



Year 4/5/6 students had the time of their lives at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Tea Gardens. Over the 4 day camp, students engaged in a range of activities that challenged them, built their confidence and encouraged team work. We are proud of each and every student for embracing every aspect of this camp experience.

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In Week 2 a leadership induction assembly was held to announce and induct our Semester 2 Leaders. Congratulations to the students selected as Class Captain representatives.



History Notes

Last week as I remarked on the successful market day, I failed to mention the winner of the Rooster competition. He is now settling into his home in Tamworth and I am told that Lisa was very happy with her win.

I suspect that I am not the only one with memories of the O.L.Rodger and Son, grocery shop and I must compliment Geoff Hagan on writing the story. I am sure there would be a few other residents with memories of this great shop.

As a child, I climbed the steps up to the original shop, just next door to today's bakery. Inside I remember a long counter with a couple of chairs along one side for the customers to be seated while Oscar and his staff collected the required items.

I remember my mother with her list of requirements - flour, sugar etc which had to be weighed out and put into paper bags. There was no need for vegetables, milk, or meat as most properties supplied their own. However, we did get the occasional "lolly".

As the years passed along and after the passing of Oscar Rodgers the family moved the shop along the street to the old cafe. This shop was easier to access and of course, being a supermarket, one could choose just what they wanted.

The old cafe was just waiting for someone to take it over so the Rodger family had to dismantle it- all the table and chairs were removed and the 3 aisle supermarket was installed. The old counter at the front became the deli and the fruit and vegetables were also displayed at the front.

O.L.Rodger & Son was a very busy business, supporting most of the town although Mackenzies, further down the street, also had a grocery department and later a supermarket. These days of course we only have the one supermarket but we do have a good fruit shop as well for those who are not able to grow their own.

Carol and her Barraba District Schools history project has run into a problem. Can anyone supply the date of closure for the Upper Horton Public School. We have searched most papers and books without success - perhaps there is someone who was a pupil at the school when it closed and the remaining children had to catch the bus into Barraba.

Tamworth
Antique Fair
2024
at
**The Event Centre,
Mercure Hotel,
Scully Park, Kent Street
West Tamworth. N.S.W.**



Friday	August 23rd th , 2024,	4pm - 8pm
Saturday	August 24th, 2024,	10am - 5pm
Sunday	August 25th, 2024,	10am-4pm

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**Antiques to buy or browse
Something for everyone**

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES
St Laurence's Barraba
Sunday service at 10.00am
Woodsreef –every second Sunday of each month

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES
Sunday 25th 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



Street Stall
Barraba Senior Citizens
Friday 30 August 2024
Donations of saleable goods gratefully accepted.

J. Brady – Hon Sec.

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Rural Aid's iconic photo competition opens

Australia's most trusted rural charity has opened its annual photography competition to the public for its fifth year. Spirit of the Bush is an Australian-wide photography competition run by Rural Aid.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said the competition was a great way to get a glimpse into life on the land. "Our Spirit of the Bush competition is always very popular, attracting hundreds of entrants from across Australia," Mr Warlters said. "The winning 12 photos are turned into a beautiful wall calendar. I encourage amateurs, professionals and everyone in between to submit their photographs to the 2024 competition. Spirit of the Bush is a wonderful celebration of the highs and lows of life on the land."

Mr Warlters urged photographers to get in quickly this year. "We've shortened the competition window slightly this year, so if you'd like to take part, make sure you don't dilly-dally. It's our fifth year running this iconic competition, and we'd love it to be bigger than ever! We've already received some amazing high-quality images from previous entrants, but we'd love to see some new faces on board before the comp closes on October 1," Mr Warlters said.

Winners will be featured in Rural Aid's 2025 wall calendar and will also receive a \$250 pre-paid VISA card. The competition closes October 1, 2024. Entrants must submit a high-resolution, landscape image via Instagram or Facebook, with the hashtag #SOTB2024 and tag @ruralaid in the picture, or upload their photo through the Woobox link: <https://www.ruralaid.org.au/spirit-of-the-bush/>

The competition's Terms and Conditions can be found at: <https://www.ruralaid.org.au/spirit-of-the-bush/>

List of candidates for the Tamworth Regional Council Election on Saturday 14th Sept 2024

BROOKE Ryan	HILLVUE	THE GREENS
TOLMIE Gemma-Lea	HILLVUE	THE GREENS
EMOJONG Sewa	NTH TAMWORTH	THE GREENS
GUNNING Robin	NTH TAMWORTH	THE GREENS
FOGARTY Catherine	HILLVUE	THE GREENS
MEARS Stephen	HILLVUE	LABOR
HUGHES Laura	HILLVUE	LABOR
ROBINSON Thomas	KOOTINGAL	LABOR
McHUGH Denise	HILLVUE	LABOR
RINDO Sergio	MOORE CREEK	LABOR
TAIT Ray	HILLVUE	Independent
RODDA Mark	STH TAMWORTH	Independent
BUDD Jeffrey	MOORE CREEK	
MEYER Greig	WARRAL	Independent
WILLIAMSON Heidi	CALALA	
NORTH Brendon	HILLVUE	
WEBB Russell	NTH TAMWORTH	Independent
IMPEY Charles	HILLVUE	Independent
FENN Marie	CALALA	Independent
GILLETT Daniel	EAST TAMWORTH	Independent
BURKE Bede	BECTIVE	
SHARPHAM Matt	TINTINHULL	Independent
COATES Judy	CALALA	Independent

Further information about the candidates can be found at;
[Tamworth Regional Candidates - NSW Electoral
Commission](#)



Tamworth
Business Chamber

PRESENTS

MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM 2024

Thursday 22nd August
Tamworth Town Hall

5.00pm Arrival
Starts 5.30pm - Concludes 8.00pm



Tamworth
REGIONAL COUNCIL



QANTASLINK ABANDONS TAMWORTH MAINTENANCE WORKERS

QantasLink have announced today they are abandoning the Tamworth heavy maintenance facility, leading to significant local job losses, and devastating the community. This decision has come at a complete shock and leaves 51 families in Tamworth with an extremely uncertain future which is a bitter pill to swallow after years of dedicated, loyal service. Today, the lives of workers and their families in the Tamworth hangar have been thrown into turmoil.

The Tamworth airport heavy maintenance hangar has been home to dedicated, highly skilled engineers and maintenance workers with decades of experience and service to QantasLink. We want to keep those skilled workers and their families in Tamworth. They should not be forced to move elsewhere to keep their jobs. Of the 51 families, there are 41 employees and 10 contractors who are facing the prospect of unemployment due to this decision in very difficult economic times.

I have spoken to the CEO of QantasLink and called on them to immediately reverse the decision and work with the local community to look at ways to include Tamworth in the maintenance program for any new aircraft in their fleet. Tamworth needs a growing aviation industry, not a shrinking one, and it's bitterly disappointing that QantasLink have made the harsh decision to pull services away from our region. They need to reverse this decision and save our local jobs.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE IMPACT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES

A NSW Parliament inquiry into the impact of Renewable Energy Zones (REZs) on rural and regional communities and industries gives local residents a chance to have their say on large-scale renewable energy projects. Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson MP is encouraging residents to make a submission to the inquiry.

"A parliamentary inquiry into the impact of renewable energy zones will be welcomed by local landowners, farmers, families and rural communities who have legitimate strong concerns about the impact of renewable energy

developments across the region," Mr Anderson said. "The Tamworth electorate mostly sits outside of the New England Renewable Energy Zone. Despite this, there are several large-scale renewable energy projects in development across the region. Concerns range from visual impacts, transport, impact on local roads, construction impacts, bushfire, lack of consultation, the planning process, and decision making. It's time these concerns were heard, which is why I'm encouraging impacted residents to make a submission to the parliamentary inquiry."

Submissions can be made online through the [NSW Parliament website](#). The closing date of submissions is 31 January 2025. Further information on the inquiry, including the terms of reference can also be found online.



Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council on Tuesday 13th August 2024:

- After some lengthy discussion, Councillors agreed to move forward with the proposed Tamworth Regional Aquatics Centre and the Northern Inland Centre of Sport and Health, using loan funding for its financial contribution of \$30 million for the \$45 million project. It will be used with a \$15 million NSW Government Centre of Excellence grant already secured. The funding strategy was detailed in a report to tonight's meeting and is based on repayments being made from two funding streams: \$15 million in loan funding repaid through Special Rates Variation revenue earmarked for renewal of Council's assets; and, \$15 million in loan funding repaid through decreased expenditure and increased revenue or "one-off asset sales". Councillors supported other recommendations of the report to have staff manage the facility in-house for about three years and then reassess and to investigate a "unique entity" for its naming and branding. The report provided an update about the work undertaken to assess the "highly complex factors" to determine the pool configuration and depths of the main body of water in the proposed facility. The report said user group consultation will continue to determine the configuration which best meets the needs of the community while also generating the revenue needed to maintain its long-term financial viability.
- Councillors have resolved to agree "in principle" with the terms of the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) offers made by the proponents of the Calala Battery Energy

Storage System and Thunderbolt Windfarm. Both of these State Significant Developments have been approved by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) and the Independent Planning Commission (IPC). If Council does not enter into a VPA, a contribution under Section 7.12 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EPA Act) will be levied. The two VPA offers will provide almost \$2 million more funds to the community than the alternative Section 7.12 contribution. Councillors also resolved to authorise the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate the terms of VPAs for other renewable energy projects not yet determined by the Department and/or IPC in circumstances where the offer does not comply with Council's adopted policy. Once a VPA is drafted, the EPA Act requires it to be publicly exhibited for 28 days before it is finalised.

- Tonight, Councillors agreed to adopt a number of Masterplans that support the growth of the region in alignment with Council's Blueprint 100 strategy. The Tamworth Region Museum and Archive Strategy will support the development of the 10 museum, archives and social history collections in our area. The Integrated Transport plan developed in collaboration with Transport for NSW roadmaps how the Tamworth region will manage transport demands into the future. Based on community feedback the Hills Plain Walking and Cycling Connection Stage 2 and an Airport Walking and Cycling Connection were two projects added to the plan following the public exhibition period. Also adopted was the Nundle Recreation Ground and Peel River Park masterplan, detailing the vision for these areas to remain significant recreational areas for locals and tourists. Similarly, the Sheba Dams and Hanging Rock Lookout masterplan will guide the future management of these areas to remain key tourism destinations.
- After multiple rounds of industry and community consultation dating back to 2020, Councillors tonight adopted the Phase 1 Review of the Tamworth Regional Local Environmental Plan 2010. The plan is used to make clear to landowners what they are allowed to do in terms of planning and development in the region and covers rural, commercial and residential properties. The amendments to the plan as part of the Phase 1 Review include but are not limited to; the review of land use permissibility within existing zones, such as secondary dwellings; heritage items; heritage conservation areas, updated development standards in the Bridge Street precinct and several changes identified by community expressions of interest.

- Councillors have tonight endorsed Council's in-kind support for the development, implementation and promotion of the New England Sculpture Track (NEST) project, after it was proposed at the most recent Tamworth Region Arts Advisory Committee (TRAAC) ordinary meeting. The NEST project has secured loan sculptures from national and international artists that will form a public art trail in Bendemeer. It is hoped the project will establish a long-term cultural link between Bendemeer, Walcha and beyond and the financial benefits to the region will be substantial as the NSW Visitor Economy and Tourism would continue to rise. To date, the NEST project has raised over \$50,000 from the community through the Bendemeer Art Show committee and private donations, along with a \$15,000 contribution from TRAAC's existing budget allocation.
- Councillors have tonight supported a Notice of Motion from Councillor Brooke Southwell to assess, plan for and install shade structures over swing sets across the Tamworth Region. Councillors agreed to investigate grant funding options in an effort to improve sun safety, noting the importance of shade for overall public health outcomes and increasing the usability of recreational spaces.
- Councillors have endorsed a recommendation to continue the Waste Wagon service for a further year. This service, which began as a trial in November 2022, offers a book-in, fee-for-service collection of bulky household waste. Over the past year, the service has successfully completed 184 collections, with 90.7% of these from Tamworth and 9.2% from rural areas such as Nundle, Manilla, and Bendemeer. While Councillors agreed to continue the service for a further year it was also requested that a further report on the cost and viability of the service be provided towards the end of the 2024-25 financial year.

Golf Notes

With all the recent rain the course looked a picture for the Col & Rene Sweeney and Shane & Jenny Middlemiss 4BBB Stableford trophies. The winners were Will and Stacey Sedgwick with 40 points from runners up David and Helen Kelly on 39 points. Balls went to Rob and Nick Sweeney on 38 points with the only NTP going to Stacey Sedgwick on the 3rd.

Congratulations to Chris Sweeney and Nat Phillpott on the birth of little Myla Sweeney this week. It was a special touch that today we were playing for the now fifth generation Sweeney family trophy.

Next week is the last round of our Club Championships for Ian Cabot's trophy and the following Sunday 1st September is an Individual Stableford for Rodger Fisher's trophy.



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**NAIDOC
Celebration,
Barraba,
Thursday 15th
August 2024**



Cathy Stein, Health Service Manager, MC'd the function



Part of the crowd at the Day Centre



Local Elder, Geoffrey O'Leary, who gave the Welcome to Country.



Charlie Lynch, NSW Aboriginal Lands Council



St Joseph's Primary School students with a dance and music



Barraba Central School, Primary
Students, sung in Gomilaroi Language





Barraba Preschool students. Some students sang a song in Gomilaroi language and others used sign language



The Preschool students presented Cathy Stein with a painting for the Health Service



Barraba Central School, High School students spoke about their significant art work representing their Indigenous heritage



Frosts 2024 Update

Frost is coming up on Thursday 5 - Sunday 8 September. Book a workshop, enter an artwork, buy a ticket, plan to visit, invite some friends. Please support this great Barraba festival.

Art Show entry now due

The paperwork for entering the Art Show needs to be submitted by midnight Monday August 26. We say 'paperwork' but it is all done online now. The Entry Guide and Entry form are on the Frost website. Some paper copies of the Entry Guide are at the Council offices. If you need help entering then give us a call. Call Ange on 0428 461 143, Jane on 0402 114 520 or Wendy on 0450 122 217. We will help you sort it out.

Your physical artworks don't need to be completed when you enter them. The Barraba drop off day is Saturday 31 August. For people using depots spread out in the region it is Wednesday 28 August.

Children's entries are FREE

Children can enter artworks in the Art Show for free. Teachers, grandparents etc are welcome to help children complete the online paperwork. Children's artwork adds another dimension to the Art Show and can include photography, drawing, paintings and three-dimensional works such as pottery or constructions. Children really enjoy seeing their work displayed in the Art Show.

Workshop Program

There's a program of creative workshops running across the four days with various arts and craft options for beginners to advanced participants. They start at \$10 and there are options for children. Have a look online for options. If you need to pay in cash call Wendy on 0450 122 217.

Arty Party

The 'Arty Party' is a gala evening on Friday 6 September held in the main Art Show. Tickets include dinner and your first drink. The catering is being done as a fundraiser by Barraba Pre-School. There is live music and a caricature artist to enjoy at the event. Tickets are online and also can be purchased with cash at Saunders and Opportunity Knocks.

Saturday on Queen Street

Saturday on Queen Street (7 Sept) will be busy with markets, stalls and live music. There is plenty to do for children.

Pipe Organ Concert

There is another **Jane Stewart Pipe Organ Concert** on the beautiful Barraba Anglican Church Pipe Organ on Sunday 8 September at 1pm. Tickets are online and also can be purchased with cash at Saunders and Opportunity Knocks.

More info

More information can be found on the Frost website (frostoverbarrabaorg.au) and on the facebook and instagram pages.

