



# BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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## **Final Barraba Community News for 2025**

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Have a Merry Christmas and as the holiday season is imminent for most of us, PLEASE drive safely for you, your passengers, your family & friends.

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## **Rotary Club of Barraba Proudly Donates \$26,000** **to Richardson House:**

**A Gift of Comfort, Dignity, and Community Care**

The Rotary Club of Barraba is proud to announce a donation of \$26,000 to Richardson House Aged Care — a contribution that will allow the facility to purchase six much-needed new beds for local seniors in our community.

As a club dedicated to service, we believe in supporting the people and organisations that form the heart of Barraba. Richardson House is one such cornerstone. Their staff work every day to provide compassionate, high-quality care for

our older residents, and we are honoured to assist in strengthening the vital services they provide.

These new beds are more than just equipment. They represent comfort, safety, dignity, and improved quality of life for the residents who will use them. Modern aged care beds help support residents with mobility needs, reduce risk of injury, and allow staff to care more comfortably and effectively. This donation ensures Richardson House can continue meeting increasing needs with confidence and care.



*Some of the Richardson House Care Staff when the beds were delivered.*

For our club, this contribution reflects Rotary's long-standing commitment to "Service Above Self" — and our belief that supporting local aged care is one of the most meaningful ways we can give back. Our seniors have shaped our town, our memories, and our community spirit; helping provide for their wellbeing is a privilege we hold deeply.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our members, supporters, and the broader Barraba community. Your ongoing involvement in Rotary projects makes contributions like this possible. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected community — one where every generation is valued and supported.

The Rotary Club of Barraba encourages everyone to stay engaged with local initiatives, lend a hand where they can, and join us in continuing to make a difference right here at home.



## **Barraba High Country**

### **Music Musta**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026.**

**12 to 4pm. FREE ENTRY.**

**Walk-up artists welcome.**

**Barraba Bowling Club.**

### **Senior Citz Raffle Results**

1<sup>st</sup> – Elizabeth King

2<sup>nd</sup> – Di Dee

3<sup>rd</sup> – Gail Wiilkinson

Thanks to all who participated

**J. Brady Hon. Secretary**



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### **THIS WEEK**

#### **FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER**

Last Friday raffles and membership draw  
for the year. Will resume 9th January 2026.

#### **SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER**

Last Bingo for the year

#### **SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER**

**Last Angler Club Raffle for the year.**

**Raffles on sale from 12md.**

**Drawn at 1.30pm.**

**Last Sunday Membership Draw**

Will resume 11th January 2026

### **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TRADING**

### **BISTRO WILL BE CLOSED**

**From 22nd December-reopen 8th January**

### **CLUB CLOSED**

**Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years  
Day**

## **Toys on the naughty list this Christmas**

Doctors at The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) are warning parents to steer clear of e-scooters and toys containing magnets and button batteries for Christmas. While they may seem like great gifts, trauma surgeons say they can pose a serious safety risk in the hands of little ones.

"No parent wants to spend Christmas Day in the Emergency Department, but not everyone knows just how dangerous these 'toys' can be. On the naughty list this Christmas are button batteries, which are often found in small toys or car keys, and are easily swallowed."

Dr Warwick Teague, Director of Trauma at the RCH says they can cause serious harm in as little as two hours. "A button battery creates a chemical reaction and electrical charge between the walls of a child's oesophagus or swallowing tube, which can fry that tube, causing serious bleeding," Dr Teague explains. "When you're a surgeon having to remove something that's fizzing away in a child's throat, it's a highly stressful moment."

Other small items such as magnetic balls, often found in construction or sensory toys, can also be easily swallowed. "Unfortunately, they're the perfect size and shape for a little one to put in their mouth. If swallowed, sometimes the magnets in these balls stick together inside children, twisting and causing holes or tears in the bowel," Dr Teague says. "They can make children dangerously sick and they're really difficult to remove."

The third item doctors don't want under the Christmas tree are e-scooters. "Every Christmas our teams brace for a spike in serious injuries from children who should not be riding e-scooters," explains Dr Teague. From broken bones to cracked insides, not only are e-scooters illegal for children under 16 in Victoria, but they're also just not worth the risk to your body."

The advice to parents is to make sure any toys they're purchasing meet Australian Safety standards, and to inspect items to make sure they're not broken, brittle or falling apart.

"We should never assume that all toys for sale are safe", says Dr Teague. "If it's sold in a cheap variety store or online, there's a chance your toys aren't going to be safe for your children so make sure you do your homework ahead of the holidays. If you think your child has ingested a button battery or a magnet, call triple zero (000) immediately, or head to your closest Emergency Department."

You can find more information about toy safety, as well as detailed advice for parents at Kids Health Info: Toy safety.

## The last Notes for 2025 – how quickly the year has gone.

First of all, apologies for failing to put 'PTO' on last weeks notes and we missed the section on former residents and their comments. Other names, apart from the Sofis girls who we knew so well including Christine, Sue Hancock, Libby White and cousin, Peter Witten. How much Barraba has changed over the years!

This year has been very busy with more visitors and lots of enquiries. We managed to overcrowd the Museum with the Smith Family reunion in November. Hope they enjoyed their visit as much as our members did.

Two days later we had a Senior Citizens lunch which was also enjoyed by everyone who attended.

During the year we have managed some renovations to give more area for display and provide more cement paths for our senior citizens safety. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for safety rails but no doubt they will come before too long. Hopefully the Horton Valley file will be completed over the next couple of months – several families have proved to be a bit hard to trace but time for research has been the main problem.

There is a lot of history in E.L. Bates memoirs as well as the book published by the Bingara Historical Society to read. Mr Bates virtually grew up in the Valley and wrote about a lot of different people as well as the animals and birds he saw. He was five when he settled in the Valley with his mother and stepfather and grown-up when he moved away. Some of his family were in Bingara but he gradually moved down the Hunter Valley, living at Eccleston near Paterson for quite a while, later moving further down towards Newcastle. Les Bates described an over-loaded truck in one of his letters – *"One morning, I think it was 1923/4 a lorry came past Kingsland. They pulled up for a while, to get some water, it was one of Roly Hungerford's, a little yellow/brown Federal, built to carry three and a half tons. It was on its way to Rocky Creek crossing and between cement, timber, iron, wheelbarrows, picks and shovels and all sorts of working gear, plus seven men and their camping and cooking gear, plus a week's tucker and spare clothes!!"*

It was probably carrying 7 ½ tons. How did they climb Bells Mountain and how did they get safely down the mountain to Upper Horton village?



The latest street art project by Arlene Weekes and her helpers is now outside the Historical Society Museum

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# To the Editor

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I write in reference to the ongoing issue of the untidy state of the old section of the Barraba Cemetery. It would seem that over a number of years numerous people have raised their concerns with TRC yet the problem remains. TRCs position has been outlined with two letters able to be viewed on the Barraba Friends facebook page.

Personally, I am disappointed with the position council has adopted. To tell our community that the Barraba Cemetery currently meets 'Open Space guidelines' with reference to necessary "hierarchy and service priorities" to me is written in a condescending bureaucratic tone that does not respect the issue so important to our town. The old section of the cemetery is constantly untidy.

To suggest that moving palm fronds presents "a serious risk to staff" outlining the need for minimal contact by staff is an insult and I'm certain our ancestors would "turn in their graves" pun intended on how we now assess manual work.

Whilst it may not be possible to get a "sit on" or "zero turn" mower in the old section of the cemetery push mowers and whipper snippers have been used in that area for many years. Is it not possible that TRC Mower Tender contracts be changed to include some manual labour work rather than poisoning everything resulting in a scorched and desolate earth appearance?

Barraba like many communities is faced with the ongoing problem of the breakdown and disrepair of public cemetery headstones. TRC have made it very clear that under NSW legislation they are not permitted to undertake work on headstones after they are installed. With that responsibility falling to families, it's become a big issue that increasingly many older publicly held plots are not maintained. With many rural and small towns losing population as people move for work or education increasingly a lot of plots have no family to care for them.

In some communities it has fallen back to local service clubs or historical groups: however across Australia this support has dwindled.

I have read that increasingly Councils are being forced to apply for specific Cemetery Restoration programs and that is what I think our council should be investigating.

In conclusion I'm asking TRC that they show some respect and take more pride in the 'rest place' of the people who have shaped our beautiful town. This issue won't go away and I call on TRC to elevate the importance of maintaining our town's cemetery.

Mike Artis

## Yes, we have no teaspoons – and TRI research tells us why...

Researchers at Translational Research Institute (TRI) in Brisbane have used the latest microchipping technology to confirm what office workers have long suspected – that teaspoons disappear from workplace tearooms at a consistent rate.

The TRI researchers found teaspoons are lost at a rate of exactly 2.58 teaspoons per person per 100 teaspoon years in communal tearooms. TRI CEO Professor Maher Gandhi has led the research, with TRI extending the findings from a study at the Burnet Institute and investigating the concept of resistentialism as a potential cause.

Professor Gandhi said the research involved micro-chip implanted 'stealth-spoons', tracked for five years using satellite imaging and outer-space AI-guided inter-galactic rockets. "We threw everything at this because we felt it was important to get to the truth. Yes, we can handle the truth," Professor Gandhi said. "We used correlative exploratory analyses involving spatial transcriptomics, metabolomics, shotgun metagenomics, the microbiome, quality of life, health economics and choose your own adventure multi-omics. It's just as well TRI has world-class capabilities and infrastructure, with highly specialised core facility equipment, staff and technologies across microscopy, flow cytometry, histology, preclinical imaging, biological research, gnotobiotics and a human immune model facility."

Professor Gandhi said he would have lost sleep, had the technology not provided the definitive proof of consistent teaspoon loss. "We also ensured consumers were engaged in all aspects of the study design, with a leaning towards those consumers who take tea rather than coffee. It's teaspoons, after all."

The research found irrevocable evidence that the stealth-spoons were being taken against their wishes, to a distant galaxy found in the far reaches of the universe. In reaching this conclusion, the researchers were able to rule out resistentialism, the belief that inanimate objects have a natural antipathy towards humans.

"Whether removal of teaspoons – but notably not research equipment or data – constitutes evidence of 'intelligent' life is debatable," Professor Gandhi said. "It's not something that can be addressed within the limitations of our study design. We encourage further international research projects in this area, preferably involving presentations at overseas conferences in exotic locations."

No TRI staff, spoons or aliens were inconvenienced during the conduct of the research – and researchers went out of their way to be nice to knives and forks for fear of playing favourites. No teaspoon companies were involved in the funding of the study. TRI researchers not only save lives but also have a sense of humour! Happy holidays from TRI.

## Kyooma Woolshed

Photo taken in 1961

Kyooma was one of nine sheds Boss Brodbeck contracted for in the Barraba District. He had up to 30 men employed at some sheds and I remember the good times working in some of these sheds.

It was so good to sit quietly and remember those times. To listen to stories told was very interesting.

Time never forgotten.

Clarke Brodbeck



Three ladies on the landing are left to right; Kay Brodbeck (who later married Arthur Jobson, Gran Stein and Phyllis Brodbeck

Standing left to right are; Arthur Jobson, Athol Madden, Ross Akers, Cecil Wilkinson (who was from Tamworth and the only non-Barraba resident), Trever Brodbeck, Andy Chester, getting a hug from Bluey Brodbeck, Clarke Brodbeck (holding Bradley Brodbeck) and Johnny Stein.

Kneeling from left is; Errol Brodbeck and Contractor "Boss" Brodbeck.

Photo supplied by Craig Jobson, son of Arthur Jobson.



### NEW ENGLAND STATEMENT

The voting public in the Federal Electorate of New England comprehensively backed The Nationals at the 2025 Federal election. The incumbent Nationals Member secured over 65% of the vote. Almost 77,000 people made a contract with the Nationals Member for New England to represent them as part of the Federal Nationals team in Canberra. His decision to break that contract to sit with a small protest party is a great disappointment.

As a team of one, he will achieve nothing on the floor of Parliament. As a member of a team of 15, he could have. In sporting parlance, it's like a single player quitting a team, then thinking he can beat the team on his own. He has chosen to place his own ambitions above those of the team.

The Federal Nationals remain the party that New Englanders elected in May 2025. Our focus will always be standing up for our communities and holding both the Federal and State Labor Governments to account on the cost of living, health and aged care, housing, jobs and the economy, education, roads, and all the other issues that impact everyday life in the regions.

These are what the communities of New England want action on. We are blessed in New England to have three overlapping state seats held by outstanding Nationals local members: Kevin Anderson in Tamworth, Brendan Moylan in Northern Tablelands, and David Layzell in Upper Hunter. All are working hard to hold the NSW Labor Government accountable.

The NSW Nationals have enjoyed very strong growth over the last 12-18 months, with many new members joining, and many re-joining following a period of absence. Reports of mass resignations from the Tamworth Nationals are completely incorrect. There has been, in fact, a substantial increase in membership in Tamworth and across New England.

The NSW Nationals will be doing whatever it takes to return New England to the Federal Nationals team at the 2028 Federal election. A preselection process and timing will be determined over the next few months and I am sure there will be plenty of community interest when this commences.

In the meantime, The Nationals will be represented in New England by Senator Ross Cadell, and the 17 strong Federal Nationals Team will continue to fight for equity across regional NSW and all of regional Australia.

Rick Colless NSW State Chairman



### Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025:

- Councillors adopted the updated Tamworth City Wide Floodplain Risk Management Plan. Issues that were identified with the modelling used for the 2023 plan have been rectified in this updated plan, resulting in a reduction in flood levels on some of the minor catchments flowing into the Peel River catchment. The recommended flood management measures from the 2023 plan remain unchanged, and Regional Services will now work with Council's Geospatial Information Services (GIS) team to have the updated models accessible through Council's website.
- Councillors received an update on the planning progress of 2026 Australia Day celebrations and activities being held across the Tamworth Regional Council local government area. Celebrations will be held in Barraba, Bendemeer, Kootingal, Manilla, Nundle, Woolomin and Tamworth with the following councillors to attend the respective events:
  - Barraba: Cr Brendon North
  - Bendemeer: Cr Jeff Budd
  - Kootingal: Cr Matt Sharpham
  - Manilla: Cr Charles Impey
  - Nundle: Cr Charles Impey
  - Woolomin: To be determined
  - Tamworth: Cr Russell Webb, Cr Matt Sharpham and Cr Mark Rodda
- Several operational items were received by Councillors tonight including the General Policy Register which was adopted after no submissions were made during the public exhibition of the updated documents. Councillors also fixed the dates for 2026 Ordinary Council Meetings, and a new Code of Meeting Practice was adopted tonight after a 42-day public exhibition period yielded two responses, neither of which requires a change to the updated Code of Meeting Practice. Updated documents will be available on Council's website in the coming days.
- Councillors noted and approved the Tamworth Region Arts Advisory Committee meeting minutes that included



a recommendation for a public art sub-committee and acknowledged the successful application of 2-year multi-year funding from Create NSW for both Gallery and Museums.

- Councillors tonight adopted the Graffiti Management Plan 2025 – 2030, after it received no community feedback during its 28-day public exhibition. The Plan aims to reduce graffiti vandalism across the region through a comprehensive framework that includes coordinated strategies focused on engagement, prevention, education, reporting, removal, diversion, and enforcement.
- Residents and ratepayers in Woolbrook will now sit within the Walcha Local Government Area, following a boundary change proclamation by the NSW Governor Margaret Beazley on 14 November 2025. Tamworth Regional Council will work closely with Walcha Council to finalise the transfer of property information and services.

For more information, see the full reports at [www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/business-papers](http://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/business-papers)

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## Tamworth Regional Council Christmas Holiday Hours

Council's general operations, with the exception of essential services, are to be closed during the Christmas and New Year period 2025/2026.

Council operations and Customer Service Centres will close at 12 noon on Wednesday **24th December 2025**, and re-open for business at normal times on Monday **5th January 2026**.

The Tamworth Visitor Information Centre will be closed for public holidays only. If your venue will be open during the public holidays, please let us know.

## Amenities block move complete

The relocation of the amenities block in Rotary Park Barraba is now complete and open for the community to use. Thank you to the community for your patience during this relocation.



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### CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

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

It is great to have the opportunity to offer a Christmas message to all the wonderful people of Barraba and district; I speak on behalf specifically of the Catholic community which through the year finds itself in the midst of so many activities in the town; the St Vincent DePaul store (Vinnies) and the CWO continuing to help people in need and charities assisted.

It's difficult to build up a wonderful Christmas message when our brothers and sisters in faith, descending from Abraham, the Jewish people of Sydney have suffered such a terrible loss of life and injury during their celebration of Hanukah, but yet we press on with a positive message for the world and for our district.

We congratulate our school students graduating from Saint Josephs to go on to more senior education, and it was wonderful to see such a Christmas spirit at the presentation day the other day when many of the carols were quite religious in tone, and yet were lively and full of joy and happiness.

The world sorely needs the Christmas message even more than it ever did before; our new Pope Leo is expressing the need of peace throughout the world, and one of the beautiful things about Christmas is the picture of a family gathered around a newly born child; not only that, but the fact that Jesus Christ as a baby was born under such difficult circumstances; practically refugees, and yet so many paintings have been painted and movies have been made of that beautiful scene in the Manger, just a feeding place for animals. As Christians we want to promote as much as we can the centrality of Jesus Christ in this great feast not only because he is central to our lives but because we do believe that his message is an important one for the world today: love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you; treat others as you would have them to treat you.

I have always notice that Barraba families come together at Christmas in a big way. I can see that evident by the number of people that turn up in the church on Christmas Day, meeting relatives of people here who have travelled far and wide to be with their families on this very special day.

We wish every blessing on you and hope that 2026 will be a year where our hopes and dreams begin to be realised for a far better world, a world of peace and joy, a world where even poor people can prosper and where people will lay down their weapons and accept things as they are. Take care and drive safely.

Fr John Curran

### BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December service at 8.45am.  
All welcome.



#### A Christmas Message - 2025.

##### Uniting Church in Australia.

Christmas is rapidly approaching again but somehow this year feels different.

We are confronted with a world in chaos, all points of the globe contain conflict where many innocent people, from the very young to the very old, are being killed, traumatised, damaged, displaced, hungry, sick, and living without hope.

So, what does the Christmas story say to us and all people around the world?

The writer Luke's gospel chapter 2 records where the angels bring a message of hope to the shepherds, people on the fringe, rejected by community. Luke writes –

***10 But the angel said to them, "Listen! Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy, which will be to all people."***

This is a message of hope, and encouragement; there is no need to fear. But we do, we fear for the world and what is going to happen; we fear for our children and grandchildren and what the coming years are going to be; we fear that we may not even have a tomorrow to wake up too.

However, the Christmas story doesn't just finish with the manger, but with good news of great joy which is for ALL people.

There is hope, even in a time of apparent hopelessness. Hope that comes in the person of Jesus, Emmanuel – God with us.

This is the good news of Christmas as sung by the angels, **"on earth peace, and good will toward all people [men]"**.

May the busyness of Christmas and the stress of trying to meet others expectations not overwhelm you.

May you find time of quietness where you can reflect on what makes us afraid and what we can do about it.

May we be encouraged by the good news of Jesus as laid out in the gospels.

May we understand that there can be peace on earth through the expression of good will towards ALL people.

***Let us feed the hungry, house the homeless, stop the killing and provide medicine for the sick.***

***When we have accomplished that, we can sit around and argue about religion.***

May the message of Christmas, fill you with hope, remove your fear, and invigorate you to reach out to others, bringing joy and hope.

May you have a holy, happy, and blessed Christmas.



May you keep safe in all that you do and see the future as filled with hope, not because of what you can do, but by what God has already done for you.

**Rev Jim Furze.**

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### **ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES**

#### **St Laurence's Barraba**

Sunday service at 10.00am

#### **Christmas Services:**

**Woodsreef: Sunday 21st December, 11:30am.**

Bring a plate of food to share.

**Bereen: Sunday 21st December, 6pm.**

Bring a plate of food to share.

#### **St Laurence's:**

**Sunday 21st December, 10am, Regular Sunday Service.**

**Wednesday 24th December, 8pm, Traditional Communion Service.**

**Thursday 25th December, 9am, All ages Christmas Service.**

### **The hope of Christmas**

The other day I saw a poster from a shopping centre explaining the nativity scene they had set up. This is what they said the nativity means for us:

"We can be like Mary and Joseph by helping others and doing the right thing. We can be like the shepherds and wise men by following our own good example. We can be like the angels by sharing the joy of Christmas with others. And we can be like the story of Christmas itself by showing love and care in everything we do".

On the surface these things sound pretty good – helping others, doing right, sharing love and care are all good things.

Except when you think about it a bit harder, this is an explanation of Christmas that brings no hope at all.

The idea that Christmas is about us being a bit better, that we try a bit harder to be 'good' is really a nice bit of nonsense.

Our own ability to do the right thing and be the example we need is actually the opposite of the good news of Jesus!

The bible says in Romans 3:10-12 says:

**"There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.**

If we followed our own examples, we would end up in a world full of selfishness, greed and pride.

You see this poster called Jesus "Saviour", but it doesn't explain who needs saving or what they need saving from.

The reality is everyone needs saving, I need saving, you need saving. We need saving from our sin, from our rebellion of our creator God, from the punishment of death and judgement that we all deserve.

Leaving this reality out of the Christmas story makes it seem more palatable, but really it just makes the whole story meaningless.

The real hope of Christmas is that Jesus came into the world, God with us, to save us from our sin.

As it says in John 3:16-17 – **God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**

Christmas is not about us trying to be better, because we can never be good enough. We are all selfish, sinful people. Christmas is all about God sending his son into the world to save us.

As Jesus grew up, he lived a life of perfect obedience to God, he was never selfish or greedy or proud. He is the only one who did not deserve to die and face God's wrath, and yet he chose to die for you and me.

This is the true hope of Christmas - that it is not about what we do, but about what Jesus has done for us.

I am very grateful that Christmas is not about trying harder to be a bit better, because that would be a miserable existence where I could never meet the standards I wanted too, and I could never know if I had done enough.

Instead, I am very grateful that Christmas is about the God who so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

**Luke 2:10-11: I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.**

My prayer this Christmas is that you will truly know the wonderful hope of Jesus and that you would accept him as your saviour.

**Matthew Hearne, Minister of Barraba Anglican.**

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Trent,  
Lanie and staff at

## Barraba Rural Traders

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your business and support over the past 12 months.

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

### Christmas Trading Hours:

Closed from 12<sup>nd</sup> Sat 20<sup>th</sup> December

Trading resumes Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 9am.



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patronage and support in the last 12 months  
and extend best wishes to all for 2026.***



## Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising Group Inc.

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### Christmas Trading Hours

Wed 24/12/25 – Christmas Eve Open regular trading  
hours

Thurs 25/12/25 – Christmas Day - CLOSED

Fri 26/12/25 – Boxing Day - CLOSED

Fri 27/12/25 – Open, regular trading hours, 9-5

Sat 27/12/25 – CLOSED

Sun 28/12/25 - CLOSED

Mon 29/12/25 - Open regular trading hours, 9-5

Tues 30/12/25 – Open regular trading hours, 9-5

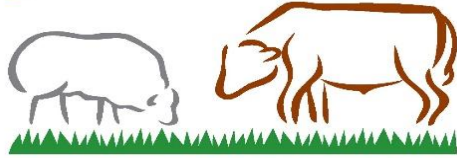
Wed 31/12/25 – Open 9-5 New Years Eve

Thurs 1/1/26 – CLOSED New Years Day

Normal trading through January

Thurs 26/1/26 – CLOSED -Australia Day Public  
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*Wish all our customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you for your patronage throughout the year.*



### **Christmas Drinks**

Please come and join us for Christmas drinks on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December from 1pm.

### **Christmas/New Year closure**

Last trading day Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025.  
Reopen on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.



**Phill, Marilou, Romy and Mia wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

PJK Law will be closed at 5pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and reopen on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

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### **THE CORNER STORE**

21 Queen St Barraba 0267821058

Rakesh, Raji, Dinesh, Kalyan, Nick and Leah wish all customers a MERRY CHRISTMAS and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR and thanks to all for your patronage.

**OPEN Christmas Day and Boxing Day.**



### **Community College Northern Inland Inc.**

*The team at your local Community College wish you all a Happy and Safe Christmas and all the best in 2026.*

The office will be closed from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026.







John, Robyn, Ben, Josh and Kahlee of

## Barraba Beef

Wish all customers and friends Peace and Happiness at Christmas and all through 2026



## Merlene's Fine Fibres Studio

86 Queen St Barraba

Phone 02 67821838

*Merlene wishes all a Merry  
Christmas and Happy New Year*



## Saunders Fruit and Vegetable Supplies

Closed from 1.30pm 24<sup>th</sup> December.

Reopen Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.  
John and Toni

## Queen Street Cafe

Phone 67822106

Wish one and all a very Merry Christmas  
and a Joyous New Year.



Closed on 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January  
2026.

## Barraba Bakery

Wish everyone a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.



We will be closed from 4pm on 24th December  
and reopen on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

## Polkadot & The Coffee Room

85-87 Queen St  
Phone 67821717



*Sandra and staff would like to wish all their customers and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New year and thank all for their support during 2025.*

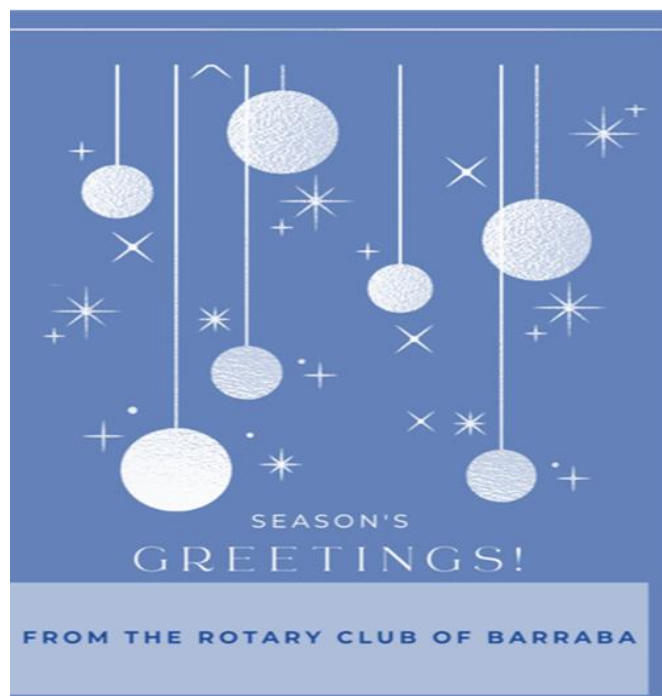
*Closed from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026*

## D.J. Kelly & Co.

Chartered Accountants  
122 Queen St Barraba.  
Phone 67821403



Wish their clients and friends a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.  
Closed Tuesday 23rd December 2025 to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026



**FREEMASONS**  
NSW & ACT

We the members of Lodge Saint Andrews thank all the members of the community who have supported our recent recyclables project which assists us in our local charity and sponsorship work.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**Thanks for the support in 2025.**

**Have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**See you all in 2026**

**Scotts Lawn Mowing**



### **BARRABA BRANCH**

Our Barraba Hospital Auxiliary members would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy 2026.

Thank you for your generous support this year and we look forward to working with our community next year in supporting our local hospital.



Wendy, Peter and family  
would like to thank the  
people of Barraba for their  
support throughout 2025.

We wish you a  
*Merry Christmas*  
and a  
prosperous 2026

There may not have been  
room at the inn for Jesus,  
however we have availability  
throughout summer for all  
weary travellers.



## Barraba Medical Centre

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas  
and A Happy New Year.

Dr Hein and Staff

### Closure Dates Barraba Medical Centre

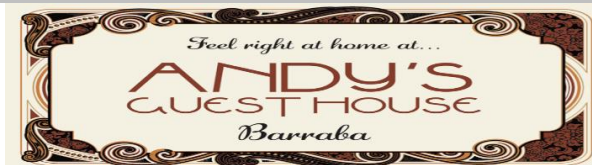
The surgery will be closed from Monday 22nd December  
2025 until Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Reopening on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2025 @ 11.30am.

Also, we will be closed on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
January 2026 and will reopen Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 @  
11.30am.

If you require scripts before the closures, 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.



Wishing everyone, friends and guests a  
very Merry Christmas and a Fabulous  
New Year.

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*Merry  
Christmas*

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**Richardson House**

Wish you a season full of light and  
laughter for you and your families.

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The team at Phil Denyer Mechanical Repairs wishes to thank the community for their continued support. Wishing all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We will close on Friday

19th December 2025 and

reopen 8am Monday 5th January 2026. Ph (02) 6782 1107



Phone 0408117358

Steve, Alison, Jack and Kane wish all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you all for your generous support in the past.

Closed Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec at 12md and reopen Monday 12th Jan 2026



## BARRABA MOTORS

Mark, Rachel, Amy and Max wish all customers a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year and thank them for their patronage during 2025.

We will be closed Christmas Eve and reopen on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

## BARRABA SHIRE BAND

The Bandmaster and Band Members wish all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thank you for your support during 2025. We're always looking for new members.



Members of the Barraba Potters and Craft Guild and Fuller Gallery wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a wonderful, safe and healthy New Year

MERRY CHRISTMAS

## TJ and WA ENDACOTT PLUMBING

Phone Tim 0428852054

AH 02 67852054

Tim and Wendy wish all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



The President and Members of the

## Barraba Lions Club

Take this opportunity to wish the people of Barraba a happy and prosperous Christmas and New Year and thank all for your generous support in the past.



Merry  
Christmas

## Frocks 'N' Locks

107-109 Queen St Barraba

Wishing all our clients and friends a happy and healthy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and look forward to continuing to enjoy your company in 2026.

Rhonda, Penny and Nicole

For trading hours and hair dressing with Rhonda  
phone 67822111



The management and staff would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Merry  
Christmas

Our trading over Christmas/New Year as follows;

Club Closed –Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day

Bistro Closed 22<sup>nd</sup> December Reopen 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Thank you to all our loyal customers for their patronage throughout the past year.



## Babes in the Bush

Phone 67821303

Ally wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Barraba Senior Citizens

Wish all their members and Housie Players a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
See you all in 2026.



All new members are welcome  
phone Judy on 0429821158



## THE NANDEWAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

*Wishes you a Merry  
Christmas and a*

*Happy New Year*

*Thank you for supporting Barraba's  
Museum so we can continue to  
preserve our local history for future  
generations to come.*

## BARRABA MEN'S SHED



Members of the Barraba Men's Shed wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.

Shed will be closed from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and open up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026.

## Merry Christmas

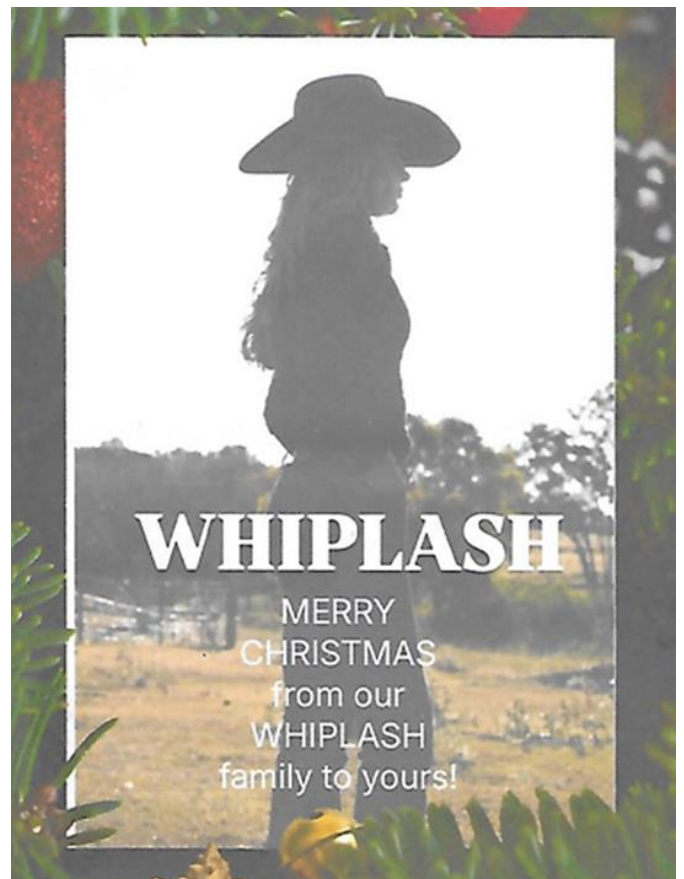


## COMMERCIAL HOTEL

### Barraba RSL and Recreation Amateur Anglers Club

Wish all members and friends a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Hope the fish are biting in 2026!



### Christmas Rules:

Don't go into debt with trying to show people how much you love them.

Don't go visit your family if it compromises your mental health.

If someone comments on your weight...eat them.



## **HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

### **TAMWORTH REGIONAL GALLERY**

466 Peel St Tamworth



#### **Guided Tour with Gallery Staff and Volunteers**

**Weekly – Saturday 11am**

Join knowledgeable Gallery staff and volunteers every Saturday at 11am for a free Gallery guided tour celebrating the outstanding artworks currently on display within the four Gallery exhibition spaces. Gain deeper insights into the artistic practices, themes and stories that make our exhibitions so compelling, as we delve into the thematic and concepts of each exhibition.

It's a fantastic opportunity to explore the creativity that fuels our regional arts scene and connect with the meaning behind each piece!

**Where:** Tamworth Regional Gallery, meet by the Front Desk

**When:** Weekly, Saturday at 11am

**Cost:** Free, bookings encouraged

**RSVP:** Please contact the Gallery on (02) 6767 5247 or by email: [gallery@tamworth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gallery@tamworth.nsw.gov.au)

*The Tamworth Regional Gallery is fully accessible and offers free and accessible parking – located behind the building, accessed via Peel or Hill Street.*

### **TAMWORTH REGIONAL ASTRONOMY CENTRE**

Piper St, Tamworth Phone: 0458 772747



**Saturday 3 January, 2026 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Join us for an evening of stargazing and scientific discovery at the Tamworth Regional Astronomy Centre! Our Public Event Nights are held on the first Saturday of each month.

#### **Schedule:**

- **6:00 pm:** Social hour with tea, coffee, biscuits, and drinks available for a small fee.
- **7:00 pm:** Astronomy and science presentation.
- **8:00 pm:** Telescope viewing session (weather permitting).

We'll have a variety of optical telescopes available, including the impressive 34-inch Hewitt Camera, to explore galaxies, nebulae, star clusters, comets, and more.

**Note:** Even though it's summer, evenings can get cool, so please bring a jacket.

We look forward to seeing you there for a night under the stars!

### **NUNDLE WOOLLEN MILL TOUR**



**MOST DAYS: 11am – 12 noon, 2 pm – 3 pm Cost: \$5**

A guided tour of the Nundle Woollen Mill is a great way to get a thorough understanding of the processes undertaken. Although the machines are old, the process is not that much different to a modern-day textile mill. You will be fascinated to see the number of steps required to transform the raw material into a ball of yarn ready for knitting.

The building that houses the historic machines was purpose built for visitors to get the perfect view of the machines in action. The building is all on one level so it caters well for young children and the elderly and has excellent wheelchair access.

We run catered, guided tours every week for many different types of groups from all over Australia. For example, we have run tours for car clubs, motorbike clubs, Probus groups, Lions Clubs, Knitters, Spinners and Weavers groups, caravanners and family groups, just to name a few. Please contact our friendly team to discuss your requirements.

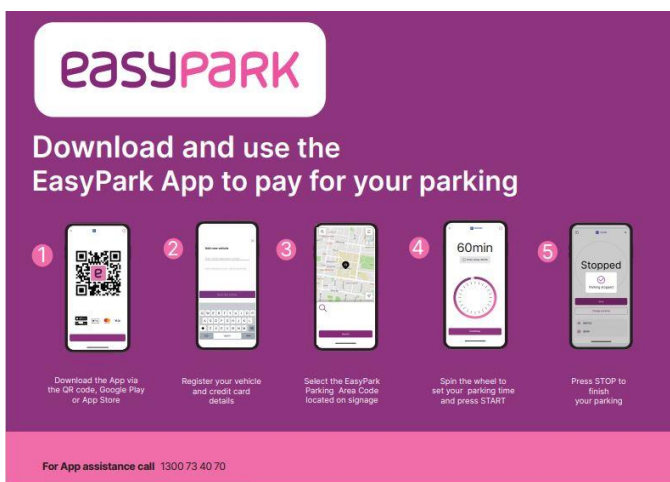
For bookings call 1300 686 353 or 02 6769 3330

## THE NEW PARKING METERS IN TAMWORTH

The new meters were installed in September and began operating from Monday 20 October, 2025. The meters are cashless and ticketless, meaning drivers no longer need to return to their vehicle to display a ticket after paying.

Using the meters is easy: press the start button, enter your vehicle's number plate, select how long you'd like to stay (within the maximum time period signposted), then tap to pay. Payment methods include debit or credit card, or alternatively using the EasyPark app. For those who prefer cash, prepaid Visa or Mastercard gift cards can be purchased from Australia Post or major supermarkets and used at the meters like a regular credit or debit card.

EAZYPARK app:



### Golf Notes

It has taken a while and a bit of handicap but Simon Koopman won the chook with 22 points and help drag his "Stock and Crop" team to within seven points of leading "No Hoppers". Others to do well were ball winners Tim Coombes 20 and Lachy Smith, Chris Darlington and Neil Smith all with 18. With one week to go we have "No Hoppers" on 227, "Stock and Crop" 220, "Geriatrics" 218 and late bloomers "Hackers" 215. The rest are wondering where they went wrong and some might be playing for a team spot next year!

After golf this Friday we will be having our presentations, for the whole year of golf and Christmas Party. Those that aren't playing twilight, but coming to the presentation, should be there about 7.00pm

See you then.

## BARRABA JUNIOR TOUCH ENDS 2025 ON A MERRY NOTE

Ahead of our grand final games and presentation afternoon for the Wednesday social competition, Barraba Junior Touch takes the opportunity to thank Steve, Leo, Bailey and all of the team at Barraba IGA & Liquor for coming on board as a sponsor of Barraba Junior Touch this year!



We also extend a huge thank you to Simon and Mandy Koopman, of Barraba Stock & Crop for returning as a valued sponsor of Barraba Junior Touch for 2025.



The amazing support of Barraba IGA and Stock & Crop means we have some great local and representative playing opportunities for Barraba kids, and over Christmas we ask all of our families, friends and supporters to join us in saying thanks!



## **BARRABA COMMUNITY CAROLS**

What a night it was last night! Thank you to all who came and helped us celebrate Christmas at the Barraba Community Carols for 2025. We had a wonderful night full of fun, wonderful singing and hearing of God's gift to us: Jesus!



A special thanks to Keely James and her music and sound team at St. Mary's College Gunnedah for playing so wonderfully, and to all those from the Barraba Anglican Church community who volunteered their time and energy to make the Community Carols such a smooth and joyous evening.



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Fire	000
Police	67900360
VRA	000
Barraba Police Station	67821003
Barraba Fire Brigade	02 57328415
Barraba Health Service (Hospital)	67822500
Barraba Medical Centre (GP)	67821621
Barraba Vet Service	0429192265
Essential Energy	132080
Beyond Blue	1300224636
Lifeline	131114
NRMA	131122
SES Barraba	132500
Tamworth Regional Council	
Emergency Number	1300733625
Council Office	67821105