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THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 1st AUGUST

MEAT RAFFLES

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1400

SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST

BINGO STARTS AT 12.30

SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST

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

SUNDAY: 12-2pm

About Barraba Incorporated Annual General Meeting Wednesday 6th August 2025 Barraba Bowling Club 6pm



Greetings from the Men's Shed, it is that time of the year again when we hold our AGM. If you are a member and would like to attend, we will be holding it on the 8th August, 2025 at 11am. If you are not a member and would like to be one, you can enroll at the shed on Mondays/Wednesdays and Fridays.

To contact the Men's Shed please call 0404 627 567. If you are unfamiliar with where the shed is, it is in Clifton Lane off Maude Street. Thank you for your time.





History Notes

Recently I was asked about the Wilson family who lived at Mayvale for many years from the early 1900s. The early couple, William Arlington Wilson and his wife, Emily Catherine Wright, married in 1869. They lived at Rosedale in Murrurundi for most of their married life and their nine children were born there.

Their first son, William Plumpton Wilson, was born in 1872. He took up Plumthorpe in 1888 at the tender age of 16 years. In 1901 he married Florence May White, and they settled down to married life at Plumthorpe – they had three sons before William became ill and tragically died in 1915.

Clifford Phillip, second son was born in 1873, and he lived at Mayvale after it was purchased from Blagdon Chambers about 1904. The Mayvale house was relatively new at that time. Clifford married Margaret Cadden, and they were the parents of Phillip Arlington Wilson – Barraba Shire President for many years. Sadly, Mayvale was sold to the Vickery family soon after Phillip (P.A.) died in 1962.

The younger Wilson children were Muriel who married Stan Nicholas in 1900, and Mary who was born and died in 1977.

The girls were followed by another son, John Hubert, who married Blanche Southey in 1902. He owned Long Arm with his brother, Ken, until 1906/7. John then went to Woodton, Wallabadah and Ken settled on land down in the Horton Valley.

Guy Wilson, 4th son, had land at Berrigal Creek near Narrabri in the 1930s.

Dorothy Wilson was born in 1881, and she married Henry Wood in 1902 and the youngest child, Margaret/Marjorie married Norman Burdekin in 1908, and they took over Plumthorpe in 1916 and built the present-day homestead.



Plumthorpe Homestead

During C.P. Wilson's ownership of Mayvale, a new house was built, "The Villa", and the old homestead was allowed to deteriorate until the property was purchased by the Vickery family and managed by Bill & Liz Graham. The old home was renovated by the Grahams and made into a comfortable home once again.



Mayvale Homestead



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FREE men's health checks! at Barraba



**Wed 13 Aug 9.30am – 4.15pm
at Barraba Mall, 110 Queen St Barraba**

It doesn't seem to matter how old they are ...most blokes in country NSW don't pay much attention to their health - 'she'll be right!'... But treatable high blood pressure and diabetes often go unnoticed until it's too late... If you don't remember when you last had a checkup... It's time!

Get checked ... see mherv ... its a gift!



Free health checks at the Men's Health Education Rural Van include:

- * Blood pressure just to check the heart isn't too stressed. * Blood sugar levels ... just a pin-prick in the finger, to make sure there's no type two diabetes ... which is manageable even if there is. * Cholesterol ... just to see if levels are high and need attention.

Sponsored by:

The very successful 'Health Check' organised by Barraba Rotary is on again this year. Great participation by local men last year identified some unknown health issues which could be addressed before it's too late. It's not only men's health, women are also invited to take the opportunity for a free check. Go Girls.

If you have any questions contact Dave Penna on 0400821899, or you can speak directly to the nurse who will be here on the day Richelle Stewart 0427274489.



**Here is an overview of outcomes from the
Ordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council
on Tuesday 22nd July 2025:**

➤ Councillors reviewed a report on recent water network leak detection undertaken throughout Tamworth, Kootingal and Moonbi as part of the NSW Governments Active Water Leak Detection Program. The program identified 120 leaks, with a total volume of 485 litres per minute. Results in the Tamworth region were approximately 50% lower than median results across regional NSW, with Council's automated water meter network, leak notifications and MyTRC Water Portal providing early identification and repair opportunities. The program covered approximately 623 kilometres of water mains in the region and was funded by the NSW State Government at no cost to Council. Any leak repairs will be funded by existing water operations budget.

➤ Councillors tonight agreed to investigate funding streams for a range of initiatives aimed at improving environmental, social and economic outcomes along the Peel River in the Tamworth CBD. The report identified eight potential projects to improve the amenity, access and cultural connection to the river between Paradise Bridge and Jewry Street, including uses for waterways, gardens and landscaping, as well as shared path trails, festivals and events and passive recreation. The report also outlined the opportunity to align environmental projects with Council's recently adopted motion of supporting the Yarriin: Culture, Fish and Flows – Galala (Paradise Weir) Case Study Project. In line with the report, Council agreed to allocate \$40,000 from the General Fund Reserve for the removal of the damaged former Jewry Street Causeway.

➤ Councillors considered a report outlining the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) determination around rural bulk water services commencing 1 July 2025. Council pays charges to two State Government entities to access bulk water, both surface and groundwater – the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation (WAMC), and WaterNSW. The report indicated IPART released an Information Paper in May 2025 which proposed a 3 year determination for WaterNSW charges with a 1.9% increase plus CPI in 25-26 and then CPI increases in the subsequent 2 years. However, on 26 June 2025 Council

received advice that IPART had handed down its final determination in relation to WaterNSW charges and that this decision did not reflect the proposal contained in the Information Paper. The final IPART determination is for WaterNSW charges only, includes a 1 year determination for the 25-26 year only and increases the maximum charges WaterNSW may charge for the delivery of bulk water 5.8% plus inflation.

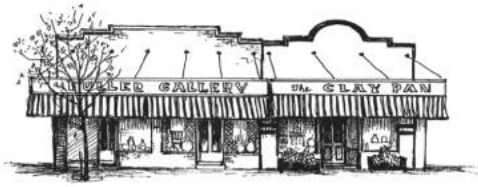
Based on average annual supply of water from Water NSW storages and assuming a CPI of 3% Council will pay an additional \$118,212 (total of \$1,461,532) in charges to WaterNSW in 2025-26.

Council has already set its charges for water in the 25-26 financial year, and there is no intention to change these charges to accommodate the increased charges levied by Water NSW at this time. However, every year Council reviews water charges given increases in cost etc and the increased charges payable to Water NSW will be included in this review. Any changes identified will be proposed for the 26-27 financial year. Council is yet to receive a determination on the future prices for the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation and 2024-25 prices continue to apply.

➤ In order to ensure compliance with Legislative requirements regarding Modern Slavery compliance, Councillors agreed to place a "Draft Modern Slavery Prevention Policy" on public exhibition for 28 days. Until now, Modern Slavery has been referenced in Council's Procurement Policy and its Statement of Business Ethics however, to ensure full compliance, Modern Slavery Prevention requires its own stand-alone policy. Should feedback be received during the exhibition period a further report will be prepared for Council's consideration.

➤ Councillors approved the minutes of a recent Tamworth Region Arts Advisory Committee meeting, detailing a number of mural based projects across the region including; support of a mural to be painted in Manilla from mid-August; decommissioning of a mural opposite the Tamworth Town Hall with a replacement mural to be painted by the original artist's son – Charlie Nivison; and supporting the State Emergency Service in selecting a location in the region for a large scale mural on a highly visible structure.

➤ Due to a number of Senior Council Staff attending the State Local Government Staff Conference on 12 August 2025, Councillors agreed to move the Ordinary Meeting Scheduled for 12 August to 5 August 2025.



Fuller Gallery & Clay Pan Activities:

Featuring Pottery:

??? Did you know that the Potters get together on Monday and Wednesday mornings at the Clay Pan ???

If you would like to join them, everyone is welcome from 10am on these two days.

For further information contact Annette on 0459471513.

There will also be a "Come and Try Day" on the 27th of September 2025. Pottery is on the program for that day.





CLAY PAN

In 1929 this building was built for Harry White as a butcher's shop.

The Whites operated a butcher's shop in this building until 1969 when they sold to the Hancock family. Cyril Hancock was employed by the Whites before branching out to own his own butcher's shop in 1932.

The Hancock family had a butchery business in Barraba until 2014.

In 1975 this shop became a local branch of the Potters' Guild known as "the Claypan", and is used as a permanent pottery room

FULLER GALLERY

In 1935 Harry White applied to build a semi-detached printing office and saddler's shop. The building was constructed in 1936. The saddler P.H. Baker sadly died before he could move in. The Barraba Chronicle moved into the whole building and printed the local paper for the next 40 years. The building was always known as "the Chronicle building". Early in the 1980s the Claypan purchased the vacant building and it then became the Fuller Gallery.

One of the Barraba Commemorative Plaques. Photograph by Brian Coote

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sun 3rd August Service at Barraba at 10.45am.

All Welcome

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

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Scott McDougall, Catching the Light Exhibition

23 July - 17 August

Scott McDougall returns with a breathtaking new solo exhibition, *Catching the Light*.

This show features his signature photorealistic paintings of the New England landscape in all its drama and glory.



2025 Local Government Blood Drive Challenge

1 July - 30 September

The 2025 Local Government Blood Challenge will take place from Tuesday 1 July to Tuesday 30 September. The challenge invites local councils from all over Australia to take part and raise awareness of the importance of donating blood. Tamworth Regional Council has taken part in the challenge for the past 8 years and are excited to be participating again this year!

Council is hoping staff, along with their friends and family, are ready to roll up their sleeves. The donations help thousands of people who require live saving transfusions daily. Will you join this year?



Two Girls from Amoonguna Exhibition

14 June - 24 August

Featuring new work by Arrernte and Southern Luritja artist Sally M Nangala Mulda and Western Arrarnta artist Marlene Rubuntja, this exhibition encompasses video, bush-dyed, hand-sewn soft sculptures and observationalist paintings, recounting their intertwining stories of friendship and resilience.

The centrepiece is an animated work titled *Arrkutja Tharra, Kungka Kutjara, Two Girls*. It delves into the reality of First Peoples' experiences in Central Australia, chronicling the artists' successes and struggles.

The exhibition is a beautiful, poignant and honest portrayal of community life and government control. *Arrkutja Tharra, Kungka Kutjara, Two Girls* was made in collaboration with Ludo Studio, the Emmy-award winning production company behind *Bluey*, *Robbie Hood* and *The Strange Chores*.

This is an Artbank+ ACMI co-commission.

About the artists

Both renowned Town Camp artists, the two friends grew up at the Amoonguna Settlement in Northern Territory. Reconnecting later in life, both had witnessed many hardships.

Now, having achieved so much, they are immensely proud of one another. Sally and Marlene's practice is representative of where they live, Mparntwe (Alice Springs). Playful, self-referential and humorous, it embodies the history and rich culture of Mparntwe and its surrounding town camps.

An ACMI Touring Exhibition.





Annual Bingara Races 2025

Saturday, 16 August 2025 | 12:30 PM to 06:00 PM

Bingara Showground and Racecourse, Bowen Street, Bingara, 2404

Grazing on the Gwydir

Saturday, 23 August 2025 | 12:30 PM to 05:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE! An afternoon of delicious food and live music on the waterfront's grassy shores. More details to come soon!

Warialda Honey Festival

Saturday, 13 September 2025 | 02:00 PM



SAVE THE DATE! Warialda Honey Festival is an annual event celebrating all things Warialda! The honey and bee theme are derived from our town's name which means in the local aboriginal language 'Place of Wild Honey'! More details to come soon!

Rural Women's Network

Applications now open: Tim Fischer Fellowship 2025

Are you passionate about strengthening regional and rural Australia? The Tim Fischer Fellowship offers a remarkable opportunity to further your work and ideas with the support of the Country Education Foundation of Australia.

Established in honour of the late Hon. Tim Fischer AC, an enduring champion of the bush, this annual Fellowship provides:

- Up to \$50,000 in funding to support education, research, professional development, travel or project costs
- Access to a mentor and national networks
- A platform to share your vision and contribute to broader conversations about the future of rural Australia

Who can apply?

This opportunity is open to individuals aged 18+, with a strong connection to regional or rural Australia. Applicants may come from any background or industry - education, health, business, community development, agriculture and more.

Key dates:

- Applications close Sunday 17 August 2025
- Finalists will be interviewed online
- The recipient will be announced at the Tim Fischer Fellowship Luncheon in Sydney on 17 October
- Learn more and apply via the CEF website: cef.org.au/Programs/tim-fischer-fellowship



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From the Narrabri Courier



Work is underway to prepare for the Eulah Creek machinery day and campoven cook-off. At a working bee on Sunday, back, Sharon Burgess, Ian Orman, Mandy Simpson, Hannah Morris, front, Jason Simpson, Marsella Morris and Bernadette Morgan (holding Macie).

It's that time of year again for a fun-filled day of local history and community spirit at the Eulah Creek hall for their vintage machinery day and campoven cook-off.

The Beulah Park Hall committee volunteers have been busy preparing the grounds and hall ready to welcome visitors to the festivities. President of the committee, Dave Morris broke down some of the highlights for this year.

"There will be some new activities for kids including disc games and a turn at the racket on the old tennis courts. We

also have lots of new stall holders with a variety of things to sell," Dave said.

Dave mentioned that the hall committee in association with Manilla Vintage Machinery Group, are aiming to bring back some of that good old-style entertainment for this year's fixture. "As mentioned in our post on the major raffle, the whole aim of this event is to help in preserving the legacy of our local history and the heart of our community."

The Cast Iron Chef cook off is always a smoke-show of competition, on Saturday, August 2, with cooks coming to put their tasty talents to the test. Followed by the vintage machinery day the next day, Sunday, August 3.

Organiser of the cook-off, Ian Orman supplied some more details on the barbecue bash. "Like always, cooks can start anytime Saturday, but meals must be ready by 5:30pm for serving at 6:30pm. "There will also be billy boiling competitions on in conjunction with the cook-off.

There will be prizes and medals for open and junior cast iron chef, cast iron dessert chef, open and junior billy boiling champ.

"The open section includes the use of a smoker or grill, giving more variety to the dishes. In the past, we have had a watermelon slow cooked by one of the cooks. This would have to be the weirdest dish for the cook off, and after basing it regularly, it carved just like ham!" Inquiries for the competition can be made to Ian Orman on 0429 829 542.

Sunday will feature a fascinating display of vintage farm machinery, tractors and motorcycles, as well as witnessing live demonstrations of working stock horses and traditional shearing techniques. Machinery day inquiries can be made to Dave Morris 0427 005 559 and Bruce Evans 0428 500 857.

Entry to the machinery day costs \$5 for adults and is free for children under 15 years of age. The two events are cash only (no EFTPOS available).

The hall committee are working hard and determined to see their effort shine through with hopefully some upgrades for the hall in the future.

"We are mainly looking at putting outside amenities block with a shower outside of the hall as well as upgrading the amenities we already have and general maintenance," Dave said.

The wood is piled up ready to go! So come on down to support this cosy, country event as winter draws to a close and enjoy the friendly Eulah Creek hospitality.



Golf Notes

Today under soggy conditions we played a 4BBB Stableford for the Bill McKid and David Kelly trophy.

The clear winners were Ian Cabot and Neil Smith with a great score of 63 stableford points. Shared runners up were Sam Faint and Paul Grigg on 40 along with Jesse Phillips and Liam Johnston also 40 points. There were no NTPs recorded. In singles matchplay Dan Lott defeated Kerrie Smith.

Next Sunday 3rd August is an Individual Stableford for Dave McMurtrie trophy whilst on Sunday 10th August is a 2 Person Ambrose for the Turning Heads BeautySalon trophy.

Reserve Grade Match Report – Barraba Rams vs Quirindi

60th Anniversary Round – Saturday Afternoon

Saturday afternoon marked a proud occasion for the Barraba Rugby Club as players, old boys, supporters and community members gathered to celebrate the club's 60th anniversary. In front of a strong home crowd, the Reserve Grade Rams took on Quirindi in what was expected to be a tough and physical encounter.

Quirindi struck early, crossing for a converted try within the opening minutes. Barraba pushed back with strong runs from Harrison Davies and Noah Theofanou, working hard through the middle in challenging weather conditions. However, the wind, rain and muddy ground made handling extremely difficult, and Quirindi were quick to capitalise on dropped ball and turnovers.

Jack Myers made a solid contribution in defence, while Kane Ward and Rudi Hart stood out with a series of well-timed tackles to hold Quirindi at bay during several attacking phases. Nick Sweeney continued to put in the hard yards as Barraba tried to build some momentum. Despite their efforts, the Rams couldn't convert field position into points, and a late penalty goal followed by another converted try saw Quirindi head into halftime with a 17–0 lead.

The second half saw Barraba continue to fight hard, with some positive moments sparked by Liam Mack and Dylan Walker, who created space through the midfield. Out wide, Soren Stobbart and Isaak Johnson made valuable metres with their pace, threatening Quirindi's defence on a few occasions. At fullback, Cody Townsend was reliable and creative, returning kicks with intent and backing up attacking plays.

Unfortunately, the Rams were unable to finish their attacking opportunities, with ongoing handling errors and the strength of Quirindi's forward pack proving difficult to overcome. Quirindi added two more tries—one converted—in the second half to seal a 29–0 victory.

Despite the loss, the Rams showed plenty of grit and determination in front of their home crowd on such a significant day for the club. With continued effort and a bit of luck with the weather, Barraba will be looking to bounce back in the rounds ahead.

Points -

3 - Harrison Davies, 2 - Nick Sweeney

1 - Dylan Walker Players player - Harrison Davies

Join us this weekend as we head to Tamworth to play Pirates!



Recent Anniversaries

- the discovery of the Rosetta Stone, which was the key to deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphs (1799)
- the birthdays of Rembrandt (1606) and Emmeline Pankhurst (1858)
- the founding of the Boeing Company (1916)
- the launch of the historic Apollo 11 mission sending Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins to the moon (1969)
- the opening of the first Disneyland in Anaheim, California (1955)
- the downing of MH17 over Ukraine (2014)
- the debut of Play School (1966)
- the death of author Jane Austen (1817)
- Kim Jong Un being appointed Supreme Leader of North Korea (2012)
- an archaeological dig in Kakadu National Park extending Indigenous Australians' time in Oz from 65,000 to 80,000 years ago (2017)
- the death of Matthew Flinders, the cat-loving leader of the first circumnavigation of Australia (1814)
- Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin becoming the first men to walk on the moon (1969)
- Dick Smith making the first solo helicopter flight around the world (1983)
- NASA's announcement of the discovery of the most Earth-like planet found yet – Kepler-452b. It's a convenient 1,400 light-years away... (2015)
- Aussie cyclist Cadel Evans winning the 98th Tour de France (2011)
- scientists announcing the first human stem cells to be cultured in a laboratory (1997)
- Lance Armstrong winning the first of 7 consecutive Tour de France titles (but is later disqualified for drug cheating) (1999)
- WikiLeaks publishing classified documents about the war in Afghanistan, one of the largest leaks in US military history (2010)
- the capital of New Zealand moving from Auckland to Wellington (1865)
- Bugs Bunny's cartoon debut in A Wild Hare (1940)
- the Korean War armistice (1953)
- the birthday of author Beatrix Potter (1866)
- the invention of the hamburger in Connecticut (1900)
- the release of Walt Disney's Alice In Wonderland (1951)
- the Australian Defence Force MRH-90 Taipan helicopter crash during a training exercise in Queensland that killed 4 members (2023)

Coconut flan by Petitchef



Ingredients

Caramel :

- 1/3 cup sugar
- some water

Flan :

- 3 eggs
- 1.5 cup coconut milk
- 415ml condensed milk
- 70gm grated coconut

Preparation

Make the caramel: in a pot on medium heat, put the sugar and some water, and leave until caramel forms. Immediately take it out of the heat and pour it into a cake mould.

Beat the eggs and add the coconut milk. Stir, and add the condensed milk, and mix well.

Add the grated coconut and stir. Pour this batter into the cake mould where you have poured the caramel before.

Put the mould into a deep dish and fill it with boiling water to make a water bath.

Bake 45 minutes at 180 deg C. A knife blade should come out clean, or your flan is not baked yet.

Cool it down properly before unmoulding it. There you are, your coconut flan is ready!