



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER

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Wednesday 9th July 2025

Hats Off to Country Event

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th July 2025

Saturday 12th July at 1pm.

Silver Plate Vocal Quest

FREE ENTRY. See details and conditions of entry on page 3

Nashgrills Showcase from 6pm

Sunday 13th July 2025 at 1pm.

Barraba High Country Music Musta

Barraba Bowling Club

Medical Centre Surgery Closure

The Medical Centre will be closed from Wednesday 9th July to Tuesday 15th July and will reopen on Wednesday 16th July at 9.00am.

If you require scripts please contact the surgery to make an appointment prior to the closure.

If you require medical attention during these dates, please present to the Barraba Hospital and in an emergency please ring 000 for an ambulance.

Medical Centre Management

Email or text for your catalogue

150 Bulls
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& **40 Poll Hereford Bulls**

BOWEN

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Pictures from the NAIDOC celebration in Barraba on page 12





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For the information of
members and guests.

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 11th July

MEAT RAFFLES

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1100

SATURDAY 12TH JULY

BINGO FROM 12.30

SUNDAY 13th July

ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES

Raffles on sale from 12pm, drawn 1.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1900

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DAILY BLACKBOARD SPECIALS AVAILABLE

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MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY: CLOSED

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

SUNDAY: 12-2pm



History Notes

Recently I came across History Notes for February 2005 - twenty years ago. It seems to have been a year of Anniversaries - a bit like 2025.

The oldest paper - the Barraba Argus - was published in 1895 but disappeared a short time later when other newspapers began to appear. However, there are a few advertisements for the local hotels - the Commercial Hotel, the Central Hotel and Tattersall's Hotel which burnt down in 1898 and was replaced by the Royal Hotel which burnt down in the 1920s. In 1895 Charles Lillis was about to open a butchering business in the old school house in Cherry Street and the Jockey Club was planning to hold five races on Boxing Day.

Later anniversaries in the years ending in five (5) include the Bridge, Adams Lookout and Newton Gardens 50 years ago. The Bexley Hereford stud was dispersed in 1975 and of course our more elderly residents will remember that Mount Kaputar fire which burnt for many weeks - do you remember how red the sun was at that time.

The Historical Society's 60th anniversary is this month and I have a reference to the Bowling Club Anniversary which is also this year - could it be 90 years or am I dreaming?

Recently the Historical Society had a query about someone drowning on a Barraba district property. His name was Athol Cunningham who lived and died in Barraba in April, 1963. He was married with three children at the time of his death. This was not a lot of information and a check of records found little to help with the search. A newspaper research on the computer has revealed in the Canberra times that Athol (Cliff) Cunningham aged 28 years was found dead in a dam on the property of Mr. J.P. Smith, Barraba on 25th April, 1963. Apparently, Cunningham went duck shooting on Saturday night and when he failed to return in the morning police organized a search. Constable J. Coleman recovered Cunningham's body in 8 foot of water - a dead duck was found nearby.

He was Athol Cliff Cunningham, aged 28 years old, father of three children and appears to have lived in Barraba. He is probably buried elsewhere.

Laurence Knowles Godfrey

11th August 1940 – 5th July 2025

To all his friends and acquaintances in Barraba, thank you for making his time here so special. Laurie requested "no fuss" so there will be a private cremation.

Merlene and Brian appreciate the many well wishes received, thank you.

Funeral Notice

Copelin, Henry Thomas Age 92

Late of Richardson House Barraba

Beloved husband of Jennifer and family

Graveside funeral will be held on Friday 11th of July, 11am.

Barraba Lawn Cemetery.

**Barraba Bowling Club's
Hats Off to Country Event
Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th July 2025
Barraba Silver Plate Vocal Event Quest
Special guest artist, Johnny Nashgrill Grills
FREE ENTRY**

Best 3 in the Quest progress to the Final of the 2026 High Country Songbird Vocal Championship held in Glan Innes on Saturday 11th April 2026 at 1.30pm as part of the Australian High Country Music Festival.

This is a solo artist Vocal Competition. Artists who can't play an instrument may have a solo musician play with them. Competitors are required to perform 3 songs for the judges. No backing tracks allowed.

The Event will be run on an 'open mic' format, all artists performing at the Event don't have to compete in the competition. All artists get a 3 song spot!

1st Prize; \$300, trophy and a budget recording package at Nashgrill Recording Studio Tamworth.

2nd prize; \$200 and trophy

3rd prize; \$100 and trophy

Judges decisions are final.

Artists may be disqualified for;

Performing drunk or under the influence of drugs,

Performing material the Judges consider not to be suitable for a family show,

Being considered a professional recording artist through record sales,

Participate in acts the Judges deem to be inappropriate,

Showing disrespect for Competition officials, venue staff, other artists, venue patrons, venue equipment and Competition equipment.

The Judges may take disciplinary action against artists and attendees who act inappropriately in connection with this Event as the Judges are representing the Australasian Southerncross Music Association (TASMA).

To answer several inbox queries: The Competition Champion is only stopped from entering the next Songbird Competition after they win only. As this Event has cash prizes it is a semi-professional event.

**Barraba High Country Music Musta
Sunday 13th July 2025 at 1pm**

Featuring Johnny Nashgrill Grills and the Rugged Rustlers Outfit.

This is a TASMA Event, for further information phone TASMA Secretary, Don Garrard 0498 046 754



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6.30 PM THURSDAY 17 JULY

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The Ukulele Man at The Playhouse Hotel.

At 6.30 pm on Thursday 17th July, Barraba will be able to catch *The Ukulele Man* at The Playhouse Hotel. This joyous show, brought to us by Arts Northwest On Tour, which tells the fascinating story of George Formby, one of Britain's most beloved comedians of the last century.

Affectionately known to the British public simply as "Our George", George Formby combined cheeky songs, a toothy grin and his signature ukulele to create a remarkably long and successful career. His fame - which endured from the end of the Music Hall era to the early days of television - reached its peak during World War II, when he rose to become the cheerful face of plucky resilience. Yet behind the carefree facade lurked a darker story... which he eventually overcame.

Now, up-and-coming young singer/dancer/actor Marcel Cole brings Formby's story to life in his award-winning musical homage to the man and a vanished world of popular entertainment in which he played such a notable part. With disarming charm and an effortless command of Formby's distinctive persona, Cole seems to channel the comedian himself. Cole's mastery of the ukulele and banjolele, coupled with natural comic timing and an engaging audience rapport have won him rave reviews from critics and audiences alike. He is joined on stage by his real-life mother Katie Cole, who plays several supporting characters - as well as a few musical instruments!

This is a show for anyone with a taste for nostalgia, an interest in theatre history or simply a love of a jolly good night of music and laughter.

Tickets to the show are \$35 (full price), \$25 (pensioners) and \$15 (school or uni students.) The running time is approximately one hour. Following the performance, patrons can stay on to enjoy an optional two-course typical post-war English dinner of “Bangers and mash” followed by “Spotted dick”. Tickets to the dinner are \$40 per person. Bookings for the dinner are essential. You can book for the show or the show plus dinner by phoning the hotel on 6782 1109, or you can book online by clicking on this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1426588>



ORGANISATIONS ENCOURAGED TO TAP INTO GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Local not-for-profits, community groups and organisations are being encouraged to apply for the NSW Government’s Infrastructure Grants program (Clubgrants Category 3).

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the Clubgrants program had been delivering significant funds for important community projects across the electorate. “Clubgrants invests in the projects that matter to our community and I’m encouraging local organisations to take advantage of this program with grants of between \$50,000 and \$300,000 available,” Mr Anderson said. “I know there are some outstanding community infrastructure projects on the radar across the electorate and this is an opportunity to get them funded and underway. Funding can be used for a range of projects from upgrading local halls, to lighting for sporting grounds, art exhibits, community transport, or infrastructure that supports youth. This program is about investing in our community, connecting us and growing sport, recreation and the arts, while boosting social inclusion and disaster resilience.”

These grants are made possible by the Clubgrants Category 3 Fund which re-invests profits from registered clubs into community projects. Funding is available for infrastructure projects in four areas:

Arts & Culture
Community Infrastructure
Disaster Readiness
Sport & Recreation

Applications open from 1 July and close on 25 July. For more information, please visit

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/responsible-gambling-grants>

Guy

From 1966 to 2018 we had Guy in our lives.

When he died I spent so much time asking Why?

Why didn’t they scan?... Why didn’t they listen?... Why didn’t they value the life of someone so loved?

One day I decided I needed to stop asking why and start celebrating the wonderful brother, son and friend he was to so many.

Today as the anniversary of his death comes around for the 7th year I think about his impact on so many lives. From birth he was so special. Happy, gentle and kind. As he grew Guy was lucky to go to school, learn to ride a horse, went swimming and so many other things we were told by professionals he would never do.

I often think about how lucky he was to be born into a family and community that were so loving and accepting of a little Down syndrome boy who grew into an identity in the town.

Do you ever think about how important you are to others?

Think about how important your hello, smile or wave maybe to someone? The small chat you have with someone who may not see or talk to anyone else that day. Guy taught me that the small things like smiles, hugs and waves can change someone’s day. So, I just want to ask that in his memory if we have the opportunity to change someone’s day that we do it whenever we can.

That we take the time to appreciate and make the most what we have. To remember there is always someone quietly struggling and we can make a difference to their lives.

Disability is not a choice.

To all the people in the community who remember and loved Guy thank you. You made his day.

In loving memory of Guy John Derrick

20.4.66 to 11.7.18

Forever in our hearts

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence’s Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

No Woodsreef service in July.

CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday evening

Mass 5pm

All other Sundays 9am

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sun 13th July Service at Barraba at 10.45am.

All Welcome

Council's call for donations

Tamworth Regional Council is calling on Council employees and residents of the Tamworth community to take part in the 2025 Local Government Blood Drive. From this week, starting 1 July, Lifeblood's Local Government Blood Drive will see employees, councillors, and community members rally together to donate blood and plasma in donor centres across the country.

Tamworth Regional Council have set a goal to save 1,000 lives, throughout the three-month period. In addition to promoting Council staff involvement, Tamworth Region Mayor Russell Webb is calling on the wider community to give blood and plasma donations during this time at the Tamworth Donor Centre.

"There is a big shortage of blood donations across the nation, but that's why these challenges are so important, we are trying to fill that gap. We are looking to get family and friends across our region involved in the challenge, one blood donation could save up to three lives, so if we are able to make 333 donations, that equates to 1,000 lives saved" he added. "We want to get as many people as we can, donating blood, to help save lives across our community. If you are new or already donating blood, you are able to link your donation to the council challenge, simply speak to the staff at the lifeblood centre during your next donation."



General Manager Paul Bennett said the Council has had a long history with the blood drive "we are very proud to be a part of the challenge again this year, we have been a part of the challenge since its inception. We have a strong history in the challenge, winning in 2016 and 2017, giving more blood than any other council. In more recent years with bigger councils such as Blacktown and Gold Coast who have thousands and thousands of employees it's hard to

compete. However, we have still remained in the top categories over the years. It's not about the competition, it's about getting people involved and getting them to give blood. Our staff are exceptionally proud to be in this challenge. We have a little internal rivalry between each directorate at council, which is a little friendly competition."

Friends and family play a part too, "we certainly encourage our friends and family to give blood as well, especially during the cooler months in winter, this is the time when blood banks struggle."

To book a donation either as a group or individual, visit call 13 14 95, download the Donate Blood app or visit www.donateblood.com.au



Council Meeting Update – 30 June, 2025

Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council on the 30th June 2025:

- Councillors adopted the 2025/26 Operational Plan and Budget which sets out the service delivery, projects and works council will carry out in the coming year. There is a total consolidated operating expenditure of \$181,916,234 with \$147,406,581 the total consolidated capital expenditure to improve local facilities and infrastructure. Other Integrated Planning and Reporting documents including the Fees and Charges 2025-2026, Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Resourcing Strategy 2025-2036 were also adopted. The Ordinary Rate Policy for 2025-26 includes an increase of 15% from 2024-25 which is the second and final increase of the IPART-approved Special Rate Variation. The first year Special Rate Variation increase of 18.5% was adopted for implementation on 1 July last year.
- One group of local residents may soon change their address without moving house after Councillors agreed to a Proposed Locality (suburb) Boundary Amendment between Daruka and Kootingal. To ensure locality boundaries are clear and easy to identify by the community, emergency and other services, it was proposed that Council extends the suburb boundary of Daruka to cover the entirety of Woonooka Road (which currently extends across suburbs of Daruka and Kootingal) and the side road of Comleroy Place (which currently sits in the suburb of Kootingal). All affected land owners have

been consulted during the process, with all in support of the proposal. The amendment will now be sent to the NSW Geographical Names Board for approval.

- As part of its continued support for local NAIDOC Week celebrations, Councillors agreed to waive the fees for using Council-facilities for events. The Tamworth NAIDOC Committee will host seven events throughout NAIDOC Week, which runs from Sunday 6 July until Sunday 13 July, 2025, across several Council facilities. Given the importance of NAIDOC Week for the local Aboriginal community, and the social benefits associated with these events, Councillors agreed to subsidise 100% of the associated fees, which totalled \$36,364. It is noted in the report that this year's Fee Waiver Request is higher than the amount subsidised last year, due to the committee securing grant funding of \$8,500 this year compared to \$50,000 in 2024. A report to Council said "Council's support for the recommended subsidy aligns with Blueprint 100 Focus Area 7, by supporting local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the preservation and celebration of their cultures. It also aligns with Council's adoption of Closing the Gap and is part of Council's commitment to advancing Closing the Gap goals within the Tamworth Region".
- Organisers of 11 community-based events will receive a share of \$30,000 in funding under the 2025/2026 Regional Events Marketing Support Program. Councillors agreed to support the recommended applicants which were assessed using a range of criteria including economic impact. A report to Council said this year the program was "prioritising support for new and emerging events, particularly those in greater need of exposure and those being held in outlying towns and villages". The successful recipients – receiving between \$1,000 and \$5,000 - are Rise: Future Stars Pro-Am Fight Night; Tamworth Mountain Biking Festival - Triple Event Weekend; Kootingal Country Fair; ADAA National Grand Prix; Inter Schools Horse Extravaganza; One of a Kind Annual Fashion Parade; Back to the Bush Auto Festival; Nundle Twilight Christmas Market; Barraba Show; Q26 AQHA National Show and 2026 Bendemeer Colours of Autumn Art Show.

For more information, see the full reports at www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/businesspapers

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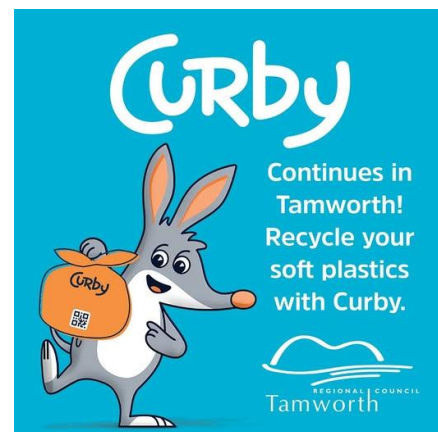
Just log in to the self-service portal with your email – your vouchers are ready to go!

Prefer post?

You'll need to request them each year – they're no longer sent automatically.

T &Cs have changed, so please read them carefully.

Learn more: www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/wastevouchers



After the successful 2-year trial, we are excited to announce that we will be continuing to support the Curby program in Tamworth Region. We have purchased an additional 10,000 Curby bags so that residents are able to continue their efforts into soft plastic recycling. Curby packs will be dispensed from one of Councils Customer Service offices. You must be registered to the Curby program to receive a pack. ONE pack will be issued per month, and each pack includes FOUR Curby bags. This is in an effort to extend the availability of Curby bags.

The Curby program offers an Optional Paid Reward Program. HOWEVER, joining the Curby Rewards Program is completely optional. Council will not pay for residents to be part of the paid rewards subscription program.

Head to our website and search Curby soft plastics for more information!



There's SO MANY amazing artists heading to Tamworth for Hats Off to Country this year! Plus you can see all of your favourite local artists perform all weekend!

Here's some just some of the artists heading our way:

Ross Wilson & the Peaceniks

Y.O.G.A

Travis Collins

The Bushwackers

Luke O'Shea and Lyn Bowtell

For the full program and to book your tickets, head to

<https://www.tamworthregion.com.au/.../hats-off-to-country/>

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BINGARA ORANGE FESTIVAL

Sunday was a beautiful sunny winter's day in Bingara, and perfect weather for the annual Festival and parade.

Maitland Street, closed to traffic, was lined with an enormous variety of stalls, and filled with happy festival goers. 2pm was the start of a spectacular show; a very happy, colourful almost endless, parade of community and business floats and people, veteran, vintage and hot-rod vehicles, performers, and other novelty "things".

A great community day!





From Brendan Moylan MP's weekly Newsletter –

Seniors Festival grant program

Applications are open for the NSW Seniors Festival Grant Program 2026. Grants of \$1500 to \$10,000 are available to eligible applicants to host community programs and activities.

They can be for small scale; multiple and larger activities held during the festival period. Events should align with the objectives of the NSW Seniors Festival, which empower seniors to participating in their communities and stay safe, active and healthy. The Festival runs from 2 to 15 March 2026.

For eligibility and to apply, visit [NSW Seniors Festival Grant Program 2026 | NSW Government](#) -

www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/seniors-festival-grants-program/nsw-seniors-festival-grant-program-2026

Applications close 12 August 2025.

Washing Machine Exchange Program

Low-income earners, social housing tenants, veterans and pensioners can now apply to upgrade their washing machine to save on water and energy costs. Eligible households can apply to have a new 8kg front-loading washing machine delivered and installed for \$250.

To check eligibility and to apply visit

www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/water/our-work/projects-and-programs/water-efficiency/washing-machine-exchange-program

NSW SPORTS GRANTS PROGRAM

About the program

The Local Sport Grant Program aims to increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in sport in NSW.

Through this Program the Office of Sport is working towards our goals to achieve:

- **Sector Growth:** Supporting the sector in adapting and growing sport and active recreation at all levels across NSW.
- **Facilities and Spaces:** Enabling an inclusive and accessible network of facilities and places for sport and active recreation.
- **For all People:** Facilitating increased opportunities for inclusion in sport and active recreation so every person in NSW can participate throughout their whole life.

Important dates

The following dates are indicative and apply only to this round.

- Applications open **Monday 30 June 2025**
- Applications close **1pm Monday 18 August 2025**
- Outcomes advised **February 2026 onwards**

Key objectives

The key objectives of the Program align to the [Office of Sport Strategic Plan \(PDF, 4.13 MB\)](#) with the specific objectives to:

- Increase regular and on-going participation in sport.
- Increase participation opportunities for unrepresented groups including women and girls, people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, people with disability, First Nations peoples and LGBTQIA+ people.
- Reduce barriers and improve access to participation in sport.
- Assist sport clubs to provide quality experiences to their members and meet community needs. Increase financial sustainability and improve facilities of community level sporting clubs.

Applications must clearly demonstrate an identified need for the project and articulate how the project outcomes will be achieved. Specifically, applications should demonstrate how the project will address at least one of the above objectives.

Funding availability

Up to \$4.65 million is available in 2025 to support sporting clubs and associations across NSW with \$50,000 available in each electorate and grants of up to \$20,000 available for individual projects.

Funding of \$50,000 per electorate will be allocated to all 93 electorates throughout NSW. Applicants must identify their 'project location' address to ensure the application is assessed in the correct electorate e.g., your training ground or where your project will take place.

The grant amount requested must be a minimum of \$2,000 and a maximum of \$20,000.

A single organisation may make multiple applications, however the maximum amount of funding that can be awarded to any one organisation is \$20,000.

Eligible applicants

Eligible applicants are:

- Incorporated, not-for-profit grassroots sport club or association whose primary focus is to:
 - organise sporting activities and;
 - deliver on-going sporting programs and/or;
 - develop member's skills
- Aligned with a recognised sport

Sporting clubs associated with licensed organisations can apply provided the project directly benefits the sport, not the administration processes of the licenced club or upgrades of the licensed premises.

Sports organisations or clubs associated with a school, church or university can apply providing they are a not-for-profit club incorporated in their own right.

Submitting your application

- Applying for the Local Sport Grant Program is a simple process using the [SmartyGrants platform](#).
- The Office of Sport recommends that applicants familiarise themselves with the online application form ahead of preparing the application and plan to submit well ahead of the closing date to reduce the risk of missing the deadline.
- Complete your application by filling in each of the sections.
- Upload all required supporting documentation.
- Submit your application before the closing date and time.
- Projects must be submitted through the [SmartyGrants website](#) to be considered eligible.
- Successful submissions will be issued with a SmartyGrants system generated acknowledgement email containing a PDF copy of the application which will confirm the time the application was submitted.

Scratch were Chris and Nick Sweeney carding an 82 with runners up being Daniel Lott and Kieran Darlington 86 alongside Josh Austin and Luke Smith also 86.

The Net trophy was won by Dan Lott and Kieran Darlington with a net 74.75 from Josh Austin and Luke Smith net 75.87

Only one NTP was Josh Austin on the 16th which finished about 1.5 metre away.

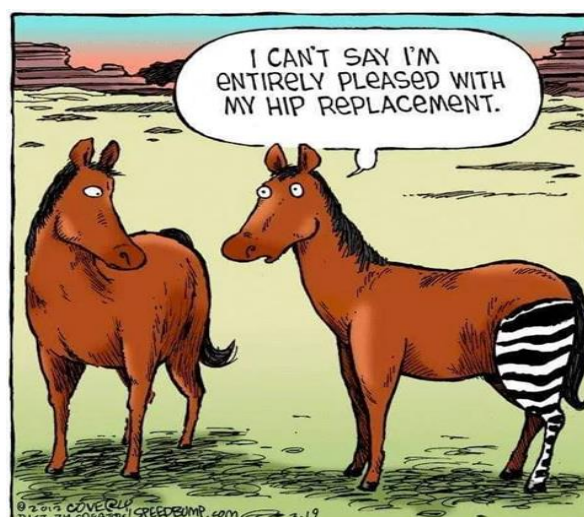
Next week 13th July is a single stroke for Kerry Smith's trophy and the following Sunday 20th July is the 3rd round of our Club Championships for Sam Faint's trophy.



2025 Tamworth International Eventing CCN 26 - 27 July

Join us at the **Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre (AELEC)** for the *2025 Tamworth International Eventing CCN*, a heart-pounding two-day showcase of Olympic-level equestrian skill. This is your chance to witness Australia's bravest horses and riders compete across the three defining phases of eventing: the elegance of **Dressage**, the precision of **Showjumping**, and the adrenaline-charged **Cross Country** phase—held on AELEC's world-class course.

Spectator Entry: Absolutely **FREE**. **Parking:** Free day parking available. Bring the family, cheer on the athletes, and enjoy a weekend of action, atmosphere, and unfiltered equestrian excellence.



Barraba Golf Notes

On Sunday we contested our annual Foursomes Championship kindly donated by Peter York and

Alan Yates for the Scratch event and Kevin Kelaher and Roberts Sweeney for the Net. A Foursomes event can test friendships with each player in the team teeing off and after selecting the best of the two drives alternate shots are then hit using the one ball until it is putted in. Winners of the

Inside the grain silo when we still had silos and grain carting operational.

This building is now completely re-purposed as Simon Koopman's Stock & Crop business. (Thanks to Brian Coote for this photo.)



Verandas on Queen Street

Looking down Maude St. towards the original Post Office and the beautiful Bank of NSW on the left. The Central Hotel has already lost its 1st. floor balconies and cast-iron support columns and balcony lattice work. All this required by the State Government on Main roads because of the then perceived danger of drivers reversing into them and knocking them down.

This requirement which only lasted a few years destroyed the appearance of many historic buildings in NSW. Manilla avoided this damage by declaring its main street was not in fact the main road.

An old Kodachrome slide from the 1950s. Possibly December 1957 or 1958.



All comments and photo: Brian Coote



Barraba Celebrates NAIDOC Week 2025

On Wednesday 2nd July our community celebrated NAIDOC Week, hosted by the Barraba Health Service and Richardson House at the Day Centre. Community members, students from the Preschool, St Joseph's Primary and the Barraba Central School filled the Day Centre to recognise our First Nations people. A Welcomed to Country by Jeffrey O'Leary followed by entertainment by each of the schools with songs and speeches and enjoyed morning tea followed.



Kim Peake, Health Service Manager was MC for the celebration



Jeffrey O'Leary, local Aboriginal Elder, Welcome to Country



Rainbow Serpent art gift to the Health Service from the Central School students



Barraba Preschool students Twinkle Twinkle in language



St Joseph's School students, sang in both Gomilaroi language and English.



Barraba Central School students