



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Expressions of Interest open for Australia Day Panels

Tamworth Regional Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from community members who would like to be part of the Barraba and Manilla Australia Day Advisory Panels. The Advisory Panels play an important role in celebrating local achievements by reviewing nominations for the annual Australia Day Awards and selecting the award recipients for each community.

Council is seeking individuals with a positive commitment to the role and a genuine interest in recognising the contributions and achievements of local residents. Panel members should be willing to actively participate in the review process and demonstrate impartiality when assessing nominations. Each Advisory Panel will consist of four community members, appointed for a three-year term. At the conclusion of the term, Council will invite new Expressions of Interest, and existing members will be welcome to reapply.

All nominations for appointment to the Australia Day Advisory Panel must be submitted through the online form, www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/about/forms/expression-of-interest-barraba-and-manilla-australia-day-advisory-panels and supported by a referee. Nominations close at 4pm, Thursday 6 November 2025.

Barraba Community Inc AGM

6.00 pm Wednesday 12th November 2025

Venue: Andy's Guest House

Incorporated entity for the following committees;

- Frost Over Barraba
- Friends of Barraba Trees
- Barraba Birth Books and Beyond
- Barraba Public Art
- Barraba Shire Band
- Barraba Mosaic Group



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THIS WEEK

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If you require scripts before the closure, please call the surgery to make an appointment.

If you require medical attention, please present to the Barraba Hospital or in an emergency call 000.



FULLER GALLERY ACTIVITIES:

FEATURING THE TUESDAY PAINTERS & CRAFT LADIES:

A very talented group of about 6 ladies meet at the Gallery on a Tuesday to produce beautiful paintings and items of sewing, craft, crochet and knitting. Lyn, Sonja, Jenny and Glenys are enjoying their painting time together. If you are a beginner or have limited painting skills why not try "Paintings by Numbers" to help you get started. The more experienced painters are also there to help you develop your skills. Robyn does her hand sewing while Barb likes to knit or crochet.

Everyone is welcome to join this group of ladies. Bring your own equipment to use or just pop in for a chat and a cuppa. They are at the Gallery from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Contact Robyn on 0412508227 for more information.



Presented by NSW Department of Education AN ARENA SPECTACULAR

CAPERS is an arena spectacular production and is a significant and exciting opportunity for both students and teachers to showcase their creative skills and talent while building their knowledge and experience through a large-scale, collaborative, community-driven event. Since its establishment in Tamworth in 1998, CAPERS has been a highlight for up to 2500 students each year and has been the springboard for many students who have pursued careers in the arts. www.entertainmentvenues.com.au/capers-2025



BARRABA CREATIVE EXCHANGE

Modernism, Ceramics, En Plein Air Kate Hofman and Michelle Hungerford

To celebrate Grace & Grace exhibition - Tamworth Regional Gallery and Barraba Craft and Potters Guild have prepared a weekend of creative exploration in Barraba - the birth place of Grace Crowley. We take inspiration from Grace and her good friend Anne Dangar - a ceramicist. They discovered modernism, and both were transformed by this new approach to artistic practise.

As such, we invite you, to bring a friend, and join us for a weekend of creative exchange. Come to one event or book all three.

Modernism Lecture
Michelle Hungerford
FREE
Clay Pan Gallery

Ceramics Class
Kate Hofman
\$75 inclusive
Clay Pan Gallery

Plein-air Painting Workshop
Michelle Hungerford
\$75 / \$95 with all materials
'Tycolah' Barraba

All the details and bookings
www.tamworthregionalgallery.com.au



History Notes

After researching a family history for most of this week I decided that a change was needed. Twenty plus years ago Barraba was raising money for a hydrotherapy pool and I wonder who remembers the donation made by three of our older citizens.

To quote the press of the time "it started out as a joke and finished up with three disabled men riding motorised scooters from Barraba to Tamworth." The three riders - Grahame Rice, Bill McDouall and Bill Henshaw- decided it could be done and set about gathering the equipment they would need together with a support crew.

The batteries were only expected to last for about 30 kilometres before needing to be re-charged and so they needed chargers and of course food and drinks and somewhere to rest if needed.

They set out early on the Tuesday morning and were in Manilla for lunch and I suspect a rest as they all suffered disabilities. The group kept going each day and were able to reach the Tamworth Hydrotherapy Pool at 2pm on the third day. The scooters behaved very well with no breakdowns, no punctures and did not exceed any speed limits.

The general public were very generous with donations and assistance and a donation of almost one third of that required to finish the pool was presented to the committee.

The cuttings in the scrap-book include three different photos of the trio mounted on their bikes with an assortment of signs and advertisements. Two riders wore hats while Graeme Rice had a full hood to keep the sun off him.

Sadly, we have lost all three of these intrepid riders but I don't think that today's traffic would be able to handle motor scooters creeping along the main road to Tamworth - just imagine a "B double" passing by!



ESSENTIAL ENERGY – PLANNED OUTAGE

Essential Energy advises a planned outage that will affect 1378 properties in Barraba and surrounds on: **SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER from 7 am to 5 pm**. The outage is for essential general maintenance.

Region's History Finds a New Home on Peel Street

Thousands of films, sound recordings and oral histories have found a permanent home at 218 Peel Street, with the official opening of the Tamworth Regional Film and Sound Archive (TRFSA) at its new location today. The Archive, operated by dedicated and passionate volunteers, celebrates the relocation to larger, purpose-suited premises that will not only allow more room for archival equipment but also support the expansion of its volunteer base. "This new space allows us to care for the past while embracing the future," said TRFSA Chairperson John Vickery. "It eases the pressure of preserving stories and objects with care, and gives us the opportunity to share them with pride for generations to come," added TRFSA member Ces Ledwos.

Founded over 30 years ago by Bladen Brooke and Arthur Baker, the Archive plays a vital role in preserving and showcasing the cultural heritage of the region. It offers a unique glimpse into local life and history dating back as far as 1916.

Today, the Archive is home to around 8,000 cans and cassettes of locally and regionally produced visual material, with more than 20,000 items catalogued in its growing database. All content is carefully collected, digitised, and documented by volunteers, an invaluable resource for researchers, educators, and the broader community. The ongoing support of the Archive is underpinned by Tamworth Regional Council's Museum and Archive Strategy, a framework that supports ten public museum, archive and social history collections located in the Tamworth Regional Council area.

"The Tamworth Regional Film and Sound Archive has been identified as a nationally significant collection through the National Library of Australia, and includes a sub-collection on the UNESCO memory of the world register. This important archive will now be better positioned to care for and preserve the region's heritage," said Director Tamworth Regional Gallery and Museums Bridget Guthrie. "Council has invested in the long-term permanent home for the archive and completed maintenance and building works to ensure the new site is fit for purpose," Guthrie added.

The Archive now invites schools, community groups and all residents to visit, volunteer or contribute knowledge about items in the collection. You can find the Tamworth Film and Sound Archive at 218 Peel Street, next door to the Tamworth Powerstation Museum. For opening hours, education program bookings, or to arrange a visit, please visit: www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/live/arts-and-culture/film-and-sound-archive.

Post Garden Ramble 2025

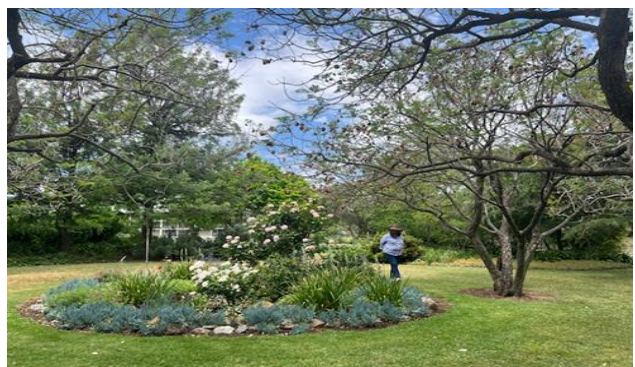
A lovely cool day greeted folk who wandered throughout the delightful open gardens last weekend for the Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising Group Inc (BCPFRG) 2025 Garden Ramble. Each garden looked a picture in its entirety, despite the challenging weather conditions during the week prior.

Sincere thanks to the owners of The Oaks, Nangarah, Doonba and Tycolah Cottage for sharing your beautiful gardens with the wider community. This assisted in raising funds for the recipients that BCPFRG donate towards annually – namely various Australian Cancer related and Cancer research organisations. Thank you to all of the Rotary Club of Barraba and Rotarians who supported the day, and the BCPFRG committee who were involved as well. The Anglican Church members and St Joseph's School P&F sold refreshments too – thank you.

Winners of the raffle were: 1st-Margot Denyer, 2nd-Kerrie Smith, 3rd-Lyn Groth, 4th-Viv Mulley. Gratitude and appreciation also extend to the donors of the raffle prizes.



Thank you to Stacey Sedgwick and Terry Threlfall for the photos



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\$6 million road resealing program underway

Tamworth Regional Council has commenced its annual road resealing program, with works now in full swing following the arrival of warmer weather.

Over 300 road segments across the region will be resealed as part of the program, representing a \$4.2 million investment in maintaining the local road network. A further \$1.8 million in resealing works are yet to be scheduled to take place before June 2026. These works have been funded through Council's 2025-26 road maintenance budget which has been bolstered by the Special Rate Variation implemented in 2024.

The program focuses on protecting roads before they significantly deteriorate and require costly reconstruction. By resealing roads these roads, Council can prevent water from penetrating the pavement, a primary cause of serious road damage.

Tamworth Regional Council Manager Operations Murray Russell said the approach would save ratepayers money in the long run. "This initial program is all about preserving one of our most valuable assets through pro-active maintenance on road segments across our region. Once that road pavement is damaged, it becomes a lot more expensive and takes a lot longer to repair," Mr Russell said.

Tamworth Region Mayor Russell Webb added the program is a continuation on Council's promise to invest in our road network through the Special Rate Variation. "The community is constantly telling us to fix the roads, and that is exactly what we are doing. Some may cry out that there are other roads on the list in far worse condition, however those roads now require a more expensive renewal which we will get to in due course. What we are doing now is preventative maintenance will deliver the greatest long-term benefit."

Roads that have already had sections resealed include Moore Creek Road, Nundle Road, Carter Street, and Burgmanns Lane. Further works are expected to take place at Kia Ora Lane, Regans Road, Spains Lane, and Kingstown Road. Road resealing involves applying a new layer of bitumen and aggregate to the road surface, creating a watertight seal that protects the underlying pavement structure. Once water penetrates, the damage accelerates quickly and can require complete reconstruction.

Traffic management will be in place during works, and road users are asked to observe speed limits and follow the directions of traffic controllers.

For more information about road works across the region visit www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/roads.



We're not being nosey, just helping our bins do better!

Our bin tagging program with our Waste Contractor Cleanaway is underway!

We know some people may feel unsure seeing someone lift their bin lid but please remember, it's just a quick visual check to help understand how our community is going with recycling and green waste.

Here's what the tags mean:

- Blue Tag: A+ effort! You're recycling like a pro
- Orange Tag: A few items don't belong - please check and adjust (your bin is still serviced)
- Red Tag: Many items are incorrect - it's time for a recycling refresh

The goal is simply to give friendly feedback, so everyone has the chance to improve and reduce contamination. Every clean, correctly sorted bin helps keep waste out of landfill and gives recyclable materials a new life.

So, if you spot a tag, please understand it's just a helpful guide. If you receive a red tag, let the contractor know once the incorrect items have been removed and they will collect your bin.



SNAKE SEASON HAS ARRIVED

Please take extra care and watch out for snakes in your local area.

To discourage snakes from entering your property, ensure your garden is well maintained, clear of rubbish, and keep your grass short!

If you see a snake:

- ❌ Do not approach it or attempt to kill or capture it.
- ✅ Keep your distance, stay calm and advise others that there is a snake close by and to be aware.

If you encounter a snake, call:

Wires 1300 131 554

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For more information on what to do if you see a snake, please visit <https://brnw.ch/21wWP0Q>.

Transport for NSW

Free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers

Helping learner drivers become safer drivers

The two-hour session will offer practical advice about:

- current driving rules and requirements for L and P platers
- how learners benefit from supervised on-road driving
- how you can help make learning to drive a safe and positive experience

5:30pm Tuesday 11 November 2025

The Living Classroom
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Refreshments will be provided

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Feral Animal Control Workshop with Donald Barwick



DATE

Saturday 1 November 2025

10:00 am

LOCATION

2060 Duri Dungowan Rd,

Feral Animal Control Workshop with Donald Barwick

1 November @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Got a pest problem? Feral pigs, foxes, cats or Indian mynas giving you grief? Join pest control expert **Donald Barwick** for a no-nonsense, hands-on Q&A session and discover what really works.

Saturday, 1 November 2025 | 10:00 am

Morning tea on arrival | 2060 Duri Dungowan Rd, Loomerah. For more information and to RSVP contact: Susan Wilson – 0400 590 776 | susan@trla.org.au

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CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday evening
Mass 6pm. All other Sundays 9am

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 2nd November
Service time 8:45am Please note new time.
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ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba
Sunday service at 10.00am
Woodsreef service 2nd Sunday of each month

From Kevin Anderson's website –

GAMBLEAWARE WEEK SPARKS CALLS FOR REAL REFORM

The NSW Opposition is calling on the Minns Labor Government to deliver more immediate and meaningful gambling reform as the state marks GambleAware Week.

Shadow Minister for Gaming and Racing Kevin Anderson said while the initiative is an important reminder to continue to work on addressing gambling harm and offer support, it also highlights Labor's broken promises.

"Chris Minns and his Government has proven time and again that they have no real interest or urgency when it comes to rolling out the gaming reform agenda they promised ahead of the last election," Mr Anderson said. "The cashless gaming trial was an A-grade flop, and it's been nine months since the release of the Independent Panel on Gaming Reform's report, but the Government still has not responded to any of the 30 recommendations. There was also a review of gaming machine shutdown hours that went nowhere, and it's been seven months since the Government closed consultation on facial recognition technology. While the government conducts review after review, the industry remains in the dark about the future of their industry and the government's harm minimisation plans."

Mr Anderson said he had been visiting pubs and clubs across NSW and the message was consistent across the state. "What I'm hearing from these venues is they want the Government to respond to the recommendations and provide certainty on what the roadmap for gaming reform looks like," Mr Anderson added. "The industry is ready to work with the government, but the government doesn't want to work with them. I'm hearing time and again that the industry just wants leadership and certainty from government, but instead all they are seeing is reviews. Instead of action, we get another PR exercise in GambleAware week from a government that has lost interest in protecting those vulnerable members of our communities. The community and the industry are demanding action and that's what we need to see."

The funeral of Don Watts RIP

Will be held at Barraba Lawn Cemetery.

10am Friday 31st October 2025

With the wake being held at the Barraba Golf Club.

A light lunch and drinks will be supplied.

Our family hopes to see you there to celebrate Dons life.

Scientists uncover new driver of ovarian cancer spread

Adelaide researchers have identified a promising new biomarker and treatment target for ovarian cancer that could markedly improve the outlook for women diagnosed with this aggressive disease.

Ovarian cancer is the most lethal gynaecological cancer in the world with a very poor survival rate, mainly due to late diagnosis. Each year, more than 200,000 women die from ovarian cancer, with about 70% of cases only discovered at advanced stages when the disease has spread beyond the ovaries.

Scientists from the University of South Australia and University of Adelaide have identified a cell surface receptor known as F2R, which could serve as both a diagnostic marker and a therapeutic target for treatment. Their findings have been published in the International Journal of Molecular Sciences.

Lead researcher Dr Hugo Albrecht, from UniSA's Centre for Pharmaceutical Innovation, says that F2R is frequently overexpressed in ovarian cancer tissues, especially in women who are resistant to chemotherapy and where the cancer has spread.

"This discovery represents a significant step forward," he says. "Current biomarkers lack sensitivity and accuracy, leaving clinicians with few tools for early detection or to reliably predict treatment outcomes. However, we believe that F2R could be a powerful candidate for both improving diagnosis and developing new personalised treatments that could target aggressive or drug-resistant cancers."

Unlike other cancers, there are no reliable screening tests for ovarian cancer. A protein produced in ovarian cancer cells – CA-125 – can also be caused by non-cancerous conditions, so it is not a credible diagnostic tool.

Dr Albrecht says the other complicating factor is that early symptoms of ovarian cancer are often vague and non-specific, easily mistaken for common gastrointestinal or urinary issues. Many women and even healthcare professionals may not immediately suspect cancer, leading to a misdiagnosis. The research team analysed large genomic datasets and confirmed elevated F2R levels in patient tumour samples using advanced imaging and tissue analysis. Women with high levels of F2R had shorter life spans, underscoring its value as a prognostic indicator.

Studies using ovarian cancer cells revealed that silencing F2R significantly reduced the ability of tumour cells to move, invade and form spheroids – three key processes involved in

cancer metastasis. Moreover, F2R drug suppression made the cancer cells more sensitive to carboplatin, a common chemotherapy drug.

Co-author Dr Carmela Ricciardelli from the University of Adelaide's Robinson Research Institute says the findings could pave the way for more precise oncology treatment. "By testing F2R, we could not only improve how we identify patients at risk of early recurrence or chemotherapy resistance but also design therapies that work more effectively alongside standard chemotherapy," Dr Ricciardelli says.

While the findings are based on preclinical studies, the team emphasises that additional large-scale clinical validation is necessary to consolidate these findings. "Ovarian cancer has long been a silent killer because we lack the tools for early and accurate detection," Dr Albrecht says. "Our discovery of F2R's role opens new avenues for diagnostic tests and personalised treatments that could make a real difference to survival rates."

'Protease-activated receptor F2R is a potential target for new diagnostic/prognostic and treatment applications for patients with ovarian cancer' is authored by researchers from the University of South Australia, University of Adelaide, and the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

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BOOK TO AVOID DISSAPOINTMENT
THESE WILL BE THE ONLY LUNCH OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Changes are coming for residential aged care. Here's what to know.

Michael Woods, Professor of Health Economics, University of Technology Sydney

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The way Australians pay for residential aged care, or nursing homes, is changing from November 1.

Payment arrangements will be grouped into four main areas:

- clinical care, which includes nursing, physiotherapy and medication management
- non-clinical care means help with personal care, such as showering, feeding and going to the toilet
- everyday living services, including meals, personal laundry and cleaning
- accommodation.

There will be no changes for residents who are living in aged care homes on October 31.

In addition, new residents who are assessed as having low financial means will not be affected. These are typically full pensioners without major assets who have an income of less than A\$34,762 (for a single pensioner, slightly less if one of a couple) and assets of less than \$63,000. The government will cover the full costs of their care.

All low-means residents will continue to pay a basic daily fee to contribute to their everyday living expenses. This is calculated as 85% of the basic single age pension, which is \$65.55 at the current pension rate. The government also pays providers an extra **Hotelling Supplement** to top up their funding.

Clinical care will be fully subsidised for all

The government will fully fund all clinical care costs for all residents in aged care homes from November 1.



Who will have to pay for non-clinical care and everyday living?

New means tested fees will be payable as a contribution to the costs of non-clinical care and everyday living for new residents who have higher means.

The government has published the **Schedule of Fees and Charges** that will apply from November 1 as well as a **Fee Estimator**. The following provides a simplified guide to these fees:

Fees	Low means resident, maximum rate	Higher means resident*, maximum rate
Non-Clinical Care Contribution	Free	Daily cap of \$105.30, lifetime cap of \$135,318.69 or after four years, whichever comes first
Everyday living		
Basic Daily Fee	\$65.55 (85% of pension)	\$65.55
Hotelling Contribution	Free	Maximum of \$22.15 per day
Higher Everyday Living Fees	Depends on services requested	Depends on services requested

* Higher means resident generally refers to a single pensioner with an income over \$34,762 and assets over \$63,000.

For those who can afford to contribute, payments for help with non-clinical care will be means tested and capped at \$105.30 per day, with a lifetime cap of \$135,318.69 (or after four years, whichever is reached first). Fees paid under the Support at Home program will be counted toward the cap.

All residents receive a wide range of everyday living services and, as now, will continue to pay a basic daily fee to contribute to their cost.

However, the fee does not meet the full costs of these services. From November 1, new residents with significant means will contribute to some or all of the cost of the top-up Hotelling Supplement, up to a maximum of \$22.15 per day.

Some providers also offer extra or higher quality services and can set their prices which will become Higher Everyday Living Fees from November 1. These services are optional and payment of this fee cannot be made a condition of entry to an aged care home.

How is accommodation funding changing and who is affected?

The government will continue to pay the accommodation costs of all current and future low means residents by way of an accommodation supplement. Currently about 19% of residents are fully supported in this way.

A further 19% of residents are partially supported through government funding and pay their contribution through a refundable lump sum or an ongoing rental payment, or a combination. The contributions are capped and can't exceed the value of the government's accommodation supplement.

The remaining approximately 62% of residents are non-supported. They pay a set room price agreed with the provider, again by refundable lump sum and/or paying rent.

From November 1, providers will be able to deduct 2% of the balance of a resident's lump sum each year for the first five years of residence or until the resident leaves, if earlier than five years.

If a non-supported resident (not eligible for government funding) is making rental payments, this amount will be indexed twice each year.

Why is aged care changing again?

The aged care system faces several long-term challenges. The demand for aged care continues to rise as the population ages, and the standards of care need to keep improving.

At the same time, nearly half of aged care homes operate at a loss, particularly in their delivery of everyday living services and accommodation. Homes making ongoing losses are at greater risk of closing, meaning less places available for older people in need of care in their local area.

The government has responded to a range of recommendations in recent reports on how to raise the quality and financial viability of aged care by rewriting the Aged Care Act.

Starting on November 1, the new Act aims to strengthen the rights of older people to receive high quality care and recognises the need to increase the funding of everyday living and accommodation services.

Increased funding will help support quality providers to be viable, build more homes and attract more skilled workers through higher wages and better conditions.

This additional funding should be shared equitably between taxpayers and older people who have significant income and assets, while ensuring those with low means receive the services they need.

Will there be further changes?

The changes to accommodation funding will not solve all of its issues, with the government announcing a further pricing review. The review is exploring how to ensure older people with low means have access to high-quality aged care homes, while enabling providers to invest in the additional supply of quality accommodation needed to meet rising demand.

The findings will be publicly reported by July 2026 and may prompt further changes to accommodation payments.

If you have any queries about costs and fees, relating to your personal circumstances, for residential aged care please contact Hellan Philp; Manager, or Helen Rixon; Administration, at Richardson House 67821563 or Kim Peake, Health Service Manager, at Barraba Multipurpose Service/Garvin House 67822500.

 Rotary Club of Uralla presents

Bundarra Garden Festival

Nov 8th & 9th 2025

\$20 entry to all gardens or \$5 per garden
(per person, children under 18 free)

Event includes 6 gardens
9.30am til 4.30pm both days

Open Gardens in and out of town

- * Fairview - Amy & Ben Layton, 16 Bakers Creek Rd, Bundarra
- * Box Moor - Margie & Bill Doak, 1936 Gwydir River Rd, Camerons Creek
- * Abingdale - Tania & Darren Swan, 1202 Bakers Creek Rd, Bundarra
- * Bundarra Preschool - 9 Court St, Bundarra
- * Among the Willows - Angela Iskov, 41-43 Dawkins St, Bundarra
- * Sandown - Hannah & Les Parry, 33 Target Hill Rd, Bundarra

*Seekers Garden & Nursery Open + CWA Cafe Devonshire Tea
 *Plant Stalls at Fairview & Preschool *Rotary BBQ lunch at Box Moor
 *Light Refreshments at Fairview * Hot & Cold Refreshments at Abingdale
 * High Tea at Sandown *Massage stall at Among the Willows
 * Garden Lunches at the Bundarra Commercial Hotel
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7th November 11am

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RECENT ANNIVERSARIES

- the death of Marie Antoinette (1793)
- the foundation of the Liberal Party of Australia (1944)
- the execution of Dutch exotic dancer Mata Hari for spying for Germany during World War I (1917)
- Mother Teresa being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize (1979)
- Queensland Parliament passing the Termination of Pregnancy bill to decriminalise abortion (2018)
- the founding of the British Broadcasting Company, later called British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) (1922)
- the publication of Charlotte Brontë's Jane Eyre under the pseudonym Currer Bell (1847)
- Jacinda Ardern becoming New Zealand's youngest-ever Prime Minister at 37yo when her Labour Party formed a coalition government (2017)
- the opening of the Sydney Opera House by Queen Elizabeth II (1973)
- the mining disaster in the Welsh town of Aberfan, which killed 122 people, including 116 children (1966)
- the death of former PM Gough Whitlam (2014)
- Australian newspapers blanking out their front pages in protest against press restrictions on the reporting of legal proceedings against Cardinal George Pell (2019)
- Thomas Edison perfecting the carbonised cotton filament light bulb (1879) 
- the first photograph of Earth being taken from outer space - by a camera on board the V-2 No 13 rocket (1946)
- Vegemite first appearing on Aussie supermarket shelves (1923)
- the flight of the first Airbus A380 - the world's largest passenger airliner - between Singapore and Sydney (2007)
- the first use of a lead (graphite) pencil (1492)
- the death of ISIS founder Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi in Syria by US Special Forces (2019)
- the Uluru climb ban coming into force (2019)
- China announcing its population had reached 1 billion people (1982)