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Barraba Central School
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5/6 Canberra

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Primary Fundraising

Our fundraising drive is steaming ahead. At last count, we have recycled a whopping 17011 cans and bottles! The outpouring of support from our community has been nothing short of amazing and we would like to thank everyone for their continued support.



Barraba Museum Markets

Saturday April 12th 8.30am – 11.30am
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Museum Gardens, 71 Queen Street, Barraba

More local candidates announced for federal election

Candidates are slowly but surely coming forward to fill out the ballot in New England.

Family First, a minor conservative party that positions itself on 'Christian' values and 'putting the family' back in to policy, has announced candidates Holly Masters, a speech pathologist in Armidale, will represent the party in New England.

Holly Masters joins incumbent Nationals Barnaby Joyce, Labor's Laura Hughes, the Greens Wendy Wales, Brent Larkham from One Nation, and Independent Natasha Ledger in the race for New England.

More candidates are likely to come forward, with nominations open until April 10, 2025. The election is being held on May 3rd.

Ecological Burn Notice

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THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 10th April

BINGO from 6pm

FRIDAY 11th April

Meat Raffles, tickets on sale from 5.30pm.
MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1700

SUNDAY 13th April

ANGLER CLUB

Raffles on sale from 12pm, drawn 1.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$2000 (5 DRAWS)

HAPPENING SOON

Good Friday - Easter Egg Raffles

Club will be closed Easter Monday

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MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY: CLOSED

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

SUNDAY: 12-2pm

**Bistro will be closed Easter Saturday and
Easter Sunday**

BERYL HENSAW'S STORY – Part two

In Part 1, Beryl told me how she came to Australia; but how did she get to Barraba?

Beryl finished school, started work, married and started a family. She had four children, three boys and a girl. The family established themselves in Brisbane. Time moved on and Beryl divorced. She remarried to Bill, a retired Army Veteran. They decided they would like to live away from the hustle and bustle of the city, in some quiet country town. They came to Manilla (Bill had some connections to the area) to look at possible houses for sale. Nothing suitable there at that time, but it was suggested they have a look in Barraba. They

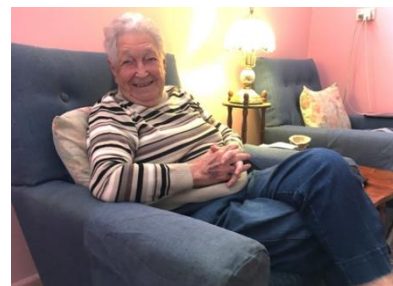
immediately found just the sort of home they were looking for, comfortable and quite close to all essential services; so, they bought it. Beryl still lives there. At that time (1981) the Woodsreef Mine was winding down, and there were good houses available at very good prices, as the former employees of the mine left Barraba to find employment in other places.

Beryl and Bill created a nice home for themselves and became part of the Barraba community. When Beryl's father died in 1996, her mother came to live in Barraba near Beryl, and, as she became less able, moved to Richardson House. Bill died in 2011, and Beryl remained involved in the community she had made her own.

Today, now Beryl is over ninety years of age and needs a bit more support, she reluctantly decided that now is time to move closer to family. She will be moving soon to a granny flat at her daughter Cheryl's Brisbane home – still quite independent, but with support at hand.

Now Beryl reflects on her time in Barraba: "When I first thought about my time in Barraba, I thought 'nothing much has changed' – but thinking further, a lot has changed in forty-four years." For instance – she listed some of the services she remembers were here in 1981 when they arrived:

- 3 banks
- 3 pubs
- 2 supermarkets
- 2 butchers
- 2 hairdressers
- 2 permanent police
- men's barber
- taxi
- dry cleaning depot
- courthouse



"There seemed to be so much more going on in the Community," she said. "Lots of voluntary groups, regular festivals, large markets, deb balls – lots of people about

and involved in lots of local things." We reflected, as older people do, that the world had changed. People seem busier, they don't go out as much, there is a lack of volunteers for community organisations, there doesn't seem to be so many families around.

Beryl says she will be sad to go – she will miss walking the short distance to the shops, knowing and greeting everyone. And when she gets to the café, before she has settled in, there is her preferred coffee on the table in front of her!

Farewell Beryl, thanks and good luck.



Week 9



Student of the Week - Bede, Parker, Charlie S, Dexter, Ava-Jane

Student of the Week, Week 8 (Presented Week 9) - Charlie D & Chastity



Captains Award - Elkie

Week 10



Student of the Week - Matthew, Grace D, Stella & Archie

Teacher: Give me a sentence which includes the words, Defence, Defeat, Detail.

Timmy: When a horse jumps over defence, defeat go first and then detail.

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The election allows us all a choice whether we want Minister Bowen to continue on with what he is doing to our power prices. The election gives all a chance to say whether you are comfortable with the current cost of living. The election allows you to say whether you believe the current government is focused on country issues.

The Coalition may not be perfect but Labor is hopeless, I don't believe that there is many reasons at all to give them a vote.

We need a government back that cares about country roads because I drive on them. That understands that you need a doctor in the town. We need to send a message that we are being nailed to a government climate policy cost that we are paying on everything that uses electricity.

We now have a trillion dollar debt but what assets in regional areas did we get for it to help earn the money to repay it. A trillion seconds is 31,700 years! It is more than a word it is massive and the interest

bill is heading towards 40 billion dollars a year. Imagine the dams, road and rail that could have been built instead, or the assistance we could have offered to pensioners with that money.

Labor use the country as the payment for their urban virtue to get Green preferences. Tree clearing laws, water rights removal, forcing transmission lines through our properties. That watch our every move and pounce which piece by piece hands our land assets over to bureaucrats.

When we do have a major project such as the Inland Rail, the sealing of the third road across Australia, the Outback Way, or the building of dams they stop them and move the money to train lines in Sydney or stadiums in Brisbane.

Letters to the Editor

At *Barraba Community News* we welcome 'Letters to the Editor' expressing your opinion on any topic.

It is important to ensure the opinions expressed are not discriminatory or offensive. The Editor reserves to right to use judgement to edit or decline to print should a letter not meet editorial standards.



Ray Walsh House activation ideas sought

As part of the extensive research being undertaken to develop an options paper about the future of Ray Walsh House, Tamworth Regional Council has today issued an Expressions of Interest (EOI).

The aim is to seek out parties “with appropriate financial resources, insurances and legal status” which are interested in entering into negotiations with Council “with a view to exploring and developing” with a proposal to activate Ray Walsh House.

“The EOI is one part of the fact finding needed to ensure the options paper takes an accurate and broad look as to how Ray Walsh House may be activated,” Mr Bennett said. “The intention is to cast a wide net in order to be open to a range of scenarios in addition to the remediation and refurbishment of the building or its potential sale. While the EOI makes it clear that no proposal including a service station, supermarket or combination thereof will be considered – we don’t otherwise want to limit the ideas or concepts parties may have. This is a genuine and transparent process about the activation of the site as a whole. There are some constraints of that site with substations and accessways for other properties, so it will take someone with real vision.”

The 22-page EOI sets out how “Council is interested in all proposals for the sale and proposed use of the building which may include demolition and/or the leasing of office space back to Council under a long-term lease

arrangement”. Guidelines are included about what submissions must address.

The document states “formal approval” for the activation of Ray Walsh House will rest with Tamworth Regional Councillors - the community’s elected representatives.

The EOI has today been published on Tenderlink – an online platform which is regarded as Australasia’s largest tender marketplace and Council’s website. It will also be advertised in multiple Australian metropolitan newspapers.

“We want to find industry experts who may have innovative viable concepts for the future of the site,” Mr Bennett said.

Expressions of Interest will be open until 26 June, 2025. To view the EOI, go to: www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/eoi

The former administrative headquarters of the Council in Tamworth’s main street has been vacant since late 2022. The air conditioning system servicing three of the five floors of the building had failed and friable asbestos was subsequently discovered in the Vermiculite fire protection sprayed on all structure steel floor members. With the safety and wellbeing of staff the primary concern, there was a staged relocation of workers from the premises to multiple sites in the Tamworth CBD.

Councillors resolved last year at the 28 May Ordinary Meeting for General Manager Paul Bennett to develop an options paper. They also agreed the options paper would be subject to “broad community consultation and all documents associated with it would be made available for public scrutiny”.



Barraba Central School

White Card Training

Students recently took part in earning their White Card qualifications at the Secondary Campus. This important training helps students gain essential skills for working safely in construction and other industries. A big thank you goes to Scott Mazz for generously coming in to conduct the training. We are grateful for his time and dedication, and we're excited for the students who now have this important certification under their belts, opening up more opportunities for them in the future!



EPP/TAFE Start Your Future - Hair and Beauty

Secondary students had the opportunity to work with Symone from TAFE over three weeks, covering hair styling and care, as well as nail technology. The training trailer was very impressive, fully equipped with everything the students needed for their learning.





History Notes

Last week we noted that Margaret Cameron married Thomas Hoskisson in 1852 at Maitland and came to live at Barraba Creek Station. Margaret was a member of a large family group who landed in Australia on the "Blonde" in 1849 from Scotland. It seems that Margaret's parents had married in Scotland in 1814 and there were 14 children in the family when their father died in the 1840s.

Thomas Hoskisson brought his bride home to Barraba Creek and it seems that his mother-in-law, with John and Mary, soon followed. John, with his wife Jessie nee McDermott, had a daughter, Anne, born within a year of their arrival in New South Wales and second daughter, Mary, almost exactly two years later at Maitland. Their third child, Alexander, was born at Barraba in 1854 as was Sarah, 1st child of Thomas and Margaret.

From 1854 there were at least two families living at Barraba Creek Station together with Mrs. Cameron senior, (Ann nee McPhee). John and his wife set up the Stockman's Arms in Barraba within a few years and increased their family to seven children before his untimely death in 1868. His widow, Jessie, ran the hotel and reared their seven children until she retired in 1890.

Back to the Hoskissons - Margaret, wife of Thomas, died from breast cancer in January 1868 and was buried on the creek bank beside her young son, Thomas, who had died in 1862. These graves were partially visible in the 1980s but will have completely disappeared by now. The remaining Hoskisson children ranged in age from 14 years down to 2 years and were probably cared for by Margaret's mother for the next few years.

Thomas Hoskisson remarried to Caroline Davis and had two sons - James Davis who married Emily Stuart Hagan and Thomas Joseph who did not marry. Sadly, Thomas Hoskisson died in January 1880, aged 61 years, leaving Caroline's brother in charge.

Ann Cameron nee McPhee, grandmother, great grandmother, house keeper and general help died on 25th July, 1877, mother of 13 children although only one was still alive to mourn her. She was 80 years old. She is buried at Barraba, possibly in the cemetery although she is not listed anywhere.

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 13th April at 8.45am

All welcome

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef service 2nd Sunday in each month.

Good Friday: 10am St Laurence's

Easter Sunday: 10am St Laurence's

Easter Sunday: 4pm Bereen - Bring a plate to share

We'd love to celebrate Easter with you! Come along on Good Friday to share in the Lord's supper and enjoy hot cross buns afterwards. Easter Sunday includes a kids spot and all are welcome to join us for a BBQ lunch following the service!

CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday evening

Mass 6pm

All other Sundays 9am

Holy Week Program:

Palm Sunday, Mass 9.00am

Holy Thursday, Mass 7.00pm

Good Friday, Stations of The Cross 3.00pm

Easter Sunday, Mass 9.00am

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The Playhouse: live show review

Last Tuesday night 1st April, the Barraba community was fortunate to be invited to a free event at The Playhouse. The event was made possible due to the support of the Primary Health Network of HNE & Central Coast. It's important that we support the events at our local venues, so I decided to go along without really knowing what to expect.

The theme was about the stories we all have, how we are connected, and how we need to draw on that strength when the world can be dark and sometimes apocalyptic. Our first "exercise" was to put our feet flat on the floor and be mindful of country beneath the floor, where people have told many stories for much longer than we've been here, where it is home to the oldest surviving cultures of story-telling on the planet. We were reminded that we all bring our own stories into the room and they are all different.

The audience was then immersed into video of the start of life, questions about our first memories. Do you remember being born?

Will's story-telling and poetry made the audience feel safe, even though we might have felt vulnerable. He reminded us that we live on a planet that is full of hurting, but of hope in the same way that we all are and that it's important to take care of ourselves and each other.

The poetry interwoven with the 3 stories of some amazing people in his life was thought provoking and beautifully presented with audio and film and Will's captivating voice and verse in an almost rap style of reading.

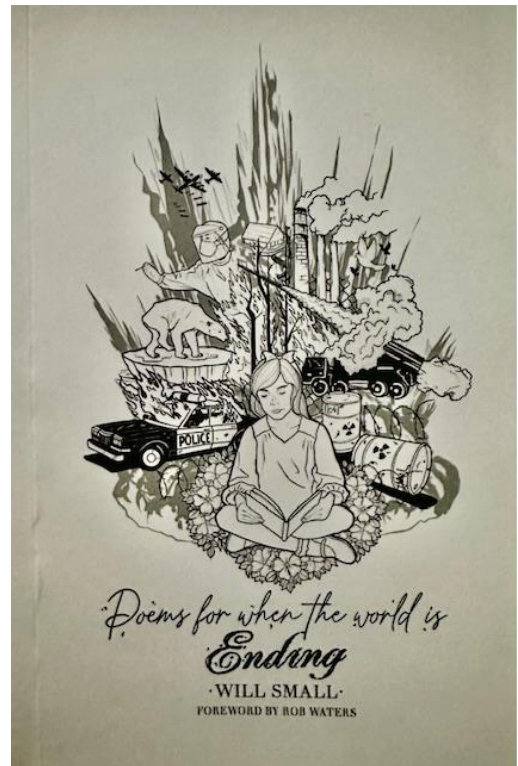
The audience was immersed in an absorbing experience, truly compelling and in the end quite cathartic on the journey of survival, resilience, hope and hardship. In Will's words we are "a strange paradox of strength, courage and wound trauma with some pain of unresolved issues"

A free barbecue was held after the experience and enabled the attendees to mingle with each other and the presenters to share stories in a relaxed atmosphere.

Will Small's book "Poems for when the world is Ending" was available to purchase, and after sharing a couple of stories with him about helping several people from ending their lives, I thought I should ask for it to be autographed.

"This is how we survive" uses the 3 principles of:

1. Keep breathing
2. Shift perspective
3. Find purpose



To find more information their website is thisishowwesurvive.com.au

Meredyth Bell 7/4/2025

An amazing Show at The Playhouse Hotel last Tuesday: *This is How we Survive*. It consisted of beautifully told stories and poems of trauma experiences we have and how we deal with and overcome them, the resilience we have to continue our lives, and how we can become better people. It was very emotional and thought provoking with a background of music and scenery on screen. Thanks to Andrew for putting this beautifully presented free show.

Beryl Henshaw 7-4-25

BERYL HENSHAW STORY – postscript.

There is no doubt that Beryl is the Number One ticket holder at the Sunday afternoon Movies at the Playhouse. Beryl has been Andrew Sharp's most loyal supporter, attending almost all the screenings since he started many years ago. She was photographed when she attended for the last time last Sunday before her move.



Photo:
Meredyth
Bell



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Ageing Australia calls on all parties to make aged care an election priority

Ageing Australia is calling on all parties to ensure aged care remains a national priority ahead of the Federal Election, addressing the workforce crisis, supporting transition to the New Act, and improving access for older Australians. “The number one priority for aged care providers is improving the lives of older Australians. Unfortunately, we face chronic workforce shortages and challenges attracting and retaining workers, on top of financial sustainability pressures,” Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson said.

There is an estimated shortage of 4,043 registered in aged care alone. That figure is set to blow out to 17,550 by 2035. There is also currently an expected shortfall of up to 35,000 direct care workers. “To address the workforce crisis, we’re calling for streamlined migration, strengthened education

and training and a boost to incentives for regional providers to attract the workers needed,” Mr Symondson said.

Ageing Australia is also calling for improved access to aged care, reduced wait times, strengthened affordability measures and support for innovative care models. “We know that people are sometimes waiting over a year for the home care package they need. Many are also waiting for higher value packages to support their increasing needs. With increasing demand, the official waitlist of 81,000 packages is set to blow out over the coming months and we’ll need many, many more. We need the right number of packages, at the right level, for the people who need them. Staying in your own home isn’t just a preference, it’s a fundamental part of maintaining their independence, dignity and connections to their own communities, close to family and friends.”

Transition to the New Act is also a priority, with more time needed to implement such sweeping reforms. “We all want these reforms to succeed but the current timelines are so tight they border on the impossible. For the sake of older Australians we need to get this right. Without more time we risk confusion for older people and providers alike. We have the chance to build an aged care sector that all Australians can be proud of, but we need a measured approach to reforms of such magnitude and that means more time to get them right. Failure is not an option. The last thing we want to see is an older person receiving a lower level of care on July 1, just because we rushed reforms.”

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.



Edited from the New England Times 6th April 2025.

Biosecurity trumps beef tariffs

The Australian beef industry has joined Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and the Coalition in defending strict biosecurity protocols that prevent the import of fresh US beef into Australia.

US President Donald Trump singled out Australia's beef import restrictions as one of the reasons for imposing tariffs on "friends and foe", sparking a rare bout of bipartisanship during a federal election campaign protecting the red meat industry. Australia has completed science-based biosecurity and food safety assessments that has allowed the trade of US beef from cattle born and raised in the US since 2019. However, the US has also asked for access to Australia for beef from cattle raised in Mexico or Canada and processed and exported from the US. This revised request raised the hackles of the Australian red meat industry due the risk of importing exotic diseases like Foot and Mouth.

Speaking at today's Tamworth Regional Livestock Exchange sale, Member for New England Barnaby Joyce said science must prevail in response to Mr Trumps tariffs. "One of the greatest things we have here is the warranty that our products are clean and green, and we have got to maintain that," Mr Joyce said. "It's really important our scientists and the Department of Agriculture take the lead on this due to the potential threats like mad cow disease. It's not a political decision, it's one that should be in the hands of our independent scientists."

Cattle Australia Chief Executive, Dr Chris Parker, said the logic for the new tariff was flawed and failed to recognise that the US has access to Australia, provided it could demonstrate its beef came from cattle born, raised and slaughtered in the US. "These are the same conditions that the US imposes on Australian exporters – reciprocal arrangements are already in place," Dr Parker said. "The US industry has not been able to meet these standards and now wish to include beef from cattle born in Mexico and Canada."

Guyra cattle farmer and NSW Farmers Executive Councillor, James Jackson, said there must be no swaying on strict biosecurity protocols that protect Australian beef, sheep and goat herds from exotic diseases. "We are picky when it comes to red meat imports. We cannot afford to get mad cow or foot and mouth disease in this country. Our industry is very exposed as we export the majority of our red meat," Mr Jackson said.

"Donald Trump has a different view, but the biosecurity restrictions are warranted. In the case of mad cow disease, we would be shut out of our key export markets overnight, and the economic harm would be widespread. We have very

strict rules about feeding animal proteins to livestock because that is a big no no when it comes to spreading of mad cow disease. I understand that the US does have similar rules for their domestic beef production, but they cannot guarantee beef that is exported to us is from an American farm. The original ban on US beef imports was in 2003 due to a mad cow disease outbreak in the US. It was lifted in 2019 on the proviso that there was a chain of guarantees and statutory declarations that the beef had not come from other countries. They have not been willing or been able to do that."

Hamburger demand could swallow tariffs

American consumers strong appetite for hamburgers could soften the blow of a 10 per cent tariff on Australian beef. Australia exported 400,000 tonnes of beef to the US last year, much of which was lean grinding beef for the massive US hamburger production chain. Australia's Red Meat Advisory Council calculated that the 10 per cent tariff on Australian beef, which goes into 6 billion US hamburgers each year, would cost US consumers an additional \$600 million a year.

"Our grass-fed beef is mixed with the fat trim from their feedlot steers to make the hamburger patty. They really need it for that, and it adds value to their feedlot market," James Jackson said. "They will still have to get that beef from somewhere and our main competitors like Brazil and Argentina have the same or worse tariffs, and the US cattle herd is down due to drought. There will be a negative short-term impact on farmers. There are other markets for the grinding beef, but the American market is the biggest and is a very good one for us."


Australia's peak red meat marketing body, Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA), says Australian farmers continue to respond to strong demand for high-quality red meat globally, exporting record amounts in 2024 to over 100 countries. "The demand outlook for Australian red meat remains very strong and we maintain favourable market access conditions with over 85 percent of exports covered by free trade agreements," MLA Managing Director, Michael Crowley.

The US was Australia's largest red meat export market in 2024, worth A\$6.07B, and accounted for almost one third of Australia's total global exports. "Despite the imposition today of 10 per cent tariff, the US will continue to buy Australian red meat to supplement their requirement for high quality protein," said Mr Crowley.

Mr Crowley said Australia's other major markets include Greater China, Japan and Korea, worth A\$3.9B, A\$2.6B and A\$2.5B respectively. The Middle East / North Africa Market is worth A\$2B and offers demand growth opportunities.

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Golf Notes



Sixteen players contested an Individual Bisque Par for the Ian and Brenda McColl trophy on Sunday. Neil Smith will be checking his

handicap after claiming the trophy with plus 6. Runner up was Morgan Phillips with plus 4 with balls to Jesse Phillips plus 3, Liam Johnston plus 2 and Richard Pudicombe plus 1. There were no NTPs recorded.

This Sunday 13th April is a 4BBB Stableford for the John and Toni Waugh and Firmen Allan trophy.

On Easter Sunday 20th April is a Stableford for Gary Allen's trophy.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES

- the ratification of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) (1949)
 - Alexey Leonov becoming the first person to walk in space (1965)
 - the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge (1932)
 - Persia officially being renamed Iran (1935)
 - Russia annexing the Crimean Peninsula (2014)
- Anniversary of:
- the US confirming its troops used chemical warfare against the Vietcong (1965)
 - the 1st recorded use of "OK" [oll korrek] in the Boston Morning Post (1839)
 - the Battle of Okinawa, the largest battle of the Pacific War in World War II (1945)
 - the founding of restaurant chain KFC (1930)
 - Oz closing the international border amid the COVID-19 pandemic (2020)
 - Federal Parliament overturning the world's first euthanasia law that was passed in the Northern Territory (1997)
 - 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)
 - the world's largest dinosaur footprint found in Western Australia (2017)
 - Australia's first federal election leading to Edmund Barton being elected Prime Minister (1901)
 - Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs founding Apple Computer (1976)
 - Australian Teddy Flack winning gold in the 1,500m final at the first Olympic Games in Athens (1896)



Experience our region on your plate this April

Over 25 events are being held as part of Taste Tamworth Festival

– the Tamworth Region’s annual 10-day festival from 4 – 13 April.

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

Barry Harley, Manager of Events at Tamworth Regional Council, strongly encourages both travellers and locals “to get out and about in the region and try something new”.

See the full list of events scheduled below:

Pasta Class with Long Lunch at Carroll Gap Farm April 8

Sourdough Class with a Ploughman’s Lunch at Carroll Gap Farm on April 9

Taste for Tots at The Deck Café, Viaduct Park on April 10

Pizza making sessions at Papa Luigi’s on April 10. Centrepoint Tamworth. 11am – 12pm and 5pm – 6pm. Come along and make your own woodfired pizzas in Centrepoint Tamworth! A fully accessible & inclusive event.

My Thai Rice Paper Rolls Making Class Thursday 10 April – My Thai, Centrepoint Tamworth. 3:30pm – 4pm. Gold coin. Learn how to roll delicious rice paper rolls at Centrepoint Tamworth! A fully accessible and inclusive event.

Smoke & Wagyu at Bison Smokehouse on Thursday 10 April –The Oasis Hotel. 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

This special event showcases low-and-slow smoking techniques, allowing the intense marbling to render beautifully, creating a melt-in-your-mouth experience like no other. From brisket to tri-tip, every cut has been carefully selected to highlight the superior quality of 2GR Wagyu.

Pair your meal with a curated selection of premium wines, craft beers, and signature cocktails, available for purchase at the bar. Seats are limited—secure your place for an unforgettable Wagyu experience.

Beer and Degustation Dinner at Hissy Fits Café on April 11

Down Under: The Songs that Shaped Australia at Town Hall on April 11

Gin Experience at Tomms Bar on April 12

Comfort Food Cabaret at Tamworth Town Hall on April 12

A Taste of Africa at Safari Club Bar & Grill on April 12

Little Sweeties – Cupcake Workshop 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

Tamworth Community Markets on April 12

Herbal Remedies Workshop at Oakenville Farm, Nundle on April 13

Taste in the Park at Bicentennial Park on April 13

Rock n Bowl at Tamworth Tenpins on April 13

Centrepoint International Food Passport at Centrepoint Tamworth from April 4 – 13

Meal Specials at **Bendemeer Hotel, Burger Urge, Fresh a Peel, Courts at East, Banjos at Wests, Café Vivaldi, Peel Inn Hotel – Nundle, Stockman’s Restaurant**



Barraba High Country Music Musta

Sunday 13th April 2025. 12 to 4pm. FREE ENTRY.

Walk-up artists welcome. Barraba Bowling Club.

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