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### Correction

Apologies to David Vinen.

The 2025 Barraba ANZAC Day March was led by Parade Sargent David Vinen who was formally Headquarters 1 Commando Regiment. Australian Navy Sub Lieutenant Mitch Austin was second in the March.

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## Barraba Museum Markets

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Barraba Fuller Gallery and Clay Pan **Warm and Woolly Exhibition & Tree Bombing Display** is on again over the JUNE Long Weekend.

Guild Members are busy knitting and crocheting brightly coloured squares in preparation to 'bomb the trees and footpath seat in front of the Gallery'. 2025 will see a theme for the squares of "sunflowers". This should brighten up winter and will cheer everyone up in our colder time of the year!

Friday mornings at the Gallery you can join in with these preparations or knit/crochet at home and leave them at the Clay Pan ready to be sewn together.

Tree Bombing is set to happen on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> June with the exhibition also opening that day, and will remain open until the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

Everyone (from beginners to accomplished knitters/crocheters) are welcome to join in and be part of this activity.

As always, there will be morning teas and lunches on Saturday and Sunday so drop in for a browse, refreshments and a chat with friends.



**Save the date**

Barraba UHA Fashion Parade

11<sup>th</sup> October 2025

1.30pm at the Barraba Golf Club

Fashions by Frocks N Locks

Frocks / 'n' Locks



### Building new community connections

Four new Precinct Advisory Committees will be created for Barraba, Dungowan/Nundle, Kootingal/Moonbi/Bendemereer and Manilla in a move which aims to strengthen the connection between the community and Tamworth Regional Council.

At tonight’s Ordinary Meeting, Councillors gave the go ahead for the new committees to be established.

Councillors agreed to discuss at a workshop the Terms of Reference for the committees with the intent of achieving “the best outcomes possible to allow the community to achieve its goals and aspirations”.

They also asked for a further report to be received once the Terms of Reference are finalised for adoption and to appoint community members to each committee.

Councillors acknowledged the support and management of the new committees will make it necessary to have an additional staff resource within Council’s Place Management team, with the budget to be sourced from the General Fund.

An Expression of Interest process will be undertaken to encourage community members to apply for membership to the committees.

Tamworth Region Mayor Russell Webb said creating the committees is a direct response to the community’s requests for improved two-way communication.

“These committees will provide a further opportunity for community members to communicate with Council and be directly involved in creating positive change,” he said.

“It’s important our community knows Councillors do listen to them. I see that these committees will add to the improved communication which has already happened through the Councillor Catch Ups and the launch of a monthly community newsletter as a result of the Tamworth Region Communications Strategy which was adopted in late 2022. One of the strategy’s actions was to set up community-based working groups or committees to enhance the two-way communication between Council and community members.”

The report to Council explained the new committees will not replace any existing single purpose or facility-based committees such as those managing a showground or sports field. Expressions of Interest for committee membership will open after the Terms of Reference are finalised.

### **Ecological Burn Notice**

Please be advised that Whitehaven Coal will be undertaking burn preparation and cool season Ecological Burns on the following Biodiversity Properties “Neranghi North”, “Bimbooria”, “Long Gully”, “Greenwood” and “Nindethana” between 7<sup>th</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025. For further information, please contact Whitehaven Biodiversity on 0488 407 000.





## History Notes

Not so many visitors this week. Next week are the Mother's Day Markets which will keep everyone busy especially as we may be short of assistants. We are also looking for someone who knows about antique coloured glass and can replace a panel in an old house.

This week I have decided to write about my grandfather's uncle. He was the youngest of old William Crowley's family and was just 15 years old when William died in 1892. It should be remembered that William married twice - firstly to Emma Baines in 1845 and had ten children before losing her in childbirth in 1867. He then married Mrs Bridger and had two more sons- Herbert and Archibald. Sadly, Herbert died at the age of 8 years.

Archibald bonded with his youngest step-sister, Charlotte, and wrote letters to her after she married Edwin Wearne and went to live in Bingara. Later he went to boarding school and the letters continued into the 1900's. The Society has two letters preserved in the Crowley history recalling the family's history.

In March 1932 Archibald was present at the Opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and posted a letter to my father describing the events of the day and how he walked across the bridge after the official opening. He was living at Lindfield on the north shore at the time.

Sadly, his beloved sister, Charlotte Wearne, died in May 1957, leaving him without any brothers or sisters surviving. Mrs. Hart from the Presbyterian Historical Society remembered Archibald well - "He was a very sensitive, dear soul, who was interested in many aspects of life. He wrote poetry books, played the piano, was interested in geology, and the scouting movement and, "Chaplained" a "Troup" to England. He must have been an excellent pastor as he was so interested in people."

There is more on his church work and his pastoral work in his later years as well as his memories of Cobbadah Station. Sadly, he died as I finished boarding school but I cannot remember him coming to Cobbadah Station -this may be due to his nephew Keith living alone at Cobbadah Station at the time.



### Aged care call after election result

Ageing Australia congratulates Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on his election victory and calls on him to ensure aged care remains a priority of his government.

"We congratulate Prime Minister Albanese on winning the Federal Election and we look forward to continuing to work with his government on meaningful, well-designed reform," Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson said.

Ageing Australia worked closely with the Labor Government and LNP opposition in the previous term of parliament to reach rare bipartisan support for a new Aged Care Act.

"The reform journey can only continue with this type of solidarity. Politicians of all persuasions put older Australians ahead of party politics to land these historic reforms, but the job has only just begun," said Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson. Supporting transition to the new Act, addressing the workforce crisis and improving access for older Australians must be a national priority moving forward."

Transition times remain a major concern for providers, on top of financial sustainability pressures.

"We fully support the introduction of the new Act and the charter of rights for older Australians, but the plain truth is providers simply won't have enough time to implement all of the reforms by 1 July, with the real risk of creating mass confusion for older Australians and the sector as a whole. Both providers and older people need to get across the changes to the aged care system, however we don't yet know what those final changes are and we still don't have all the information we need to get on with the job. We have an opportunity to deliver these once in a generation reforms in a way that makes the lives of older people better – we cannot afford to squander it."



### Barraba High Country Music Musta

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025.  
12 to 4pm. FREE ENTRY.  
Walk-up artists welcome.

Barraba Bowling Club.

## Tamworth Heritage Week Activities



### Tamworth Film & Sound Archive Open Day

Every Tuesday during Festival – 10am-2pm **Cost:** Free

Discover more about the history of photography in Tamworth with the Tamworth Regional Film and Sound Archive's new display.

The Archive has over 20,000 items on the database and will open its doors and visitors will have the opportunity to handle old still cameras like the ones on display.

**Location:** Tamworth Community Centre

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### Australian Country Music Hall of Fame Tour

Every Wednesday during Festival, 10:30am

Join us at the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame for a guided tour with one of our volunteer experts in the industry.

Learn about the origins of Australian Country Music and hear the unique stories from across the ages.

**Cost:** Museum entry \$10 adult, \$7 concession, 12 and under free

**Location:** 561 Peel Street, Tamworth (Museum open normal hours Tues-Sun 10am-4pm)

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### Odgers and McClelland Open Weekend

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 May 10am-4pm

Visit the 1890s Odgers and McClelland Exchange Stores and enjoy a tasting of a Nundle heritage recipe collected as part of an Heirloom Recipe Project.

Browse the store and see contemporary kitchenalia inspired by listings in handwritten and typed invoice books.

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** 81 Jenkins Street, Nundle

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### Nundle Courthouse Museum

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 May. 12:30pm-4pm

Run by the Nundle Lions Club, the Courthouse Museum is situated along the main street and was refurbished in 2016.

Visit the Nundle Courthouse Museum to see farm equipment, kitchenware, furniture, clothing, Nundle Aboriginal Memorial, and information relating to the 1948 Lutana DC-3 aircraft crash on Crawney Mountain.

**Location:** 38-40 Jenkins St, Nundle

(Pictured image: Nundle Business Tourism and Marketing Group Inc)

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## MUDDY MAY-Hem - WOW

On Friday & Saturday we saw over two dozen cars enter and many many spectators enjoyed the inaugural Muddy MAY-Hem held by Aircooled Assembly Inc. The atmosphere was abuzz with excitement and awe and everyone who came from far and wide were blown away with Barraba - we had so many enthusiastic comments from people about how amazing the grounds and venue were and how welcoming and lovely the town and its people are.

There were slips (and spills) on the track which provided entertainment and all had a blast and kept safe. The raffles and live music proved a big hit as all enjoyed the social nightlife that followed the track action each day. Families and friends' groups were in abundance and everyone had a knock out time and enjoyed the spirit of the mudrun community.

People come from all over NSW as far south as Sydney and from all along the east coast, as well as a few inlanders on top of the locals here. Queensland was represented on stage with one of the live band members, Nude Luke, coming all the way from his Island. The Aircooled Assembly Inc are very happy with the event and are very proud of Barraba for being so welcoming of the influx of people.

A big thank you to all involved - the list is too gigantic to individually name all of the people, clubs, businesses and groups who made this event stand out that it was. Lastly, we would like to thank the Barraba community for their enthusiasm and their support including event sponsors Opportunity Knocks Op Shop & Ampol Barraba.



*Best on Day trophy winner was Cane Sandeman in his 1963 Mercedes W11*

**Winner of the Zac & George signed guitar Chris Jeffery.**



*Hard Luck trophy winner was Brad from The Bomb Squad car club who broke a wheel on Friday in his 1942 Chev Hot Rod.*

*(Photo Credit for both car images is David Hunt).*



*Hard Luck trophy winner was Brad from The Bomb Squad car club with Aircooled Assembly representative Phil Denyer*



*Best on Day trophy winner was Cane Sandeman with Aircooled Assembly representative Phil Denyer*

## Small Farms Network: Farm Planning Workshop Series

**16 May @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Tamworth Agricultural Institute, 4 Marsden Park Rd Calala. Free**

Held as part of our Small Farms Network program, these free property planning workshops will guide you through developing a farm plan by creating realistic goals to achieve your desired outcomes for your property.

The course will be held in small groups of up to 12 businesses or properties and take place over 5 monthly workshops at the Tamworth Agricultural Institute and/or participants' properties and one online group coaching session.

Sessions will take place from 9am to 3pm, with time for morning tea and lunch. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Over five workshops, participants will:

- identify the vision for their farm
- complete a stocktake of soil, plant, water and natural capital resources
- understand how to sustainably manage resources
- create an action plan including budget and monitoring
- participants will have the opportunity to discuss their progress at an online catch up at a time agreed after the plans have been developed

Participants will have the choice between bringing a computer with them and using Google Earth or using paper maps and transparent slides.

The facilitator is Callen Thompson, Consulting Partner AgSTAR Projects and farmer. Callen is an accredited PROGRAZE deliverer, training producers in grazing management and production targeting for state government as well as corporate agriculture. Callen's background in agronomy has developed strong skills in soils, pasture species selection and weed management. Callen runs a beef property on the foothills of the Warrumbungles in NSW.

Register to secure your place at this workshop series.

For more information, contact Margo Weekes, Land Services Officer, North West Local Land Services.

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### BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Service Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 10.45am

Please note change of time for next four months.

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### ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

**St Laurence's Barraba**

Sunday service at 10.00am

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### CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday evening

Mass 5pm

All other Sundays 9am

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## Council Meeting Update

**Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council on Tuesday 29 April, 2025.**

Councillors unanimously supported a Notice of Motion from Councillor Ryan Brooke and Councillor Charles Impey to endorse a community campaign to convert the current Banksia Mental Health Unit into a repurposed drug and alcohol detoxification centre once the new unit is operational. The motion outlines previous commitments made by Council to explore local options to support people living with alcohol and drug misuse, and to advocate to the State Government for appropriate services to be located in Tamworth. Community consultation has previously been undertaken by The Fair Treatment Tamworth Region Campaign, now a Tamworth-focused group called Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Treatment New England North West (DART). Council will write to the NSW Premier, NSW Minister for Health, and local State Member, Kevin Anderson to advocate for the repurposing of the NSW Health facility. Construction on the new Banksia Mental Health Unit building at Tamworth Hospital is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

Councillors voted to approve a \$20,000 sponsorship to support the hosting of the NSWRL Regional Magic Round 2025. This three-day Rugby League festival will be held from 9–11 May 2025 at Scully Park in West Tamworth. An estimated 3,500 attendees are expected each day, delivering significant economic, social, and community benefits to the region.

The community will have the opportunity from next week to provide feedback about the draft Tamworth Regional Rural Lands Strategy which aims to set a clear direction for the future use and management of rural lands in the Tamworth Regional Local Government Area. Councillors tonight agreed to place the draft strategy on public exhibition from Monday, 5 May 2025 for 28 days. The draft strategy emphasises the need for ongoing engagement with the community to ensure that planning aligns with the needs of rural residents, landowners, industries, and other stakeholders. The draft strategy has been developed following earlier community consultation which informed its eight focus areas. During the upcoming public exhibition, community consultation will include targeted letters and drop-in information sessions at Tamworth, Kootingal, Nundle, Manilla and Barraba). Consultation will also be

undertaken with Government agencies and include industry stakeholder engagement sessions.

Councillors have endorsed a number of recommendations put forward by the Local Traffic Committee including two safety improvements to local roads. This includes changing the existing road centreline between Maysteers Lane and Davidsons Lane in Moore Creek to a double two-way barrier line to restrict overtaking, and installing an additional Give Way sign at the intersection of Marsden Park Road and Whitehouse Lane in Calala.

Councillors have appointed Mr Robert Lagaida to the role of independent chair to Tamworth Regional Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for an initial term of four years. His appointment comes after an Expressions of Interest process following the resignation of the previous chair. Mr Lagaida has held senior executive positions with more than 25 years' experience in the NSW public sector. He also has extensive experience as a board director and an independent chair or member of audit and risk committees in State and local government agencies and the disability and aged care sectors. Dr Meredith Caelli and Mr Glenn Inglis are the other two external members of Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

**Have Your Say on the future of Tamworth's rural lands**

Tamworth Regional Council is planning the future vision of Tamworth's rural lands

Tamworth Regional Council is developing a **Rural Lands Strategy** that will guide decision making for the ongoing planning and management of the rural lands within the Tamworth Regional local government area.

**Barraba - Queen Street Mall**  
**Saturday 17 May 9AM - 11AM**

For more information about the project and to provide your feedback, scan the QR code or visit: <https://haveyoursay.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/tamworth-regional-rural-lands-strategy>

Tamworth REGIONAL COUNCIL





**BEYOND BLUE  
WELCOMES  
ELECTION PROMISES  
ON MENTAL HEALTH**

Beyond Blue has welcomed promises of significant investment in mental health from both the Federal government and the Opposition, saying each plan represents genuine steps towards access to mental health support.

Labor and the Coalition have outlined plans to invest heavily mental health should they win government.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced plans to invest \$1 billion towards filling service gaps in Australia’s mental health system, including an expansion of the headspace youth services, half a million dollars towards specialised care for young people with complex mental health needs and new Medicare Mental Health Centres that offer free, public mental health care, as well as workforce expansion.

Beyond Blue CEO Georgie Harman said “These commitments, from the major parties, are considerable investments that will make a real difference to the mental health of all people in Australia, particularly young people who we know are really doing it tough right now,” Ms Harman said. “These promises will help stem the immediate critical reform needs, especially for young people, and they should be commended.” she said.

Beyond Blue also welcomed the Federal government’s existing commitment for a National Early Intervention Service. Ms Harman said long-term structural reform required a stronger focus on prevention and early intervention.

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## Rugby News

Barraba Rugby is back for 2025 and the first game of the season took place on Saturday 3 May. Unfortunately, the women didn’t get a game as Moree had to forfeit due to a lack of numbers meaning their first game will be this Saturday against Gunnedah.

However, the men took on Moree reserve grade in what turned out to be a very competitive game. The game kicked off at 3:15 with both teams looking to make a statement after Moree’s big win against Gunnedah the week prior. After some great defence from the entire team, keeping Moree out for the first 15 minutes Barraba secured a penalty right in front of the sticks. Oisin McKenna lined up and slotted the ball over to get Barraba on the board first, taking the score to 3-0. Moree didn’t take long to retaliate scoring another three tries with two conversions, taking the scoreline to 3- 21.

Barraba managed to bring themselves back into the game after some big hit ups from Jack Myers and Noah Theofanou created some space to the left for the backs. The ball made its way through the hands to Cooper Chapman who scored in the corner. This great bit of rugby was followed up by another great kick from Oisin McKenna to take the score to 10-21. Moree managed to get one more converted try in before the half time whistle, taking the half time score to 10-26. After half time the Rams came out ready to put on a show and they certainly did that. The forwards worked hard in their set pieces which allowed the backs to use their pace, allowing Liam Mack to link up with Chook Townsend and get him over the line twice in the second half. With both tries being scored in the corner it made it a tough kick for Oisin, but he got one of the two over, taking the score to 22-29 after Moree caught Barraba napping for one more try. The final score ended at 22-29.

This game is a promising start for the Barraba Rams, who are showcasing a young team compared to previous ones but if this is the first game we are sure to see great things moving forward.

Points for the day were as follows;

3 – Cody ‘Chook’ Townsend

2- Rudi Hart

1- Oisin McKenna

Players Player – Harrison Davies

This weekend will see the Rams travel to Gunnedah where the women will take on the devils first at 2:20, followed by the men at 3:15. We hope to see as much green and white there as possible!





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## Not just bees and butterflies: beetles and other brilliant bugs are nature's unsung pollinators

*Tanya Latty, Associate Professor, School of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Sydney*

About 90% of flowering plants rely on animals to transfer their pollen and optimise reproduction, making pollination one of nature's most important processes.

Bees are usually the first insects to come to mind when people think of pollinators. But many other insects – including beetles, flies, moths and butterflies – also visit flowers to feed on nectar and pollen. In doing so, they can play an essential role in pollinating plants. Let's take a closer look at some of nature's unsung insect pollinators.



*Blowflies help pollinate plants. Tanya Latty*

### Fabulous flies

An estimated 30,000 species of fly (Diptera) call Australia home, making them the second largest group of insects after the beetles.

Flies have a huge variety of feeding habits including flower-visiting groups such as:

- blow flies (Calliphoridae)
- bee flies (Bombyliidae)
- hover flies (Syrphidae)
- noseflies (Rhinidae) and
- march flies (Tabanidae).

Blow flies often get a bad rap for their tendency to cluster on faeces and dead animals. But these amazing (and often beautiful!) animals can be important pollinators, especially in alpine regions such as the Australian Alps.

Named for their distinctive hovering flight, stripey yellow-and-black hover flies (Syrphidae) are often mistaken for bees. Hover flies are potential pollinators of several native plants.

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From The Conversation





*A hoverfly feeding. Note the yellow pollen grains stuck to the thorax. Tanya Latty*

The larvae of many common hover fly species prey on pest insects such as aphids, and so play an important role in controlling pest populations. Another group in the hover fly family, known as drone flies, have larvae that live in stagnant water. These larvae have a long, slender breathing tube, or “snorkel” that allows them to access air from the surface, earning them the rather unflattering name “rat-tailed maggots”.



*Hoverflies are helpful pollinators. Tanya Latty*

Then there are the bee flies. As the name suggests, many species of bee fly (Bombyliidae) have fuzzy, bee-like bodies. Australia boasts around 400 species of bee fly.

Bee flies feed on the nectar or pollen of many native flowering plants and so may act as pollinators. The larvae of most bee fly species lay their eggs in or on other insects, particularly wasps and solitary bees. The larvae then feed on the insect host, usually killing it. Being both pollinators and natural regulators of insect populations, bee flies play an

important yet often overlooked role in Australia’s ecosystems.

### **Don’t forget frit flies and march flies**

Despite being relatively common, you’ve probably never noticed tiny frit flies (Chloropidae). No, that’s not a typo; frit flies are different to fruit flies (although they are often around the same size).

There are 322 described species of frit fly in Australia, although the actual number is probably much higher as these diminutive flies are understudied. Frit flies and their relatives, the jackal flies (Milichiidae), are believed to be the pollinators of midge orchids (*Genoplesium* spp), many of which are rare or threatened in Australia.

Exactly how midge orchids are attracting these tiny flies is not clear, but at least some *Genoplesium* species may be mimicking the smell of wounded insects.



*A tiny frit fly resting in an orchid. Tanya Latty*

Biting flies can be annoying, but some are also pollinators. March flies, also known as horse flies (Tabanidae), are often disliked for their painful bites, but these large flies can act as pollinators when they visit flowers to feed on nectar and pollen. In fact, it’s only the females that eat blood to support egg development.

One species, the flower-feeding march fly (*Scaptia auriflua*), has abandoned blood meals altogether, feeding exclusively on nectar and pollen. March fly larvae, which develop underground, are formidable predators. Equipped with venomous fangs, they actively hunt and subdue prey.

### **Friendly flower chafer beetles**

Many beetle species visit flowers to feed on nectar and pollen, including the flower chafers (subfamily Cetoniinae). The flower chafer group includes beautiful beetles such as:

- green (and occasionally yellow) and black fiddler beetles (*Eupoecila australasiae*)

- big buzzy cowboy beetles (*Chondropyga dorsalis*), and
- the delightfully spotty punctate flower chafers (*Neorrhina punctatum*).

Adult flower chafers feed on the nectar and pollen of many flowering plants, especially natives such as eucalyptus and angophoras.



*Adult flower chafers feed on the nectar and pollen. Tanya Latty*

Their larvae live underground, feeding on decaying organic matter. So, don't panic if you find curl grubs in your garden – they might be baby flower chafers.

Nectar scarabs (*Phyllocotus* spp) are another beetle frequently seen foraging on native flowers. There are about 28 species in Australia. Most are smaller and less conspicuous than flower chafers, although some species form large swarms on flowering trees such as Angophora, Eucalyptus and *Leptospermum*. The larvae of nectar scarabs feed on decaying organic matter and grass roots in soils.



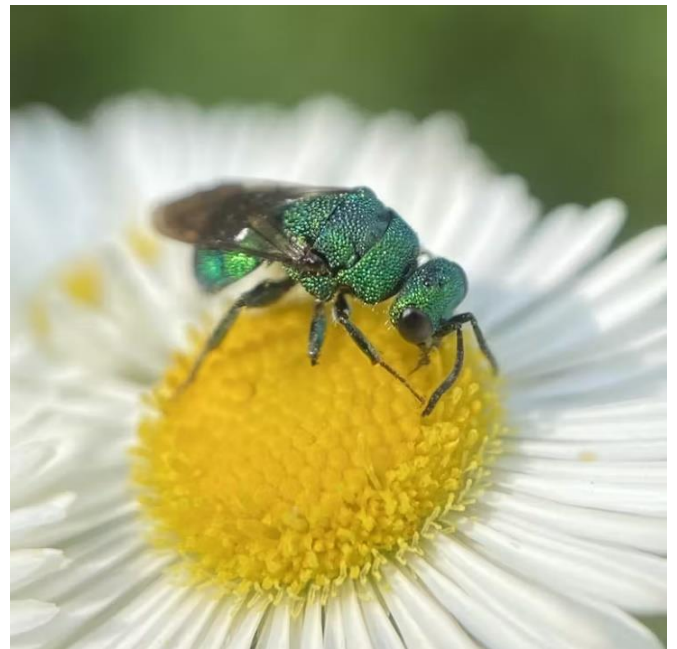
*Fiddler beetles love native flowers. Tanya Latty*

### Even wasps help pollinate

Unlike bees, which mostly get their protein from pollen, wasps are primarily predators, although they may act as pollinators when they visit flowers for a sip of sugary nectar.

Some Australian orchids have evolved a remarkable strategy for attracting their wasp pollinators: they deceive unsuspecting males by mimicking the scent (and sometimes shape) of female wasps. Male wasps attempt to mate with the flower, unwittingly transferring pollen in the process.

Next time you're outside, say a silent thanks for the many unsung insect pollinators helping to keep our ecosystems healthy.



*A cuckoo wasp on a flower. Tanya Latty*

