



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Barraba Showground Awarded \$280,000 Grant for Equine Facility Upgrades

Exciting developments are on the horizon for the Barraba Showground, with the announcement that the facility has secured a \$280,000 grant through the Federal Crown Infrastructure Grant program. The funding will go towards significant upgrades to the equine facilities, enhancing amenities for competitors and visitors alike.

The Barraba Show Society and Barraba Show Management Committee is thrilled to be working closely with Tamworth Regional Council, which is overseeing the project. Council representatives will ensure that the upgrades meet the highest standards, meet all proposed outcomes while aligning with community needs.

“We are incredibly grateful for this funding and the opportunity to improve our equine facilities,” a spokesperson for the Barraba Show Society said. “The showground is a central hub for our community, and these upgrades will enhance the experience for everyone who uses the space.”

Local contractors have also been actively involved in the planning stages, providing quotes and insight into the best approaches for the project. With the council tender process now in motion, the Barraba Show Society is encouraging as many local businesses as possible to engage, ensuring that the funding provides a boost to the local economy.

For many in the community, this initiative represents more than just physical improvements—it is an investment in the region’s future. By prioritising local suppliers and tradespeople, the project has the potential to create jobs and stimulate economic activity, making the grant a win not just for the showground, but for Barraba as a whole.

Construction is expected to commence straight after the show due to grant restrictions, with the community eagerly anticipating the positive impact these improvements will bring to future events at the Barraba Showground.



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For the information of members and guests.

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY

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BARRABA CANCER PATIENTS FUND RAISING GROUP INC.

AGM

Thursday 6.3.25 at 11am

Followed by a General Meeting at Andy's Guest House

New members welcome



The 2025 Barraba Show is proud to run our **Shop Window Display**

Competition once again in Barraba with this years Pavilion theme being "Harvest Time". Displays are not limited to this theme and can be of any context promoting the Show that you wish. We would like to encourage all shop owners and staff to decorate their windows with a display to help promote the 2025 Barraba Show to be held on the 7th to 9th March 2025. The competition will be judged on Wednesday the 5th of March, prior to the Show. We would like to thank all Barraba businesses for their participation and ongoing support and promotion of the Barraba Show.

2025 BARRABA SHOW – Some new events and attractions

1. Junior Judging – Friday 7 March

For the first time this year Barraba Show is hosting the Group 13 **Young Judges and Paraders Competition**. Competition is open to anyone (15 – 25 years old); the winners will qualify to compete at the Sydney Royal Easter Show; to enter you must be available to attend the Royal Easter Show. Young people who can't get to Sydney, can enter the local Young Judges and Paraders competition, held on Saturday 8 March as part of the Cattle Section.

The **Young Judges and Paraders Competition** is kicking off with registrations at 8am on Friday. We will have all of the following sections to take part in: Merino Sheep, Meat Sheep, Merino Fleeces, Grain, Fruits and Veg and Cattle. We invite everyone in the age bracket below to join us to learn more about judging and to take part. We also encourage spectators to come and watch these amazing young people carry out their judging, and speak about their choices.

More information and entry forms: the on-line Barraba Show Schedule, or contact Carmen barrabapah@hotmail.com or 0419446648.

Reminder to competitors: Competitors enter the show for free for the event only and all accompanying persons must pay at the gate.

2. **Xtreme Broncs and Rodeo - Friday and Saturday nights**

Two massive nights of thrills and spills.

Wrangler Xtreme Broncs on Friday night 7 March kicking off around 7:30pm.

ABCRA Novice and Junior Rodeo on Saturday the 8th, then followed by live music from **Vanessa Lea and the Road Train**.

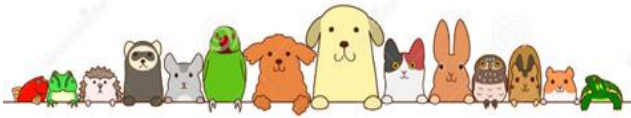
Bring the family along to witness some of the best in the business and dance the night away.

3. **Cirqueum Navigate: from 4 pm Friday and from 12.30 pm Saturday**



Bring the kids to come join the team from Cirqueum Navigate to experience an unforgettable interactive circus play space as well as stilt walking, giant slinky and bubbles stretching the bounds of logical physics and reason.

2025 BARRABA SHOW – The Pet Show
SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025 *Big changes in 2025!*



Our very popular pet show is on again at the 2025 Barraba Show – but we have made some great improvements. The basics are the same: bring along your small pet, and entries are open to all young people up to senior high school. It is not just dogs; there are classes for birds, cats, and other small animals. There is even a class (and an award) for the most unusual pet!

The major improvements are:

A new more convenient time on Sunday – register at 9.30 am, judging starts at 10.30 am.

The Dog classes have been simplified to just four and there are now more novelty and fun classes.

Thanks to our new major sponsor, the Barraba Vet, there are more vouchers and more great prizes.

AND – a new competition – the Dog Jump!

All animals must be on a lead, or in a cage or pen. All entries for the dog classes (and all dogs that come onto the Showground) must be more than 3 months old, be fully vaccinated and have a current vaccination certificate. Entries (\$1 per class) open at 9.30 am behind the Grandstand.

Judging will be at 10.30 am on Sunday 9th March behind the Grandstand. Come along – there are heaps of ribbons, certificates, and prizes to be won – it is always great fun.

Full details of the classes etc are in the online Show Schedule. Any enquiries: Terry Threlfall: 0400 216 365

Barraba Central School
2025 PRIMARY FUNDRAISER

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History Notes

Some weeks ago, there was some discussion around the local iron bridges built in this area in the 1880's. There are number of iron bridges which were manufactured in Britain and then shipped to Australia for construction over some of the larger rivers.

In 2003 we received a letter from a retired bridge engineer who had a great interest in the 'iron lattice' type of bridge built between 1870 and 1890. He said there were 18 bridges of this type built in NSW. They were "fabricated" in England and Belgium, shipped to Australia, and then transported to site for construction!

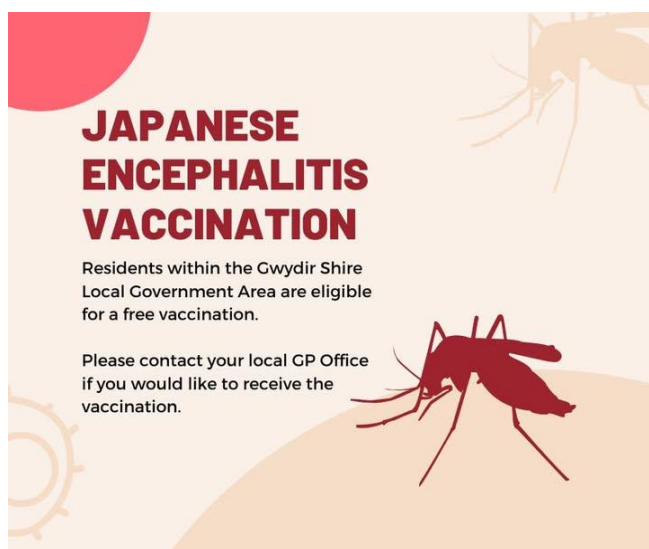
Those constructed in our area included bridges over the Namoi River at Manilla and Gunnedah, the Bingara Bridge over the Gwydir in Bingara and the final bridge for our area was divided between Bundarra and Halls Creek. The latter is the short bridge one drives over just before the Gwydir bridge.

Digging a little further into the local histories I have found that Mr. Royce arrived in Manilla in 1883 to erect the Manilla bridge. He is well remembered in Manilla with Royce Cottage. However, on the trail of the Bingara bridge in Trevor Wearne's book there is a reference to bridge building beginning in August, 1884. There were up to 150 men working at Bingara on wages of 10 pence per hour.

The Bingara bridge was opened for traffic on 9th November, 1886. It was a gala day- lots of people to watch Mrs. Campbell cut the ribbon. In fact, my great great grandfather was so angry that his family attended the opening that he was going to sell the sulky and buggy and the horses so they had to stay at home and work!

Clare Schofield, in writing Stepping Stone on the Gwydir, in 1979, devoted a paragraph to the bridge over the river at Bundarra. "The Bundarra bridge, not originally designed to span the Gwydir, was part of a much longer structure, another portion of which was erected further downstream at Bingara." The bridge came to Tamworth by rail and then completed its journey on bullock drays where much trouble was experienced on the Moonbi Ranges.

The other two bridges in our area were at Gunnedah and just out of Boggabri and I am sure their societies can tell their story although I think Mr. Royce may have been overseeing all the local bridges and he certainly did a good job as they are all still standing.



Residents within the Gwydir Shire Local Government Area are eligible for a free Japanese encephalitis vaccination.

Please contact your local GP Office if you would like to receive the vaccination. Some pharmacies also have the vaccination available.

For more information about the vaccination, please visit <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/.../Pages/vaccination.aspx>.

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Mobility Scooters for Sale.

Are you thinking of buying some form of mobility scooter? Why pay retail price come around to Dave's at 17 Henry St Barraba and pay wholesale. I am importing Scooters direct from China prices start from as little \$1700.

Details of scooter: it's lightweight, folds up for transport, it has a strong night light, warning buzzer, extra child seat, powerful three speed motor, large rear basket and front basket, also reverse gear, 25 to 40-kilometre range, six hr battery recharge. Come and test one home most days, just ask for Dave.



COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Community Groups, sporting clubs and not-for-profits can now apply for the popular Community Building Partnerships program.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the hugely popular program guarantees \$450,000 will be spent in the Tamworth electorate.

“Community Building Partnerships is one of the best funding programs on offer because it guarantees funding will go to some of our hard-working, dedicated community groups and organisations,” Mr Anderson said.

“The program invests in the projects that matter, and make a difference, particularly to volunteers who go above and beyond on skin-tight budgets to provide a service or support to their community.

“Over the past few rounds of the fund, we have seen some outstanding community-led projects funded that have had real, tangible benefits to our region.”

Projects previously funded under the Community Building Partnerships program include:

- \$12,500 for new fridges at Liberty Foodcare's Barraba store
- \$44,200 to fix the roof at the Tamworth Reginal Craft Centre
- \$8,500 for accessibility upgrades at Gunnedah Pistol Club
- \$38,471 to repair the floor at Kootingal & District Preschool
- \$36,521 to refurbish the pavilion at Manilla Show Ground

“I am always pushing to ensure that our smaller communities benefit from these grant opportunities, and I am proud of the fact that the Community Building Partnerships fund has invested significant funds into those communities.

"Applications are now open, so I encourage interested community groups and not-for-profits to visit the website and begin preparing an application for funding before the program closes on the 21st of February 2025.

For more information, visit: [Community Building Partnership 2025 | NSW Government](#)



Council meeting update

Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council on Tuesday 11 February, 2025.

Improved turnover of on-street parking spaces along with the addition of about 200 more free off-street all-day parking spaces in the Tamworth CBD are just two of the benefits drivers can expect after Councillors formally endorsed the Tamworth Regional Parking Strategy. There was considerable debate among Councillors before the majority voted to adopt the strategy. The strategy aims to increase the availability of different types of parking to meet the needs of drivers across the region. It includes a mix of free and paid parking as well as different periods of timed parking, parking for people with a disability and long vehicle parking. The first strategy actions are expected to be put into effect in a matter of months while the introduction of meter parking in Tamworth's Peel Street is expected in the second half of 2025.

Tamworth Regional Film and Sound Archive will have a new permanent home at Council-owned premises at 218 Peel Street (near Tamworth Powerstation Museum). Councillors tonight agreed to allocate the funds to upgrade the existing building using the rental income which had been received for the premises. The archive was in Ray Walsh House but was forced to move when the building was vacated due to failure of the air conditioning system and subsequent discovery of asbestos. The archive is dedicated to preserving the region's film and sound heritage and has a collection which dates back to 1916. It has about 8,000 cans and cassettes of locally and regionally produced visual material and more than 20,000 items on its database along with historical audio material. Councillors formally thanked the archive's dedicated volunteers for their patients, ongoing efforts and resilience while a permanent home was secured. It is currently operating from three sites.

In a move to ensure future residential development is in line with needs and expectations of the local community, Councillors tonight agreed to set a minimum lot size of 2,000 square metres to undertake a dual occupancy on land zoned R2 Low Density Residential under the Tamworth Regional Local Environmental Plan 2010 (TRLEP 2010). A report tabled at the meeting explained that without a minimum lot size, the NSW Government's mandate allows

dual occupancies on all R2 land in the Tamworth local government area regardless of the prevailing low-density character. Under the TRLEP 2010, the majority of local land zoned R2 Low Density Residential land is at Moore Creek (Hills Plain), Calala, Westdale, Hillvue and Oxley Vale. Council will now advise the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure of its nominated minimum lot size in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone.

Councillors tonight applauded the 2024 Tamworth Regional Youth Council for their efforts in playing a significant leadership role last year and formally endorsed new representatives for 2025. A report tabled at the meeting said over the past 12 months the youth council has delivered two major events as part of Youth Week 2024, secured \$10,975 in grant funding, judged submissions in Tamworth's Young Archie portrait competition and were invited to attend the NSW Youth Summit. The newest members of the 2025 Youth Council were formally appointed following an Expression of Interest process was undertaken at the end of last year. There were 23 successful submissions from a diverse range of young people around the region aged 15 to 18 years, wanting to represent their peers. The first meeting of the new youth council is expected to be later this month.

Council will seek community feedback about the proposed removal of the Reduction in Water Consumption Charges Policy in the coming month. Councillors agreed to the proposed change following the installation of more than 23,000 automated water meters across the region. The meters enable locals to access their current water usage and leak information using the My TRC Water Portal, and to be more proactive in their approach to water consumption and any necessary property maintenance. Council will be undertaking a community awareness campaign to encourage uptake and use of the My TRC Water Portal.



Answers page 7

1. Which Danish king lends his name to short—range wireless technology?
2. Which of these mountains is higher: Victoria's Mount Bogong or Tasmania's Mount Ossa?
3. Near which dried-up lake were Australia's oldest modern human remains found?
4. What is the team manager of a parliamentary party called?



Taste Tamworth returns with fresh flavours

A brand-new line up of degustation experiences featuring the best food in the region will be on offer during this year's Taste Tamworth Festival. More than 20 local businesses have already signed up to be part of the 2025 program which will run from April 4-13.

From ticketed craft beer tastings to pizza making classes, Taste presents a number of experiences not usually on offer within local stores, cafes and restaurants around Tamworth.

With a key focus on highlighting local produce, festival-goers can expect to enjoy a range of events that celebrate farm to plate and local culture, as well as try new venues they may have not considered previously.

Events Manager Barry Harley says "Following the success of the Toyota 53rd Tamworth Country Music Festival, Taste is designed to give locals another opportunity to experience new events and local flavours, while also drawing in visitors from across the state and beyond."

Tamworth Regional Council's flagship events are also returning, with Sweet Street to be held on Sunday April 6, while Taste in the Park will round out the festival on Sunday April 13.

Stall applications for the two events are now open, with spots filling quickly. More than a dozen new vendors have come on board for Taste in the Park, including Baiada, which has joined this year as the event's key sponsor. Taste in the Park is designed for the whole family, with lawn games, food tastings and a new Baiada cooking demonstration tent, led by Peter Bukowski from Tamworth BBQ.

One new element of this year's festival is 'Comfort Food Cabaret' – an ultimate tasting experience that blends musical comedy cabaret with a cooking class.

Executive Manager – Creative Communities and Experiences Peter Ross says Comfort Food Cabaret is the perfect show for musical theatre lovers, or those who simply love live music.

"Comfort Food Cabaret will be held at Tamworth Town Hall on Saturday April 12. It's a delightful show that leads audiences on a hilarious journey of music, storytelling and delicious food.

"Starring Australia's singing cook Michelle Pearson, audiences are treated to a show of soulful jazz, rock and pop songs, while being presented with a three-course meal.

"The show is a perfect addition to the festival, demonstrating the versatility of shows presented at Entertainment Venues all year round." Mr Ross says.

Popular local cafe, Hissy Fits, has also come on board this year and will host a ticketed Craft Beer Degustation evening on Friday April 11. The café continues to branch out from its regular programming, having hosted a number of events during the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Other key events during Taste Tamworth include:

Harmony and High Tea at The Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music on April 5.

Le Pruneau Markets at Le Pruneau on April 5.

Sweet Street in Fitzroy Street on April 6.

Welders Dog Food Truck and Trivia at The Welder's Dog on April 9.

Pizza making sessions at Papa Luigi's on April 10.

Comfort Food Cabaret at Tamworth Town Hall on April 12.

Cupcake decorating and painting at The Tiny Studio and Sweet Petites on April 12

Nundle Picnic Day in Nundle on April 12.

Barraba Museum Markets at Nandewar Historical Society Museum on April 12.

Peel Street Markets in Peel Street on April 12.

Taste in the Park at Bicentennial Park on April 13.

Rock n Bowl at Tamworth Tenpins on April 13.

Summer Nights - International Cuisine at Centrepoin Shopping Centre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Local businesses are encouraged to get involved and contact the Tamworth Regional Council Events team on events@tamworth.nsw.gov.au by February 21. Events and updates can be viewed at <https://www.tamworthregion.com.au/events-festivals/taste-tamworth-festival/>

I'm only allowed one biscuit with a cup of tea on my diet.



Seasonal Sparks – Barraba

12 March @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. FREE

Do you want to know more about the services Local Land Services offers in your area? North West Local Land Services in conjunction with Hart Rural Barraba will be holding an information night covering a range of topics from farm emissions to pest animal management. We'll also be requesting expressions of interest for expressions of interest in a program to improve grazing management after a cool burn.

We'll cover:

- what is natural capital?
- the push by markets on reducing farm emissions – is there a premium?
- update on pest animal management and how Local Land Services can support your pest control efforts
- seasonal advice for the North West

BBQ and refreshments will be supplied on the night.

For more information and to register contact Andrew Jack, 0429 302 989 or andrew.s.jack@lls.nsw.gov.au.



TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1 King Harald "Bluetooth" (Harald I).
- 2 Mount Bogong (1986 metres v Mount Ossa, 1617 metres).
- 3 Lake Mungo, NSW
- 4 The whip.

Bendigo Bank Agribusiness Insights: 2025 off to a strong start for Australian agricultural markets

The latest Monthly Commodity Insights report from Bendigo Bank Agribusiness flags a strong start for Australian agricultural markets in 2025. Winter crop harvest has exceeded expectations with the focus now shifting to demand dynamics. Cattle markets are also expected to see some upside amidst strong export demand, particularly from the US. Tightening global supply will continue to support dairy prices over coming months.

Almond producers are gearing up for a big season with a strong crop and favourable pricing forecast. However, a late wet season and flood events across Far North Queensland is impacting fruit supply, in part due to significant infrastructure damage across the region. Global factors remain the key focal point heading into February with US tariffs and the potential for retaliatory trade measures an issue that remains keenly watched.

Bendigo Bank Agribusiness Senior Manager Industry Affairs, Neil Burgess said winter crop harvest generally exceeded expectations. "WA and NSW delivered more than 70 per cent of total production, balancing big drops in South Australia and Victoria due to dry conditions," Mr Burgess said. "The domestic wheat market remains largely rangebound, so for now, the focus is on export demand. Tight ending stocks should support barley prices, however growing uncertainty in global grain markets is set to drive ongoing price volatility in the coming months," he said.

"Cattle prices could see upside in February, with Australia recently overtaking Canada to become the largest supplier of imported beef to the US. Barring any further supply chain issues from wet weather in Queensland and further processing bottlenecks, exports are likely to rise due to strong ongoing demand from the US and rising availability of local supply." Dairy also looks to be a bright spot with tightening global supply continuing to support global dairy prices in coming months, Mr Burgess observed. "However, concerns remain with local production beginning to falter, putting pressure on processors to lift farmgate prices as dry conditions spread in southern dairy production regions," he said. "Lamb prices have eased as we enter 2025, after peaking just prior to the Christmas break with the lamb market expected to be relatively steady in February, gaining support from continued high processing rates, although strong supply of lambs and dry conditions in key growing areas will limit upside," Mr Burgess concluded.

WYATT. A POEM BY EDWINA SMITH.

Now's the time to start
Pros and cons all weighed
The farmer has his breakfast
Toast and marmalade
His task awaits the dawn
Ready, set to go
After cereal and fruit
He's out the door to sow

Up and down the field
Tractor tows the drill
Makes a trough, drops the grain
Then covers with backfill
Amongst his many friends
Wyatt will prove his worth
In line to take a turn
To be sown into the earth

A journey lies ahead
For this little grain of wheat
Waiting in the darkness
Germination to complete
Nothing yet to see
All still above the ground
Transformation will soon begin
Without a single sound

Moisture gives the cue
Wyatt begins to change
Taking off his seed coat
The sky still out of range
Upward through the soil
A shoot makes its way
Till it breaks the surface
To reach the light of day

There must be an anchor
To hold him in the ground
He needs to take in water
From soil in which it's found
A busy little seedling
Now he's got his boots
Growing ever faster
Downward dive the roots

A dainty little plant
With a leaf or two
But he'll need some more
To catch the morning dew
Along come the tillers

They spring from the base
Wyatt's filling out
He will hold his place

Looking to impress
With his leaves of green
He must grow up tall
In order to be seen
Now those little stems
Rise up like a mast
Giving strength and form
To do what nature's asked

Within his top leaf fold
He holds his treasure near
Cradling the seed head
Until ready to appear
Days becoming warmer
Brings more sunshine hours
Wyatt's precious seed head
Now produces flowers

The farmer has been watching
Progress in the field
Wyatt and his friends
Will give a bumper yield!
The grain is firm and ripe
Wyatt's turned to straw
Farmers very pleased
And could not hope for more

The header rolls along
Sweeping through the crop
Harvesting the grain
With no time to stop
Wyatts' work is done
He's now turned to stubble
Wheat for the world!
Well worth all his trouble

Next time you enjoy
Bread with cheese and ham
Or a toasted muffin
With your favourite jam
Think of our farmers
And those grains of wheat
Making healthy foods
That we love to eat!

EDWINA SMITH 1st October 2023

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 23RD February 2025 at Barraba

8:45am for all services.

All Welcome.

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

2nd Sunday of every month, 11:30am at Woodsreef

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Senior Citizens Meeting Notice

Note the date change to 28th Feb

All members and intending members are reminded that the
monthly meeting for February 2025 will be held at the
Lodge on Friday 28th February at 1pm.

Carole Lewis
Hon Secretary

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Message from the Editor

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From The Conversation

5 tips to ace a job interview – including how to prepare for the question they'll definitely ask

Kerry Brown, Professor of Employment and Industry, School of Business and Law, Edith Cowan University

If you're back in the job market, or looking for your first position after graduating, you'll need to think about how to ace a job interview.

Getting shortlisted for interview is a significant achievement on its own, given managers routinely consider hundreds of other applicants for each position. But to interview well, you need to be prepared, confident (but not arrogant) and stand out from other applicants.

A good job interview means assuring a prospective employer you can fit into their company, have the skills to do or adapt to the job, and can work well with others.

So, how can you put your best foot forward in a job interview? Here are five tips.

1. Talk about your cultural and organisational fit

Explain how you would be a great fit in the new job.

Establishing your fit doesn't mean talking up your skills, but convincing the panel you are the right person to join the company.

Make it clear you know what the company does well (more on that later), offer examples of where you've worked well in teams before, and explain how you could contribute to the organisation's mission, goals and achievements.

2. Prepare answers for important questions

They will almost certainly ask: "why should we hire you?"

Variations of this question include: "why are you the best person for this job?" and "why do you want this job?"

You may be asked these kinds of questions right at the start of your interview.

It's not an invitation to brag about what you have done or exaggerate your claims. It's an opportunity to demonstrate how you would fit into the company with your skills, track record and personal values.

This is your chance to outline your skills and position yourself as the best person for the job.

But these questions also allow you to give an early indication about whether your working style and personal values align with the organisation's values.

3. Show your enthusiasm and commitment

It is important to show you are enthusiastic and excited to be part of their organisation.

You are looking to give your employer a sense of your personality and your interest in not just the job but the company.

What is it about this company's work that interests you? Can you name examples of things they've done well in the past? If you got the job, why would you be proud to work there?



Make it clear you've put some thought into why you want to work at this company. Photo by Christina Morillo/Pexels

4. Do your homework

Demonstrate you have read up on the company and people and be specific about what you can offer as a future employee.

Research the company and the person who is interviewing you. Make it clear you understand the business and its recent output, as well as the person and their preferences.

Don't simply regurgitate information about the company from their website. Instead, come up with some interesting questions such as how they've managed a big change in the industry, or how they are adapting to a new technology.

The company will probably research or "cybervet" you. Ensure your public profile and other accessible information is professional and shows you at your best. Lose the wild party pics.

5. Give 'I' answers

"I" answers show how your skills would benefit the company and suit the position. You could talk, for example, about how you're passionate about helping people, so you did an internship in aged care administration during your business studies and also volunteered at your local aged care home.

Or that you won an award in recognition of your contribution to your industry, and explain what you did that won you this award.

The story of you as a talented and committed job seeker should not only be compelling but have an internal narrative logic. For example:

In my university degree, I undertook training in project management software. As part of my internship, I was responsible for project scheduling, so I developed a very good working knowledge of this software. My experience supports me to effectively use project management software in this new role.



Don't just list your courses and achievements; build a narrative about your work contributions and career. Photo by Mikhail Nilov/Pexels

Research has also shown doing an internship gives you a better chance of winning a job.

If you've got gaps in your resume, fold them into your narrative about how you have built your experiences, education, skills and capacities. For example,

To gain experience in learning other languages and working in different countries, I travelled extensively for my gap year. I then started my full-time university studies in marketing while working part-time in the retail industry.

A job interview is not just about how well you did in your studies or your previous job but how you can build your skills and capabilities into a sustainable career in your new role. The interviewer is looking for how you can add value to the organisation.

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FRUIT SALAD PUDDING.

FEB. 21 Make a lemon jelly with White's crystals; add any fruit salad left from day before, set in mould, and decorate with whipped cream when turned out.

Mrs. T. L. Badgery, Bowral Branch.

RAISIN PUFES.

FEB. 22 Pour 1 cup boiling milk over 2 cups stale breadcrumbs. When cold, add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. salt, and 2 well beaten eggs; wash dry and chop 1 cup stoned raisins, add to other ingredients, mixing well. Butter some small moulds and put the mixture in. Bake 30 minutes in a moderate oven. Turn out. These are delicious served with lemon sauce or fruit syrup.

Mrs. H. Murray, Bathurst Branch.

MINCE TART.

FEB. 23 2 diced apples, 2 tablesp. sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon peel, 2 tablesp. currants, 2 tablesp. sultanas, rind and juice of lemon, 1 teasp. mixed spice. Mix all ingredients together. Cover a tart plate with pastry (see Jan. 16), fill with mixture, put two or three small pieces of butter on top, cover with pastry, glaze, and bake from 30 to 40 minutes.

Mrs. J. D. Purcell, Junee Branch.

EXETER PUDDING.

FEB. 24 1 pint milk, 4 eggs, 2 doz. passion fruit, $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. gelatine, sugar to taste. Soak the gelatine in a little water, make a custard of the milk and yolks of eggs, taking care it does not boil after yolks are stirred in. Add the gelatine. When cool, mix in the passion fruit, well sweetened, and add the stiffly whipped whites of eggs. Turn into a wet mould and leave to set. Delicious served with whipped cream.

Mrs. C. H. Botha, Nowra Branch.

FLOATING ISLAND.

FEB. 25 1 quart milk, 2 heaped tablesp. flour, 3 eggs, 1 teasp. salt, 4 ozs. sugar, vanilla. Put milk on to boil in double saucepan, keeping back enough to mix flour. Beat eggs, mix flour, and strain on to eggs; mix well with the salt and flavoring. Pour the boiling milk on to the mixture, stirring all the while to prevent curdling. Return to saucepan and boil till thick, stirring constantly. Sprinkle half sugar into a glass dish, pour in the custard, sprinkle remainder of sugar over, and cover well to keep in the steam. Leave till quite cold, when custard will be firm and floating in a clear syrup.

Miss A. E. Robards, Nevertire Branch.

ORANGE SNOW.

FEB. 26 4 or 6 oranges, 3 eggs, 3 tablesp. sugar, 1 lemon, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups water, 3 dessertsp. gelatine. Put gelatine and water in saucepan on fire and stir until dissolved. Add sugar, juice of oranges and 1 lemon (or a piece of citric acid). Allow to cool, and then add the beaten whites of eggs. Beat until it looks like snow. Pile on a glass dish.

Miss Edna M. Hamblin, Nevertire Branch.

RASPBERRY CREAM.

FEB. 27 Put 2 large tablesp. raspberry jam in a very fine sieve, pour over it and work through 1 pint of thick cream, then whisk it until it thickens. Meanwhile dissolve $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. gelatine and 2 ozs. loaf sugar in a teacup of milk and add gradually to the cream. When quite cold and thick, turn into a mould.

PINEAPPLE PUDDING.

FEB. 28 Cut up pine and add 2 large cups water; put on to boil, and when cooked add sugar to taste, 1 tablesp. butter, and enough cornflour to thicken. Cook until clear. Take off fire and add quickly 2 well beaten eggs, and do not put on fire again. Serve iced with whipped cream.

Mrs. Champion, Booroowa Branch.

WAGGA PIE.

MAR. 1 Bake or stew fruit, adding sugar to taste; put in a pie dish. Stir 3 tablesp. maizena, 1 oz. sugar, and few drops vanilla ess. into 1 pint boiling milk, and allow to boil for a few minutes, stirring well. Pour it over the fruit and let it bake half an hour. Serve hot or cold.

Wagga Branch.