



**FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER**

# BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

## Fun, Fashion and Fundraising

Richardson House is having a fundraising function on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 1.30pm to 4pm at the Barraba Bowling Club.

The 'Wedding Dress Collection' owned by Rhonda Sutherland, from Manilla, including many very old and fragile dresses will be modelled and displayed throughout the afternoon with our MC providing descriptions and commentary.

Dresses from some Barraba locals including Bette King (belonging to the Barraba Historical Society) Adrienne Hancock and her mother's dress, Marie Baker, Barbara Jessup and Alison Ward.

There will also be a parade of new and pre-loved fashions curated by the ladies at Opportunity Knocks including items for sale.

The cost is \$10/person and tickets can be purchased from Saunders Fruit and Veg, Opportunity Knocks and Richardson House ahead of time to ensure your seat, alternately at the door on the day. It would be very helpful if people book ahead for catering purposes.

A delicious afternoon tea is included, supplied by the Bowling ladies and Richardson House.

Try your luck with door prizes and raffles which will be on sale.

Richardson House is fundraising for a lifter for when their residents require additional help. This lifter will keep the residents and the staff safe. The fundraising target is \$8000 and we already have a great start with a donation from the Bowling Club Fishing Club of \$2000.

Sponsors who are generously donating their time and in-kind support are Rhonda Sutherland and her band of models, Barraba Bowling Club and the lady bowlers, Opportunity Knocks, Sandra Allan and her camera, the catering and recreation staff at Richardson House.

Please come along, support our older Barraba residents who call Richardson House "home" and have a fun afternoon of fashions.

**Richardson House**  
*Invites you to attend our*  
**Fashion Parade**

Featuring fashion from Opportunity Knocks and a selection of vintage wedding gowns  
**Rhonda Sutherland's collection**  
*(including some gowns worn by Barraba brides)*

**1:30pm Saturday 29th March 2025**  
**Barraba Bowling Club**  
**Cost: \$10 (afternoon tea included)**  
*Raffle and Lucky Door Prizes*

*All proceeds to assist Richardson House purchase a much needed lifter for Residents*

**Tickets available from:**  
 Saunders Fruit and Veg  
 Opportunity Knocks  
 or at the door

**Sponsored by**  
*Opportunity Knocks  
 Barraba Bowling Club Ladies*

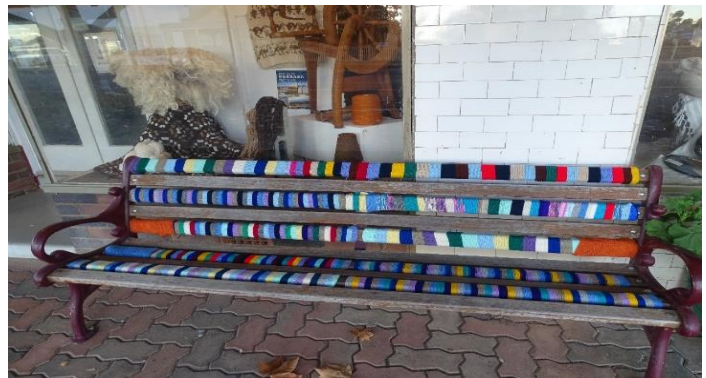


**Tree Bombing Activity**  
**FRIDAY MORNINGS AT THE CLAY PAN**  
**Commencing Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30AM TO 12.30PM**



The Barraba Potters and Craft Guild members are excited to be conducting FREE community sessions to help achieve our Tree Bombing Project. Aimed to promote social interaction, town beautification by brightening up our Plane trees and bench seat in front of the gallery and to increase Barraba tourism opportunities. Yarn Bombing is the process of wrapping trees in brightly coloured crochet or knitted squares or "bombs". Come along and enjoy an outing as you are taught simple knitting & crochet techniques. Everyone (from beginners to accomplished knitters) are welcome to join in and be part of this activity.

The trees and seat bombing will coincide with the Warm and Wooli event at the Clay Pan on the long weekend in June.



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members and guests.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **THURSDAY 20th MARCH**

BINGO from 6pm

#### **FRIDAY 21st MARCH**

Meat Raffles, tickets on sale from 5.30pm.  
MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1400

#### **SUNDAY 23rd MARCH**

ANGLERS CLUB RAFFLES

**Raffles on sale from 12pm, drawn 1.30pm**

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$2000 (2 DRAWS)

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

SUNDAY: 12-2pm

## **BARRABA SHOW SPORTS SHEAR 2025**

**The Cleanest Local Shearer - Brian Simpson Memorial was jointly awarded to Zac Mallise & Jack Hillier for 2025.**

Points are allocated throughout the competition heats by the judges and on calculations the boys ended with equal points.

Being a clean shearer is the start of being a faster shearer and leading to a successful career in the Shearing and Wool industry.

A great effort by all involved and congratulations to Zac & Jack.



As most of you know by now, we are fundraising for not 1 but 2 big excursions this year, with the Great Aussie Bush Camp taking place in just a matter of weeks. A huge thank-you to our school families and the community for your incredible support during our can and bottle drive. The students have been diligently counting every day, and so far, we've sent in **5,218** cans and bottles to be recycled for cash!



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Whitehaven and the Lions Club of Barraba for their generous contributions.

We are incredibly grateful for their support

## Celebrate World Down syndrome day

March 21<sup>st</sup>

About 1 in 1,100 babies are born Down syndrome in Australia.

Most children with DS go on to lead happy lives attending school and working in their community. Their lives are enriched by the support they receive just by being accepted and nurtured within their peers.

On March 21 World Down syndrome day is celebrated to create awareness among people who are not exposed to or have little knowledge of DS. Wearing blue and yellow or putting on a pair of bright crazy or odd socks is a great way to do this. Why? By doing this it starts a conversation and creates awareness so that DS can be understood by more people. Why socks ... the idea was created because socks are a similar shape to chromosomes and people with DS have a third copy of chromosome 21.

Expectant parents are screened for DS and sadly 90% of pregnancies are terminated in Australia. The main reasons for termination are due to concerns about the quality of life of the child and the siblings due to the extra care needed to raise a child with DS. Mostly terminating is due to misinformed pressure from health professionals given to the expectant parents.

### Prenatal information

The Down Syndrome Federation provides support and information for expecting parents. The national 1300 number (1300 881 935) will connect you to your local state or territory Down syndrome organisation. Staff at the organisation can provide you with non-directive information and answer questions. They can also arrange for you to talk to a parent of a child with Down syndrome. [www.downsyndrome.org.au](http://www.downsyndrome.org.au)

Down syndrome awareness is very close to my heart and our family was very lucky to experience it first hand through our son and brother Guy. I'm not sure how old I was when I realised Guy was different because he was my little brother and I loved him just the way he was.

Guy went to school, he learned to ride a horse, swim, recognise money, write his name he even had a job at the chemist. Guy loved music, footy but mostly he loved family and friends. You only had to say hello and you would be his friend. Although Guy had all these opportunities there were things out of his reach like driving, getting married and starting a family.

Guy was born at a time when DS was considered to be a curse. My parents experienced some very arrogant heartless health professionals who told them to leave him in care and

forget about him. It was thought that choosing to raise a DS child was selfish and would burden the family and the other siblings. Not to mention the cost to society. Fortunately, Guy came home and was raised in a loving environment embraced by our community and accepted just the way he was.

I'm sure many of know and will remember Guy and his contribution to the community. He taught us empathy, patience and to never take for granted how lucky you are to live your best life and be free to make your choices.

Thankfully people with DS are not thought of as a burden as much now but health professionals are still putting pressure on parents to terminate.

In memory of my little brother I ask that on March 21 you put on odd socks or wear blue and yellow or even just take a few minutes to educate yourself about DS. There are so many positive stories about families that are blessed living with a loving kind Down syndrome child.

Guy made our family special. We were blessed. He is missed every day. His quirky humour, beautiful smile and kind heart. Guy was so loved by our family and his friends. Thank you to all the people who loved him and accepted him for the person he was.

Rhonda Phillips



In loving memory of Guy  
Derrick

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# History Notes

History notes this week is likely to test the memories of some of our older folk. We have a number of street names honoring people who have contributed to Barraba e.g. Spencer, McDouall, Cambridge to name a few. Weigall Street is probably named after Francis Weigall, his daughter married Ted Garske, and he lived in Barraba for some years but I cannot find out what brought him to Barraba. Perhaps someone can help with some information about him and his wife Anne - they are both buried here.

Last week, one of our society members found a round ruler in the collection and did not know what it was-the only clue being it was with some old station records. I named it, much to her surprise, a ruler for keeping lines straight on plain paper in the last century. The ruler is usually round and the old ones are a shiny black. A quick check of the internet confirmed "a polished ruler" and there are a couple of pages telling the writer how to use it.



I don't remember my father or grandfather using the ruler to make lines for writing but it was always used at the bottom of a column of figures. It would also make a handy weapon as it is quite heavy and very strong.



The Dunnee one is 37 cms long and the Mayvale one about 30 cms although I have not measured it. Hopefully there

may be a photo of the short one with these notes.



Recently the Goldman family notes have been updated and a few dates and names added. A copy of the photo of a grave which is probably on the south side of Mount Kaputar has been added to the folder. The inscription is for a Samuel Goldman born in Hesse, North Germany in 1842 and died on 2ih May, 1898 at Thornfield. Could he have been the origin of the Goldman family in Australia or at least one of them. Andrew Goldman was the young man who 'lost it' when his wife died in childbirth on Mount Lindsay in 1864. Please let someone know if you can help especially with the original family.



## **FREEMASONS NSW & ACT The Ball is Off!**

From Lodge St Andrews in conjunction with the Manilla CWA, Manilla ASL Sub Branch and Manilla Central School.

Unfortunately, we have to announce that the ANZAC Debutante Ball that was planned for the 3rd of May this year has been cancelled due to a lack of enrolments.

We have to accept that the social values of the younger generation have changed. Young people do still like to dress up and go out to fine dining and dancing, but not to the same strict protocols as practiced in the past.

If and when a Ball is planned in the future, we need to learn from this experience and be sure to involve more young people in the planning.

Lodge St Andrews remains dedicated to supporting and promoting the community of Manilla and surrounding district with sponsorship to sporting and charitable groups.

## QANTAS GRANT TAKES OFF

The region's not-for-profit community groups could climb to new heights thanks to the 2025 Qantas Regional Grants Program. The program, first launched in 2019, has supported 80 organisations across Australia, including organisations that have directly benefitted the Tamworth electorate.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said Qantas was making \$2 million available to community groups across Australia, and he wanted the local community to get their fair share. "I'm always keen to help promote and support any grant that could benefit our regional and rural communities," Mr Anderson said. "We deserve to get our fair share of funding, and the Qantas Regional Grants Program is an opportunity for our community groups and not-for-profits to tap into another stream of funding. Recent recipients of this funding include the Tamworth Local Aboriginal Land Council who received funding in last year's round of the program to run an educational program for local aboriginal students. If any local groups have a project that is worthy of this funding, I encourage them to get their applications in before the deadline of the 10th of May 2025."

Grants can include a combination of cash, marketing support and flights according to the specific needs of each group. Community groups and not-for-profits can access additional information on the Qantas Regional Grant application form website at <https://www.qantas.com/au/en/about-us/our-company/in-the-community/qantas-regional-grants/application-form.html>

If a local applicant has any questions regarding their application, or the grant program, please contact the Qantas Regional Grants team via email at [qantasregionalgrants@qantas.com.au](mailto:qantasregionalgrants@qantas.com.au)



Regional Grants  
is back for 2025

Applications now open

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## ANNUAL DONATIONS PROGRAM

(from the Mayor, Russell Webb)

Some of the major projects Council delivers for our community get considerable attention – and rightly so. However, we do have a range of smaller annual programs which get little notice but make a big positive grassroots impact. One of these is the Annual Donations Program for which the 2024/25 recipients were recently announced with 32 groups sharing \$66,800.25. Eight of them are from Barraba!

There were 44 applications from a diverse range of interest and volunteer groups across the Tamworth region. The Annual Donations Assessment Panel – comprising Councillors Marc Sutherland, Steve Mears and Ryan Brooke – assessed them. Amounts granted this year ranged from \$500 to \$4,000. The Annual Donations Policy also provides recurrent funding to a number of groups totalling \$72,050 as well as providing \$4,620 for 77 schools and pre-schools in our region. I thank all groups who support our community. We advertise when applications open, so please consider seeking a helping hand in the future.

### Here is an overview of outcomes from Tamworth Regional Council Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025:

☐ Councillors tonight approved Councillor Marc Sutherland to attend the Closing the Gap - Partnership Working Group - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Led Review Assembly as a spokesperson for Tamworth Regional Council. The Assembly will be held in Canberra from 1 – 3 April and aims to unite various Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community leaders, organisations, and experts to create proposals that will promote wider support for the Closing the Gap Agreement. All costs associated with attending the Assembly would be covered by the Coalition of Peaks.

☐ As part of Council's ongoing commitment to Closing the Gap, Councillors tonight resolved to enter into a formal Partnership Agreement (previously named Memorandum of Understanding) with the Tamworth Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (TACCO). The partnership is the first of its kind in NSW and while not binding to either party, significantly relies on the ongoing commitments of both parties to work together to deliver Closing the Gap initiatives. To celebrate the significance of the Partnership

Agreement, a formal signing event will be held later this month.

☐ Eleven recommendations were passed at Council as part of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting minutes. Amongst these are safety improvements to the White and Carthage Street intersection that will be installed as part of the upcoming Carthage Street Rehabilitation Project. These improvements include new line marking and the repositioning of 'No Stopping' signs to improve the sight distance of the area when driving. There will also be a left-turn lane placed on Carthage Street for west bound traffic and as previously endorsed, a right-turn lane along White Street for north bound traffic.

☐ Tonight, Councillors received and noted the report on the free-entry pool days held across the Tamworth Region this summer. The report outlined that the 24 free entry days (held in total across the pools), saw a 64% increase in patronage in comparison to equivalent paid entry days. Considering additional staffing costs, loss of entry fee income and kiosk income, these days cost Council \$6883 but provided social benefits to the community. As such, a plan will be developed for inclusion of free-entry pool days next summer.

☐ As part of a multifaceted approach to water security, Council strongly supported a proposal by the NSW Government to temporarily increase the volume of water reserved in Chaffey Dam for Tamworth's use by approximately 7.1 gigalitres. The proposed change will mean a short-term change to the Peel Regulated River Water Source Water Sharing Plan which requires town water to be set aside in Chaffey Dam. Further detail about the proposal is laid out in the Council report, along with other longer term water security measures being considered by the state government.

☐ Councillors have agreed to continue to support the Curby soft plastics recycling program as it transitions to a permanent program which requires specific bags for easier identification and processing purposes. Council will use existing budgeted funds to pre-purchase 10,000 Curby program bags to aid residents' participation and will re-asses the program once the initial allocation of bags has been exhausted. A trial of the Curby program began in December 2022 and has diverted more than 21.3 tonnes of material from landfill.

## **BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at Barraba

8:45am for all services.

All Welcome.

## **ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES**

**St Laurence's Barraba**

Sunday service at 10.00am

No Woodsreef service in March

## **CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES**

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday evening

Mass 6pm

All other Sundays 9am

## **VALE PETER "SKEETER" HEYWOOD**



*Photo: Brian Coote*

Peter Heywood died unexpectedly on Friday 14 March 2025. His funeral will be held at St Laurence's Anglican Church Barraba on Friday 21 March at 11am.

**I'm not saying I'm  
old, I'm just saying  
that my dinner time  
and bed time  
are getting  
dangerously close  
to each other.**



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Share your ideas between **17 March and 1 April** through our online survey, in person at one of our libraries or by attending one of our community workshops.

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Tamworth Regional Council is seeking input from the community through a series of survey questions and workshops to discuss these new plans:

Workshops will be held in the following locations and are open for all residents to attend:

**Barraba Library: Friday 21 March, 10am – 2pm**

Manilla Library: Friday 21 March, 2pm – 4pm

The Lands Building, Tamworth: Monday 24 March, 1pm – 3pm

Tamworth City Library: Tuesday 25 March, 6pm – 8pm

### Golf Notes



Jesse Phillips, Liam Johnston and Chris Sweeney teamed up to claim our Seasons opening 3 Person

Ambrose on Sunday. Carding a 3 under par 68, net 59.5 was well ahead of runners up Josh Austin, Morgan Phillips and Mike Artis on net 67.3. The teams of Bill Simpson, John Hartley and David Hulm and Ian Cabot, Neil Smith and Richard Pudicombe finished with net 67.8.

Only NTP was Bill Simpson on the 3rd.

Next Saturday 22nd March is our Ruby Mae Charity day commencing 12 noon with hit off 1pm. On Sunday 23rd is an Individual stableford for our new donor Richard Pudicombe's trophy.

Heads up for Sunday 30th March is our 18 Hole Mixed Foursomes Championships for the L & V Bridges trophy. The Mixed net event is sponsored by the Lions Club. Those without a mixed partner there is an Individual Stableford for Bill and Gail Simpsons trophy.

Gentle reminder guys to please carry a sand bucket around and replace divots.





### Dustin Hiscock - Andrew Johns Cup

On Saturday, February 22, Dustin and his team, the Northern Tigers, showed their tenacity in Sydney, where they triumphed over the

Riverina Bulls with a hard-fought 20-16 victory.

The following weekend they were back on the field as they faced off against the NC Bulldogs in Scone. It was a tough game, with the outcome being 16-16.

Last weekend, the Northern Tigers were scheduled to take on the Titans in Lismore, however, due to the weather, the game has been postponed Good luck to Dusty and his team—we'll all be cheering for you!

### Zone Swimming

Annabel, Destiny and Bailey represented our school at the Tamworth Zone Swimming Carnival in Tamworth on Friday 21 February.

Well done to Annabel and Destiny who achieved PBs in their events.

A big congratulations to Bailey, who placed 3rd in Breaststroke!

We are very proud of you all!



## BUSINESS NSW DEMANDS INSURANCE REFORM

The state's peak business body warns insurance premiums are spiralling out of control, with nearly 80% of businesses in NSW reporting double-digit increases over the past year. [Business NSW's](#) latest quarterly [Business Conditions Survey](#) reveals a staggering one in three businesses saw premiums rise by 30% or more — well above the 2.5% inflation rate for the year to January.

Regional Director Diane Gray said businesses in the New England North West are fed up with having the highest-taxed insurance premiums in mainland Australia. "Regional businesses are hurting as the NSW Government collects more through the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) and stamp duty," said Ms Gray. "Businesses are left to foot the bill or simply go without insurance and hope for the best. Many others have been totally rejected by insurance companies." In a separate Business NSW survey 64% respondents said they were not fully insured against catastrophic events. "This trend is very disturbing, leaving businesses exposed and demonstrates the urgent need for reform of the insurance industry." Ms Gray said

Ms Gray said insurance premiums have been the top financial concern for businesses for nearly two years. "The state and federal governments need to step up and do something now. Businesses are struggling because of rising premiums, and it's simply unsustainable. Many New England North West businesses now find themselves either uninsurable or unable to afford the soaring cost of insurance. You can't run a business when your premiums increase by 30% or more in a year. If we don't get this under control, the entire economy will feel the impact."

Other findings from the Business Conditions Survey for NSW and NENW include:

- The Business Confidence Index for NENW rose to -52.0 for the March quarter of 2025.
- 82% of businesses plan to maintain the same headcount or hire additional staff.
- More businesses are investing in technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) to boost productivity.
- More businesses now view regulatory requirements as excessive.
- Key factors that would boost business confidence in 2025 include further interest rate cuts, slowing inflation, easier access to skilled workers and stronger sentiment to buy locally.

### About Business NSW

Formerly the NSW Business Chamber, **Business NSW** is the peak policy and advocacy body which has been representing businesses in NSW since 1826. We represent almost 50,000 businesses.

## **Barraba Show 2025 – Results**

(Photos: Jodie Adams Photography)

### **Open Campdraft**



Congratulations to Our Winner And Placegetters

- 1st Rodney Mckinnon - Imax 185
- 2nd Jane Fitzgerald - One Fancy Hat 182
- 3rd Ell Parker - Toyboy 180
- 4th Phoebe Thompson - One Moore Chance 179
- 5th Matthew Williams - Little Man 177
- Top Cutout Rodney Mckinnon - Rodlor Retreat



### **NOVICE CAMPDRAFT**

Congratulations To Our Novice Winner And Placegetters:

- 1st Austen Elias - Cantuar Park Kid U Not 182
- 2nd/3rd Lindsay Duff - Delrock Mahogany 179
- 2nd/3rd Matthew Williams - Luka 179
- 4th/5th Tim Hollis - Jdee 177
- 4th/5th Craig Main - Mains Statesman 177
- Top Cutout - Jackson Noon - Hazelwood Company Playtime

### **2025 Barraba Show Horse Sporting Results**

**Flag Race (Under 9)** 1st Sophie Latham – Cd 2nd Sophie Latham - Chicka

3rd Sienna McCormack 4th Hayley Mcilrick

**Flag Race (9 Years-13)** 1st Amelia Kilmore 2nd Jessica Mcdouall

3rd Stella Mason 4th Beau Ross

**Flag Race (13-17years)** 1st Caitlyn Guy 2nd Jasmine Coombes - Spirit

3rd Mia Goodwin 4th Jasmine Coombes - Neighbour

**Flag Race (Open)** 1st Chloe White 2nd Jacqueline Coombes  
3rd Amelia Kilmore 4th Stephanie Yarrdel

**Bending Race (Under 9)** 1st Sophie Latham – Cd 2nd Sophie Latham - Chicka

3rd Sienna McCormack 4th Hayley Mcilrick

**Bending Race (9 Years-13)** 1st Amelia Kilmore – Blackbear  
2nd Amelia Kilmore – Petey 3rd Ruby Kane 4th Jessica Mcdouall

**Bending Race (13-17years)** 1st Caitlyn Guy 2nd Jasmine Coombes - Spirit

3rd Jasmine Coombes – Sunbeam 4th Stella Walsh

**Bending Race (Open)** 1st Chloe White 2nd Jess Downie

3rd Sophie Latham 4th Jacqueline Coombes - Pippa

**Barrel Race (Under 9)** 1st Sophie Latham – Chicka 2nd Sophie Latham - Charming Devil 3rd Hayley Mcilrick 4th Sienna McCormack

**Barrel Race (9 Years-13)** 1st Amelia Kilmore – Petey 2nd Amelia Kilmore – Blackbear 3rd Cate Barnett 4th Beau Ross

**Barrel Race (13-17years)** 1st Caitlyn Guy 2nd Mia Goodwin  
3rd Stella Walsh 4th Jasmine Coombes - Spirit

**Barrel Race (Open)** 1st Amelia Kilmore 2nd Jess Downie 3rd Chloe White

### **11-U14 Barrel Race: Junior Rodeo**

1 Kenzie Litchfield - Tc 16.796

2 Amelia Kilmore - Petey 16.927

3 Arla Dines - Jack 17.629

4 Kate Wellington - Warumbul Alota Rokit 18.27

5 Shelby Lang - Matilda 18.353



### **14 – U18 Barrel Race: Junior Rodeo**

Lily Todd - Whos Cats A Howling 16.329

2 Hannah Fulton - Sp Top Gear Request 16.522

3 Savannah Lamb - Jewels 16.599

4 Bridie Palmer - Palmers Dynamic 16.615

5 Mia Childs - Mater 16.847



**8 – U11 Barrel Race: Junior Rodeo**

- 1 Sophie Latham - Chic A Million 17.862
- 2 Georgia Caldwell - Cruiser 18.347
- 3 Ryder Oliver-Brownlie 21.244
- 4 Maycee Litchfield - Chip 23.68
- 5 Hayley Mcilrick - China 25.89



**Zone Junior Judging Placegetters**



***What an achievement!***

Photo of Michael after he qualified for the F002 cattle paraders completion to be held at Sydney royal. Heifer he is leading is Howzat RR Romance U109 owned by Logan Evans from Tamworth. *(Photo by Rheni Crowley)*

**MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR PAVILLION BARRABA SHOW 2025** Congratulations Mandy Cabot



**Barraba Potters and Craft Guild successful pottery exhibits**



## Caramelised Chilli Pork with Cucumber Salad

From The free Range Butcher



This is a Donna Hay recipe which has been adapted by our friend Trish McPherson. Thanks Trish!

### Ingredients:

- 650g Pasture Fed pork fillet, sliced
- 1 tbsp grated ginger
- 2 chilli, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 tbsp fish sauce
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- Coriander
- Mint
- Cucumber
- Bean Sprouts
- Boiled rice to serve

### Method:

- Make salad of thinly sliced cucumbers and bean sprouts (or whatever you are using) with chopped mint and coriander.
- Pan fry pork fillet until brown and nearly cooked then remove.
- Add soy sauce, fish sauce, lime juice, sugar and ginger to pan and cook until is sugar dissolved and starting to caramelise.
- Return pork to pan and reheat.
- Serve pork and sauce over salad with boiled rice.

**Trish's tip:** If you don't have bean sprouts you can use snow peas, sugar snaps or asparagus; just lightly steam and then refresh. Serves 6.

## RECENT ANNIVERSARIES

- the second Battle of Vinegar Hill (aka Castle Hill rebellion) in NSW, when Irish convicts led the colony's only significant convict uprising (1804)
- the publication of the song Happy Birthday To You by Claydon Sunny (1924)
- the deaths of cricket legends Rod Marsh and Shane Warne (2022)
- birthday for instant noodle inventor Momofuku Ando (1910)
- the death of Soviet leader Joseph Stalin (1953)
- British PM Winston Churchill's famous 'Iron Curtain' speech (1946)
- the ratification of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) (1970)
- Bob Hawke becoming PM (1983)
- John Howard being sworn in as PM (1996)
- an earthquake and tsunami in Japan that triggered the 2nd-worst nuclear accident in history at Fukushima nuclear plant (2011)
- Chinese President Xi Jinping being appointed president for life (2018)
- the Foundation Stone being laid in Canberra (1913)
- Moscow becoming the capital of Soviet Russia (1918)
- William Herschel discovering the planet Uranus (but he mistook it for a comet) (1781)
- Labor PM Paul Keating's election win "for the true believers" (1993)
- Albert Einstein's birthday (1879)
- Xi Jinping becoming President of the People's Republic of China (2013)
- the Christchurch mosque shootings that saw 51 killed (2019)
- the founding of Lifeline (1963)
- the Dow Jones Industrial Average falling by 2,997.10, the single largest point drop in history (2020)
- the patenting of the rubber band and self-raising flour (1845)
- Albert Einstein finishing his scientific paper detailing his Quantum Theory of Light, one of the foundations of modern physics (1905)