



# BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Barraba Rugby Union Football Club **60th Anniversary**

**26<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - Barraba vs Quirindi**

The Barraba Rugby Club would like to invite all past players and supporters to our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon, at 11:30am for at 12pm start.

Where - Barraba Rugby Club  
When - 26th July 2025 - 11:30am  
Cost - \$40

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.trybooking.com/DCJCE>, by using the QR code below or by contacting Amie Middlemiss on 0409879093



### **BARRABA GOLF CLUB CENTENARY DINNER**

It is 100 years since the Barraba Golf Club was officially founded on 11th February, 1925.

To celebrate, the Club will be hosting a Centenary Dinner on Friday 19th September.

This being the races weekend, we are hoping that past members and others that have been involved with the Club and are no longer local, will return to Barraba and make a weekend of it.

The Annual Breast Cancer Charity Golf Day is also on the Sunday.

More details to follow closer to the date.



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#### **THIS WEEK**

**THURSDAY 19th June**

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**FRIDAY 20th June**

**MEAT RAFFLES**

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### **Barraba Central School**

Our Can and Bottle Drive is motoring along!  
We're still going strong and the donations keep coming in!  
Thanks to the amazing support of our community, we've collected an incredible **27,620** recyclable cans and bottles so far!

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed  
— your support means the world to us!

## **Barraba Central School 1975 1<sup>st</sup> Form 50-year Reunion**

By Geoff Hagan

The King's Birthday Long weekend in 2025 saw a gathering of around forty classmates out of about ninety, and around twenty spouses. They all came together at the Barraba Golf Club around 5pm on Saturday evening, 7<sup>th</sup> June. The Barraba Central School 1975 1<sup>st</sup> Form 50-year reunion was on the way after six months of planning.

Fifty years ago, students from Upper Horton Public School, St Joseph's Convent School and Barraba Central School Primary Department were thrown into a big melting pot called Barraba Central School Secondary Department. Many also came from other places as their parents started work at Barraba Asbestos Mine.

The night was filled with eating, commemorating, celebrating and – no doubt – stretched truths. The night finished around midnight.

The Sunday started at 9am with a dedication of a dining table and chairs in memory of six deceased classmates. The dining set will be placed in the Polkadot Coffee Shop. A plaque with names of the deceased is placed on it. Rev Matthew Hearne conducted the dedication.

Then it was up to the High School where it all began for memories and to see how things have changed in fifty years. Thank you, Sue Russell for the tour.

The classmates and their spouses then returned to the Golf Club for a BBQ lunch and leftover desserts from the previous night.

After an afternoon of reminiscing and more storytelling, goodbyes and farewells were exchanged around 4pm.



Names of students in reunion group photo: (Girls last names are their maiden names)

4<sup>th</sup> Row: Tony Brady, Stephen Hall, Devin Purden (hidden), Gavin King, Peter York, Terry Costello, Terry Frost, Tim Cox, Shane Martin, James Maughan, Graham Faulkner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Simon Smith, Lynette Hockley, Malcolm Brodbeck, Casey Turner, Rick Ervine, Mark Cedablad, Peter Simpson, Robert Chapman.

2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Lyle Blackford, Anne-Marie McCusker, Mark Cummins, Geoff Hagan, Teena Richardson, Kerry Grant, Wendy Tufrey, Rhonda Derrick.

1<sup>st</sup> Row: Sue Mallise, Sue Frost, Craig Shapter, Mark Carney, Sue Rainger, Felicity White, Patricia Urquhart, Karen Ervine, Patricia Byrnes, Karen Wilkinson.



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## Drivers get more free parking in CBD

After parking meters in Tamworth's CBD nearing the end of their working life have failed repeatedly this year, Tamworth Regional Council has decided to take them out of service from today (Monday 16 June, 2025). Tamworth Region Acting Mayor Jeff Budd said the move is a logical decision supported by Councillors.

"Staff have been doing their best to make their own fixes to meters to keep them going until June 30 when the card reading technology is due to stop working but instead we are taking them out of service a little earlier," he said. "It's a small thing we can do for those drivers who have faced inconvenience from a malfunctioning meter over the last few months."

The meters have been switched off and covered up, signalling to drivers they do not need to pay. However, time limits will still apply and drivers who overstay may face fines. The obsolete meters will be removed in the coming months.

The changes to parking in the CBD signal the start of implementation of the Tamworth Regional Parking Strategy which Councillors voted to adopt in February this year. It includes a range of changes to better meet the needs of drivers across the region including changing Council's off-street all-day parking to free parking and introducing meter parking in Tamworth's Peel Street between White and Bourke streets.

"It won't be until later this year in spring that the new parking meters will be installed in Peel Street, so for the time being all Council parking spaces are free," Councillor Budd said. "There will be a closed report to Council in early July to award a tender for the meters and before they start to be installed later this year we will be making sure CBD businesses, workers and drivers know what is happening and when."

From 1 July, Council will also be ensuring parking spaces in the car park adjoining Ray Walsh House (Fitzroy Street side) are used in line with the signage. Some spaces are marked for general use while some are only for Council staff who display a permit and some are for Council fleet vehicles.

Vehicles parking in the car park will have a flyer placed under their windscreen to advise them that the area will be monitored by parking officers from next month. Signs will also be placed in the carpark off Kable Avenue later this week.

## POSITION VACANT

### BARRABA RSL & RECREATIONAL CLUB LTD CLEANER

- Casual Position
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- Applications close 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025  
Email resumes to [manager@barrabarsl.com.au](mailto:manager@barrabarsl.com.au)  
or drop it into the Club.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As regards to your item on front page of this week's newsletter I thought I would bring to your attention the latest recommendation by the Department of Health regards the Covid 19 vaccination.



Regards Margaret Koopman

### 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.

**NAIDOC WEEK 2025**

**COME CELEBRATE NAIDOC WEEK WITH US, ALL WELCOME.**

The Barraba Multi-Purpose Service and Richardson House invite You to join us to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2025.

**WHEN:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025  
**TIME:** 1030am  
**WHERE:** Barraba MPS Day Centre.

There will be a Welcome to Country, presentations from the local school children and Story Telling followed by morning tea. Join the Elders to celebrate the rich history of the First Nations people in our district.

If possible, a call to the Administration Office at the Barraba Health Service, (02) 67822500 for catering purposes.

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### *Kevin Anderson's visit to Barraba*



I would walk 1000 miles for a good scone, and some of the best can be found at the Barraba Potters and Craft Guild Inc. I don't think they can be beaten, but happy to be proven wrong if anyone's up for the challenge? It was a busy long weekend in Barraba with the Guild in full swing, along with the Barraba Historical Museum markets. Always 5-star hospitality in Barraba. A very good long weekend!



At the beginning of settlement of the Barraba district, a large area of country east of present-day, Barraba, was taken up by John Keele. It is not known just when he took up this area as he does not appear on records until he sold the area to the Spencer family in the mid 1840s. The Spencer family were living on a small farm in the Hunter Valley and needed to expand. There two brothers and a sister married to two sisters and a brother and so at least three houses were needed to accommodate everyone.

Joseph Wood and his wife arrived in Victoria and spent some time living in Gippsland before moving north. It is thought that he was interested in finding gold and so he moved up through N.S.W. He found gold east of Barraba in the 1860s and mined a reef known as Wood's Reef. Several of his children, including son George, were born at Wood's Reef before he moved onto the properties 'Gilgai' and 'Tingha'.

Woodsreef (as it is now known) surged ahead for a few years - particularly after the crushing machine was installed in 1861. Huts and tents were erected for accommodation with a few more substantial buildings.

The Post Office opened along with a butcher's shop and wine shanty and there was a real struggle to get a school for the settlement as many of the village buildings were not permanent structures. In 1883 there was a petition for a school for 15 children turned down, although a house-to-house school was tried with the Reading and Fletchers families further down Ironbark Creek.

In 1887 conditions in Woodsreef had not changed and gold was difficult to find-the school closed in 1890 as no suitable room was available in the village.

In 1901 Mr. Woodhouse took charge of the school and remained until 1941. At first it was a half time school with Ironbark but as numbers improved it became full time until Mr. Woodhouse retired.

The mine was mining asbestos during this time and the village began to thrive with more homes, the post office, store, butcher, the hall and the church in the 1920s. Mr. Woodhouse was the life of the town, growing lots of vegetables, milking a cow and providing such things as good food and honey to the population. The village was very much alive.

As the years went by and the roads improved, more people had cars, the mine closed and the school bus brought the

pupils into Barraba. To survive, lots of people had to move away to find work and health facilities and Woodsreef once again became a small village with a few residences. Numerous signs placed through the area provide a key to where about thirty of the old buildings were.

## RECENT ANNIVERSARIES

- Australians voting in favour of a constitutional referendum granting the government the power to make laws to benefit Indigenous Australians and count them in the national census (1967)
- the marriage of Snapchat founder Evan Spiegel and Aussie model/entrepreneur Miranda Kerr (2017)
- Kiwi mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay becoming the first people confirmed to reach the summit of Mount Everest (1953)
- Space Shuttle Discovery completing the first docking with the International Space Station (1999)
- Transgender health issues no longer being classified as mental and behavioural disorders by the World Health Organization (2017)
- Joan of Arc being burned at the stake in France after being condemned as a heretic (1431)
- explorers Lawson, Blaxland and Wentworth marking the end of a route across the Blue Mountains, allowing colonial expansion into Western NSW (1813)
- Dr John Harvey Kellogg patenting "flaked cereal" (1884)
- Anne Boleyn being crowned Queen of England (1533)
- the creation of a stinky cheese in a cave near Roquefort, France (1040)
- the US, Soviet Union, Britain and France agreeing to divide up occupied Germany (1945)
- the patenting of the ATM (1973)
- China's Tiananmen Square Massacre (1989)
- the patenting of the electric iron by New Yorker Henry Seely (1882)
- the beginning of D-Day as the Allies land in Normandy, France (1944)
- the Vatican City becoming a sovereign state (1929)
- Fraser Island's name being officially restored to K'gari (2023)
- the completion of the first trans-Pacific flight (US to Australia) by Charles Kingsford Smith (1928)
- a coroner's report ruling that a dingo was responsible for the death of baby Azaria Chamberlain in 1980 (2012)
- the signing of the Magna Carta (1215)
- France surrendering to Nazi Germany, which occupied Paris (1940)

## How to Safely Erase Smartphone's Data Before Selling It

Smartphones have become an indispensable part of our lives. However, as new models are released, many of us choose to upgrade to the latest and most advanced devices, leaving us with the old ones to sell or pass on to others.

But before parting ways with your old smartphone, it is crucial to ensure that all your personal data is securely deleted from the device. If you fail to do so, you may expose your sensitive information to strangers, leading to privacy breaches or even identity theft.

If you have no clue about how to erase all data from your phone, read on!

Whether you own an Android phone or an iPhone, this article will guide you through the steps to safely erase all data from your phone before selling it.

### Things to Do Before Selling Your Android Phone

- Back-Up Your Data

Before you start wiping the device, it is essential to back up your data. You can use cloud services like Google Drive to store your photos, videos, and other essential files.

Additionally, ensure that your contacts, calendars, and app data are synchronized with your Google account.

- Delete Saved Passwords

Deleting saved passwords from your devices is a crucial step in maintaining security and protecting sensitive information. Make sure that you complete this step effectively before selling your Android device.

- Remove Your Google Account

Now, that you have deleted saved passwords and backed up your phone. It's time to remove your Google account. By doing so, you prevent unauthorized access to personal information and protect your digital identity from being compromised.

- Perform a Factory Reset

Performing a factory reset will erase all data on your Android phone. Go to Settings > System > Reset > Factory data reset. Confirm the action and wait for the process to complete. This will remove all personal data, apps, and settings from the device.

- Remove External Storage and SIM Card

If your phone has an external SD card, make sure to remove it before selling the device. Additionally, take out your [SIM card](#), as it may contain personal information too.

### How to Backup Your Android?

Follow these steps to back up your Android device:

**Step 1:** Go to "Settings", a gear-like icon on your device.

**Step 2:** Now, click on "Google" and then select the "Backup" option.

**Step 3:** After that, Click on "Backup Now".

### How to Erase Your Android Data Before Selling It?

Now that you know almost everything required to secure your Android device, it's time to quick check out the steps of how to erase all data from your phone:

Step 1: Go to the "Settings" option on your Android device.

Step 2: Click on "Reset Options".

Step 3: Now, click on "Erase all data" basically "factory reset".

Step 4: Tap on the "Reset Phone" option.

Step 5: After that, click on "Erase everything".

After completing these steps, your phone will return to its original condition, just like a new one.

### Things To Do Before Selling Your iPhone

- Back-Up Your Data
- Backing up your iPhone data is essential before wiping it. You can use iCloud to back up your photos, videos, app data, and settings.

Sign Out of Your Apple ID

Before wiping your iPhone, make sure to sign out of your Apple ID. Go to Settings > [Your Name] > Sign Out. Enter your Apple ID password and choose the data you want to keep a copy of on the device. Then, tap Sign Out.

- Disable Find My iPhone

It is the most crucial step. To disable Find My iPhone, go to Settings > [Your Name] > Find My > Find My iPhone, and turn it off. You will need to enter your Apple ID password to confirm.

- Remove the SIM Card

Don't forget to remove the SIM card from your iPhone before selling it. The SIM card may contain personal information and should not be included with the device.

- Disable Apple Pay

If you use Apple Pay on your device, disable the account and delete saved financial or personal information.

- Logout of iTunes and Remove your Card

If you're using iTunes and have a linked card for payments, do not forget to remove it and sign out of your iTunes account.

### How to back up your iPhone?

Have a look at these steps to know how to clear system data on iPhone:

Step 1: Tap on "Settings", a gear-like icon on your iOS device.

Step 2: Tap on your name and sign into your account.

Step 3: Click on "iCloud Backup".

Step 4: Turn it on. You can do this by tapping the toggle on the right.

Step 5: Now, click “OK” to proceed.

Step 6: In the end, click on “Back Up Now”.

### How to Sync Apps on iPhone?

**Step 1:** Go to “Settings” and tap on your name at the top.

**Step 2:** Click on “iCloud”.

**Step 3:** Now, under apps using iCloud, turn on every app you’d like to sync by tapping the switch.

### How to Sync Photos on iPhone?

**Step 1:** Open Google Photos on your iPhone.

**Step 2:** Click on your profile photo.

**Step 3:** Now, click on “Photos Settings” and then click on “Apple Photos”.

**Step 4:** Click on “Sync favourites”.

**Step 5:** Tap turn on sync or turn off sync according to your preference.

### How to Wipe Your iPhone?

1. Open “Settings” on your phone.
2. Now, scroll down and click on “General”.
3. Tap on “Reset” and press “Erase all content and settings”.
4. Click on “Erase Now” and enter your passcode.
5. At the end, enter the Apple ID password to erase to phone.

Most importantly, do not forget to delete your [eSIMs](#).

**Conclusion:** Selling or passing on your old smartphone to others is a common practice, but it comes with the responsibility of safeguarding your personal data. Follow the measures outlined in this blog and you’re good to sell your smartphone.

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## Delay to new Aged Care Act a win for older Australians

Ageing Australia congratulates the Albanese Government on the decision to commence the New Aged Care act on 1 November. Ageing Australia has been advocating for months for sensible implementation timelines, to ensure smooth transition for older people and providers.

“This decision is the result of months of intense discussions and calls for practical timelines for the sector. We know that rushed reforms would put levels of care at risk for older people,” Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson said. “We applaud the Government for listening to the concerns of the aged care sector and putting the needs of older Australians first. We fully support the new rights-based Aged Care Act, but the simple truth is we’re not ready to introduce all the sweeping reforms by 1 July. Ageing Australia congratulates the Albanese Government, new Aged Care Minister Sam Rae, and Minister for Health and Ageing and NDIS Mark Butler for this decision – which puts older Australians first.”

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## Council Meeting Update

### Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council Tuesday 10 June, 2025:

⑦ Councillors have tonight adopted the On-Site Sewage Management (OSSM) Operational Strategy after its 56-day public exhibition earlier this year received minimal feedback. The strategy uses a risk-based criteria to determine appropriate inspection frequency for OSSM systems, ensuring their sustainable operation and aligning with Council’s On-Site Wastewater Management Plan.

⑦ After being deferred from a Council Meeting in December last year to allow further consultation with residents, Councillors tonight endorsed a Development Application seeking to create more homes in Oxley Vale. A report to Council said the proposed development includes the demolition of existing buildings at 15 Manilla Road, as well as the staged development of a multi-dwelling community title subdivision. The applicant will need to meet a number of conditions to alleviate concerns raised by residents through submissions and a petition of 52 signatures.

⑦ An amendment to the Tamworth Regional Development Control Plan 2010 (DCP) has tonight received Councillor approval to go on public exhibition later this month. Draft Amendment No 18 to the DCP seeks to update the East and West Tamworth Heritage related controls chapter within the DCP to ensure there is consistency across both the Tamworth Regional Local Environmental Plan 2010 and DCP planning documents. The second matter to be addressed under the draft amendment is to correct a typographical error related to DCP Amendment No. 17 that was adopted in 2024, which relates to sewer reticulation requirements for lots where the Lot Size Map sets a minimum size of 4,000m<sup>2</sup>.

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### Art, Bids & Community Spirit: Tamworth Regional Gallery's Silent Auction Returns – Bigger and Bolder

There's something thrilling about placing a silent bid on an artwork you've fallen in love with. The quiet anticipation. The return visits. The whispered updates: "Am I still the top bid?" That's the magic of the Tamworth Regional Gallery Friend's Silent Auction and in 2025, the much-loved event returns with even more excitement, energy and art.

Held in the spacious Gallery One for the first time, this year's auction promises a vibrant and eclectic exhibition of local creativity, showcasing works by a broad range of regional artists across painting, fibre/textiles, ceramics, sculpture and jewellery. Whether you're a seasoned collector or a first-time buyer, the exhibition offers something for every taste and budget. The auction opens with a lively launch on Friday 20 June at 6pm, where art lovers can mingle, meet the artists, and place the first bids. Bidding remains open for 10 days, closing on Sunday 29 June at 1pm. When the clock strikes one, the highest bid secures the piece – it's that simple, and that exciting. But it's not just about taking home a beautiful new artwork.

The Silent Auction is the biggest annual fundraising event for the Friends of Tamworth Regional Gallery; a dedicated volunteer group committed to supporting the gallery and enriching the local arts scene. Proceeds from the sale of artworks go toward acquiring new works for the gallery's permanent collection, helping preserve and celebrate the creative spirit of our region.

#### ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

##### St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef service 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in each month 11.30

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday evening

Mass 5pm

All other Sundays 9am



### Regular check-ups can help save men's lives, AMA says

In Men's Health Week, the Australian Medical Association is urging men to visit their general practitioner for a check-up to support their long-term health and wellbeing. Two in five men living in Australia die prematurely, before the age of 75. These deaths are, for the most part, preventable, yet last year, only 78 per cent of men saw a GP, compared to 87 per cent of women.

AMA President and GP Dr Danielle McMullen said it was important to shine a light on men's health and how men can live happier, healthier lives. "Prioritising visits to a regular GP is one of the most effective ways for men to safeguard their long-term health and wellbeing," Dr McMullen said. "A trusted GP can detect potential health concerns before they become serious, provide essential mental health support, and work with you on preventative strategies to help reduce the risk of chronic conditions later in life. Regular visits to the same GP can significantly improve long-term health outcomes by assessing risk factors before they escalate."

Despite this, younger men are less likely to seek medical advice, even though they are more likely to engage in high-risk behaviours, such as smoking or alcohol use. The 2024 Real Face of Men's Health Report shows 60 per cent of men wait more than seven days with symptoms before visiting a doctor, and 53 per cent believe it is normal for men to avoid regular health check-ups. One in three men living in Australia also admit to feeling confused or overwhelmed by health information, and 63 per cent feel that gender stereotypes, such as the idea of 'toughing it out', have affected their health behaviours and experiences in healthcare settings.

Dr McMullen said it was important for men to develop a meaningful, ongoing relationship with a trusted, regular GP. "Having a regular GP who knows you and your history is crucial in ensuring your health and wellbeing," Dr McMullen said. "It is critical that more men take the time to invest in their own preventative healthcare today, which can help lead to a longer, healthier life in the future."

#### BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Service Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 10.45am

Please note change of time for next four months.

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### Golf Notes



Players contested a 3 person Scrambled Ambrose today for the annual SAND trophy. The winners with a net 64.4 were Shane

Middlemiss, Chris Sweeney and Nick Sweeney. Runners up were Phil Hiscock, Dusty Hiscock and Mike Artis. Balls went to Ian Cabot, Neil Smith and Josh Austin. NTP to Chris Sweeney on the 12th.

Next week Sunday 22nd June is the second round of our Club Championships for Campbell Tonkin's trophy whilst on Sunday 29 June we are playing an Individual Stableford for a club trophy.

Notification will soon be sent out regarding the details of our Club's 100 year Celebration activities on the weekend of 19-21 September. We invite all current and past playing and social members and their families to save the date and make the celebrations a memorable weekend.

### BARRABA RAMS RUGBY UNION CLUB – LADIES' DAY MATCH REPORT

What a day at the Rams' homeground as Barraba hosted the Pirates for our Annual Ladies' Day! With a big crowd, a

buzzing sideline, and three grades of rugby on show, the atmosphere was electric from the first whistle to the last.

The women's game kicked things off in style. From the opening moments, it was a fast, physical match that was exciting to watch. Barraba held their own in a back-and-forth battle, with tries from Brooke McKinnon, Jessica Kelso, Lily Bradshaw and Leilani Tevaga. The girls put together some impressive phases and held strong possession, with Brooke McKinnon delivering crunching tackles and the forward pack holding steady in the scrums. In the end, Pirates just edged ahead with some quick moves, taking the win 33–22 — but the Rams women walked off proud after a strong team performance.

Points:

3 - Leilani Tevaga      2 - Brooke McKinnon  
1 - Emily Kelso      Players Player - Leilani Tevaga

Third grade followed, and although it was their debut as a team with no training together, they attacked the game head on. The boys gave it everything and played with grit, spirit and plenty of heart. Michael Walker and Jock Mallise were workhorses during the game, and the team's only try, scored by Ben Whatman, was the result of a great build-up where everyone dug in to create space and attack with purpose. The Pirates took the match 41–5, but the Rams gave the crowd something to cheer for and showed there's a lot of potential in this new side.

Points:

3 - Brandon Newell      2 - Jake White  
1 - Michael Walker      Players player - Jock Mallise

Reserve grade closed out the day with a tense and tough clash. The Pirates scored early, but Oisin McKenna slotted a penalty in the 6th minute to steady things. The first half was scrappy, with some mistakes from both teams, but Pirates snuck in another converted try right before the break to lead 10–3. The Rams came out fired up in the second half, and in the 47th minute, Isaac Devine crashed over for a cracking try, which was converted by McKenna to tie things up. The last 30 minutes were a battle — both teams had chances, but Barraba's defence stood tall, especially when the game was on the line.

Points:

3 - Jacob Clarke      2 - Isaac Devine  
1 - Liam Mack & Etueni MOUNGALOA  
Players' Player - Liam Mack and Isaac Devine

It was a massive day of footy, full of passion, pride, and community. Thanks to everyone who came along to celebrate and cheer on the Rams — especially the women who we honoured on Ladies' Day.

We will see you back on the home stage this weekend where the Rams take on Inverell for our Memorial Day.



## Why do dolphins jump out of the water?

*Katharina J. Peters, Lecturer in Biological Sciences,  
University of Wollongong*

Have you ever seen images of dolphins jumping out of the waves and performing impressive acrobatics in the air? Or maybe you've seen it in real life? When a dolphin jumps, it can launch its whole body out of the water. While it looks like fun, it must also be hard work! So, why do dolphins jump out of the water? There are several possible reasons. Let's jump in and explore them.



*A dolphin can launch its whole body out of the water.  
Paulphin Photography/*

### To stay in touch

Dolphins are social animals and live in groups. But it's hard to see long distances underwater. So, they use the power of sound to stay in contact with each other. Sound travels much farther underwater than through the air. When dolphins jump, the slap of the landing makes a loud noise, and would be heard some distance away. Some species, such as spinner dolphins, use jumping to communicate their location to other group members, especially at night. This helps them keep track of each other.

As an aside, spinner dolphins are very skilled jumpers. As the name suggests, they spin up to seven times in the air before landing back in the water!

### The need for speed

Have you ever tried to walk underwater? You will have felt how hard it is. That's because water is more dense than air, which creates a "drag", or resistance. Dolphins have streamlined bodies to reduce drag, but they still feel it. So, if they want to travel quickly – for example, if they are trying to escape a predator or hunt fish – they sometimes jump. While in the air, they travel faster than they would through water, and also save energy.



*Dolphins have streamlined bodies but still feel drag  
underwater. F Photography R*

### To gather food

Some dolphins weigh less than 50 kilograms, such as the Hector's dolphin. Others weigh several tonnes, such as an orca. Either way, when a dolphin crashes back into the water, you can be sure it makes quite a noisy splash. Some dolphin species, such as dusky dolphins, use this noise to herd fish at the surface to make them easier to capture.

### Shaking off hitchhikers

Fish called remoras can attach themselves to dolphins using a sucker on their head. This is good for the fish, because it can keep them safe and they have plenty to eat, such as small parasites and old bits of dolphin skin. While the remoras don't hurt the dolphin, they probably slow it down. So, dolphins may try to get rid of the little hitchhikers by jumping to dislodge them.

### Fighting and frolicking

Dolphins are highly intelligent animals. They have big brains and can learn tricks and solve puzzles. With intelligence also come other traits: playfulness and social behaviour.

Sometimes, that social behaviour can end in a "fight". Dolphin experts say two dolphins jumping around together might be actually trying to hit each other!

Dolphins also love to frolic – not just with each other but with other marine mammals such as whales and sea lions, with turtles – or even just a piece of seaweed! So, they might jump as some sort of "game". As you can see, dolphins may jump for a range of reasons – sometimes just because it's really fun!



## BINGARA MEMORIAL ORANGE TREES

### Orange Picking Day – Friday 4 July 2025

Planted alongside Finch Street in Bingara, NSW, is a memorial avenue of orange trees. It was first established in the 1950s, as a living memorial to the servicemen and women from the area who died in the First and Second World Wars. In a unique decision, the founders of the memorial entrusted its maintenance and protection to the children of the town. Originally the trees were Valencia trees, but over time a number have been replaced with the navel orange variety. Trees have also been planted at Gwydir Oval, and a bushrock with two bronze plaques has been installed outside the Bingara RSL Club.

A special commemorative service is held outside the club each July to mark the start of the annual Bingara Orange Festival. It is attended by members of the RSL, the community, tourists, and most importantly, students from Bingara Central School. After the service, the children begin harvesting the fruit in a long-held tradition known as 'Orange Picking Day'. Since 1960, the oranges are picked for distribution within the community and to local organisations, including aged care facilities and the hospital. The 60th anniversary of Orange Picking Day was celebrated on 3 July 2021.



**BINGARA orange festival**

*Rodeo at the Showground*

**SATURDAY 5 JULY 2025**

Gates open at 3:00pm | Ute Barrel Race at 3:30pm  
Rodeo at 4:30pm | Fireworks at 7:30pm  
Full Bar and Canteen | Free Event

For further event details, local attractions and accommodation visit [www.visitgwydir.com.au](http://www.visitgwydir.com.au)



**BINGARA orange festival**

*Bingara, Now and Then*

**SATURDAY 5 JULY 2025**

10am | Street Parade 2pm

MEMPHIS MOOVERS | SWING KATZ | VINTAGE CAR DISPLAY | MARKET STALLS  
*Rodeo* | CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT | FOOD TRUCKS  
TOURS OF THE ROXY THEATRE AND *Happy Days Theme*

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Join us for a day talking all things soils in the Gwydir

**When:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Time:** 1015am (for a 1030am start) - 2pm

**Where:** "Beela", Beela Road, Moree NSW

#### Speakers on the day

**Oliver Knox, CSD:** Soil Biology, why it matters and how it fits in the system.

**Guna Nachimuthu, NSW DPIRD:** Enhanced Efficiency Fertilisers, how they work and initial findings from on-farm trials.

**Tim Weaver, Sydney University:** Soil phosphorus management, deep placement and stratification.

**Cameron Leckie, UniSQ:** How water infiltration is influenced by soil variability in the field.

**Blake Palmer, CottonInfo:** Observations of soil compaction in the Gwydir and Namoi. What can we do about it?

+ 'Panel around the Pit' Q&A session with the experts

Further information: Greg Bramley, CottonInfo, 0456 538 563; Kiara Temperley, NSLA, 0498 802 370

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## Secondary Debating



Our Stage 5 debating team faced off against Narrabri High School in their first debate of the season. The dream team of Jasmine, Kade, Izzy, and Lilly tackled the topic of banning single-use plastics in schools, arguing the negative side.



Thanks to their persistence and teamwork, they came out on top with a well-earned victory. The team eagerly anticipates their next debate later in the term against Farrer High School.



## Primary Debating Workshop



Our Primary Debating Team recently travelled to Tamworth to take part in a dynamic and engaging workshop focused on sharpening their debating skills. Throughout the day, students learned valuable techniques for building persuasive arguments, thinking on their feet, and speaking with confidence. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop their public speaking abilities while collaborating with peers from other schools.

Well done to all involved—we can't wait to see these new skills in action during future debates!