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For the information of members and guests.

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 27th AUGUST BINGO

First game starts at 6pm

FRIDAY 28th AUGUST MEAT RAFFLES

Tickets on sale from 5.30pm
Membership Draw \$1300

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES

Membership Draw \$1600

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SUNDAY: 12-2PM



Rotary Clubs of New South Wales  **mherv**
men's health education rotary van
Saving time to prevent disaster

FREE men's health checks! at Barraba



**Wed 26 Aug and Thu 27 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 treatable even if there is... Cholesterol ... just to see if levels are high and need attention.

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Workers Compensation

The NSW Government has introduced a freeze on Workers Compensation premium rates for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years. This means most businesses can look forward to more stable and predictable premiums.

However, individual premiums would still need to be recalculated if wages, business activity, claims history or incentive eligibility changed during the freeze.

Resources to help employers get Payday Super right

With Payday Super now in place, employers must pay super contributions for each payday rather than quarterly.

For employees, the change helps boost their superannuation balance. For businesses, it's made super part of the normal payroll cycle, lowering the risk of falling behind on contributions. To support the transition, the ATO has guidance and practical resources to help employers understand what's changed and know how to implement Payday Super correctly.

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Daffodil Day 2026

What a beautiful warm day Daffodil Day turned out to be last Thursday. The bunches of yellow Daffodils brightened the morning even more, and seemed to add to the sunny disposition of the folk that gathered in Barraba's Queen Street Mall for Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising Group Inc. (BCPFRG) annual Street Stall. Again, the trading table was full to the brim with tasty homemade, home baked and homegrown items, and it seemed that no sooner were the goods set up on the tables, that they were sold to the very generous public who supported the event once more.

Old time tunes from the local band 'Old Spice' were relished by all who sat in the Mall having their morning teas, and those too, who passed-on by in the street. Thank you to the members of the band for their time entertaining the crowd.



This year we were very happy to also welcome some of the residents of Richardson House to listen to the music and enjoy their morning cuppas with plates of sandwiches and cakes/biscuits/slices at the tables and chairs in the Mall. It was great to see you all there.



Sincere thanks to the community of Barraba for their consistent support in our fundraising efforts. To the Business Houses throughout the township who purchased morning

tea plates and daffodils, thank you too, and we also extend our thanks to the kind donors: John and Toni Waugh for the Guessing Competition 1st prize of a delicious fruit and vegetable tray, Ken Faulkner for 2nd prize, his wooden sculpture and Marnie Crowley of Cobbadah Flowers who sourced the Daffodils for us, along with a community members who donated some.

The Guessing Competition was won by Howard Carter, while 2nd prize went to Pam King.

Winners of the 100 Club were: 1st Barney Peake.

2nd Frankie Crowley,
who very generously donated her prize back. Thank you very much Frankie!

3rd Shay Mallise.

BCPFRG will donate funds raised from the day to the NSW Cancer Council, along with other Australian cancer related and research organizations. We would like to again thank you all for your support. Until next time.....





Save the Date

Barraba Potters and Craft Guild

"Come and Try Day"

26th September 2026

If you ever thought you would like to try pottery as a hobby then you are in luck!

The Barraba Potters and Craft Guild are holding a day for people to come and try **Pottery, Felting, Sashiko and Machine Embroidery:**

These sessions will be held at the Fuller Gallery, 74 Queen Street, Barraba.

Pottery: \$25 From 10.00am to 3.00pm. Instructors Annette Brittain and Leah McKay. Clay supplied. 15 years & over. **Cost for firing pots extra, pay on the day.**

Felting: \$10 From 10.00am to 1.00pm. Instructor Janice Smith from Narrabri. Needle felting technique will be demonstrated. All equipment supplied.

Sashiko and Machine Embroidery Demonstrations: Free from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Instructors Glenys McDonald & Chris Bennett from Manilla. Rosemary Orchard and Sharon O'Dell.

Bookings and payment requested prior to the day – (see below) Phone Patti on 0459608486 to book in and for more information.

Coffee and tea available, BYO lunch.

Watch our Facebook page for updates. Barraba Potters and Craft Guild Inc

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DATE: Tue 8th to Wed 9th September

TIME: Tue: 9.30am to 5pm
Tue: Dinner 6pm
Wed: 8.30am to 3pm

LOCATION: Living Classroom Bingara

FOR: Landcare Coordinators & Associates

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Why forbs matter on farms
- ✓ Identifying and managing forbs in pastures
- ✓ Forbs for soil health, stock performance and drought resilience
- ✓ On-farm case studies and local examples
- ✓ Practical tips you can use straight away

For further information
Jo Duffy: 0498 802 370
jo@nsla.net.au

RSVP: 1/9/26
Tickets: \$50pp

This initiative is made possible by the NSW Landcare Easing Program, a collaboration of Land Land Services and Landcare NSW supported by the NSW Government.

PRESENTED BY
Dr Christine Jones,
Farmers, Land Managers & Industry Experts

A Memorial service to celebrate the life of the late

Troy Ryan

who sadly departed this life suddenly on 7th July 2026, will be held at 10:00am Tuesday 8th September at St Laurence's Anglican Church, Barraba.

All welcome to attend.

AGM NOTICE

Please be advised that the AGM of the Showground Management Committee will be held on Tuesday the 8th September 2026 - 6pm at the Barraba Bowling Club. All positions will be declared vacant - general meeting to follow.

Don Roberts
Secretary



Plumthorpe School

School at Plumthorpe began in October 1929. It is noted in a volume listing most early schools in NSW as "Plumthorpe, 10/1929 – 11/1965 Prov/ps." Provisional schools were for 15 to 25 children – parents provided the room and furniture while the department paid for a teacher and books. Plumthorpe began as a 'subsidy school' at one of the cottages when Mr. Bill Simpson was manager at "Plumthorpe".

Mr. & Mrs. Burdekin owned the property at that time. In 1931 a building was erected at the junction of the Trevallyn and Mayvale roads – the present-day site of the building. The big bell from Hawkins Creek School was brought out to Plumthorpe School after the Hawkins Creek School closed in 1934.

Mrs. Burdekin gave the children a picnic each year on the lawns at "Plumthorpe" where all the children received presents and prizes. There was also an annual Christmas Concert and prize giving with prizes donated by Mrs. Burdekin. In 1951 a Christmas picnic, combined with Brigalows School, was held.

Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Russell gave sewing lessons to the girls each Tuesday afternoon. The teachers included Miss Connelly, Mr. Warren Jarrett, Peter Sweeney, Mr. Cook, Miss Chapman, Mervyn Prior, John J. Nicholson, Alf Hatton and Mike Whetton. The children came from everywhere, riding bikes, horses or walking. The Currell children came from Plum Hill driving a rubber-tyred sulky. Ben Hall renovated the school and added to the building about 10 years before it closed at the end of 1965 and it has been home to a number of residents since then.

Children attending the school:

Simpsons (Bill – manager "Plumthorpe")

Stan, Clem, Athol, Ivan, Edna, Winnie, Gladys (Mrs. Jerry Akers), Ida (Mrs. Potter).

Noel Woods in the early years. Maurice Potter

Warwick McKeon, Allan Reed (short time)

Possibly David Carter, Meryl Darlington, Robin and Ray

Quigley, Peggy Matthews

Akers children – Betty, Kevin, Norma, Jim and David. Also Hector (uncle of others)

Willis children – Barbara, Marian and Don Carpenter

children – Sarah, Vonney and Ray

Currells – Marian, Ena, Roy and Golda (drove themselves to school in a rubber-tyred sulky)

Dick Perry's children – Nola, Maurice and Helen

Harold Perry's children – Frances, John and Pat

Smith children – Joyce, Enid, Bruce and Don Jean and Zenna Abra

Rosalyn and Nola O'Mallane rode their bikes from Mayvale

Saunders at Cairnton – Joan (Mrs Groth), Nancy (Mrs Watson), Clare (Mrs Simshauser), Esme (Mrs Wallace), Bruce, Ken, Garney, Ray?

Baldwin children – Muriel, Roley, Arthur, Mary (Kitty) (Mrs Clive Simshauser), Jack, Beryl (Mrs Kevin Currell) and Marge

A.W. Russell's children – Fay and Margaret Rose

Bob Russell's children – Joan and Royce

Also Lewis Russell, Laurie Malloy

Simshauser children – Eunice, Gordon, Ruth, Lex and

Maurice Joyce and Kath Drain

Thompson children from Mayvale – Daphne, Joyce, Helen and Trevor

Trevor and Ross Taylor Gloria, Ronnie and Colin Freestone

Jenner children – Ethel, Lurlene, Phil, Bert and Alf?

Plumthorpe Subsidised School



BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 30th August

No Service in Barraba.

Combined Service with Manilla in Manilla at
9.30am.

Followed by shared lunch - all welcome.

Sunday 6th September service time 10.45am.

Please note new time for next 4 months.

All welcome

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef 11.30am, 2nd Sunday of each month

CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday evening

Mass 5pm. (Note the time change)

All other Sundays 9am

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

A little bit of history to clear up a disparaging statement and misconceptions in comments on the Barraba Face book Page from a local person regarding the Amalgamation of the former Barraba Shire Council.

This was a forced Amalgamation and Barraba was never "thrown to the wolves"

March 2003: Minister for Local Government Tony Kelly instigated a Review of Local Govt. Boundaries

July 2003: Tony Kelly declared that local Authorities submit proposals by August 31 2003 outlining reforms for our communities

Your Councillors debated many options with surrounding Councils and submitted in depth our proposals to stand alone as a vibrant and financially viable Local Govt. Authority OR a virtual Amalgamation with our Sister City Hurstville City Council. Manilla Council declined to participate. We rejected the boundary changes identified in the Boundary Commission documents.

August 2003: Strong community members supported Barraba Councillors together with Hurstville Mayor Vince Badalati and their General Manager Howard Wallace and met with the Minister to support our submission for consideration of innovation in Local Govt.

September 2003: Minister Kelly appointed Chris Varden as an "independent" facilitator to consult with affected communities. Over 100 Barraba residents attended the "Public Consultation" meeting.

December 2003: Chris Varden recommendation to the minister was for a single local Authority encompassing Tamworth-Parry-Nundle-Manilla and the southern side of Barraba with the northern end to merge with Gwydir.

Feb 2004: Local Govt. Boundaries Commission Enquiry chaired by Edith Hall in Armidale -- We represented our community powerfully with objection to the Varden Report. Our objection was also sent to the Governor of NSW Marie Bashir. Community concerns were dismissed as "prejudice and parochial concerns" rather than a vision for the future.

Sunday 14th March 2004 Minister Tony Kelly sent an email to each Council. Under "Compulsory NSW Govt. Reform Program" he dissolved the five Councils. He appointed James Treloar (Tamworth Mayor) as the Administrator for the new Government entity.

I voluntarily attended his meetings to ensure the protection of the Barraba Staff and the continued drive for our water security from Split Rock Dam until the 25th Sept 2004 election of the new TRC.

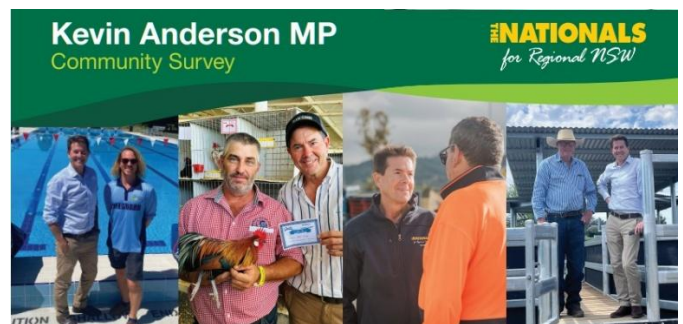
Did the people of Barraba get "shafted"? Yes! Your own Local Council did not "sell you out"! All of this information and documentation is with the Barraba Historical Society Museum.

The social and economic effects of the FORCED amalgamation have had a huge impact and not improved the local circumstance BUT Barraba has always been resilient -- Good people showing leadership in many fields and activities. A strong community built on connection and support and the choice to stand together.

BARRABA WILL ALWAYS BE THE "JEWEL IN THE CROWN"

Kind regards, Shirley Close

YOUR VOICE MATTERS: ANDERSON LAUNCHES COMMUNITY SURVEY



Every great community project starts as a grassroots movement, which is why Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson has launched a community survey asking residents to have their say on the future of our region.

A postage paid survey will be hitting letterboxes across the Tamworth electorate from today, and residents are asked to fill out the form and post back to Mr Anderson, free of charge.

"The people who know our communities best are those who live here, live and breathe our region, and are passionate about our future," Mr Anderson said. "Too often, decisions about our future are made from ivory towers in Sydney by people who have no interest and no investment in our region. That leads to bad decisions and unworkable solutions that inevitably leave us worse off and our communities poorer. That's why I'm asking our community to have their say, respond to my survey, and help shape the future of our region. Whether it's health, roads, housing, education, community safety or local services, this is an opportunity for every voice to be heard and help shape the priorities I'll continue to fight for. To continue to do my job in parliament, I need the strong voice of our community behind me, so I'm encouraging every resident to help me by letting me know what their priorities and ideas are."



Enjoy a packed program of agricultural displays, horse and livestock events, sideshow rides, local stalls, live entertainment, and activities for all ages.

Where: Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre (AELEC)

When: 4 & 5 September

Bring the whole family and be part of one of Tamworth's favourite community traditions.



**Capitol Theatre
Tamworth**

8 September: 6.00pm

**9 September: 9.30 am,
12.30 pm, 3.30 pm**

From New York's

Madison Square Garden to London's Royal Festival Hall, Bluey's Big Play has delighted fans across the globe – and now it returns home to Australia for an encore tour.

KOOTINGAL ART SHOW



**11 – 13 September
2026**

Chaffey Street
Community Hall
Chaffey Street
Kootingal, NSW,

Phone: 0428603993

Artworks covering Pastel, Oil and acrylic, drawing, miniature, watercolour, and mixed media. Junior art for ages 6 to 13 and a digital section for ages 7 to 16. Artworks cover all varieties of subject matter and skill levels. A small gallery brimming with artistic talent.

Support Kootingal Lions Club to hold this community event. All proceeds go to projects in the local community

Gala Opening on 11th September 6 pm cost of entry is \$20.00pp or \$50.00 for a family - includes light refreshments

Open Saturday 12th September, 10am to 4pm \$5.00/pp

Open Sunday 13th September, 10am to 4pm \$5.00/pp

DISPOSAL OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS



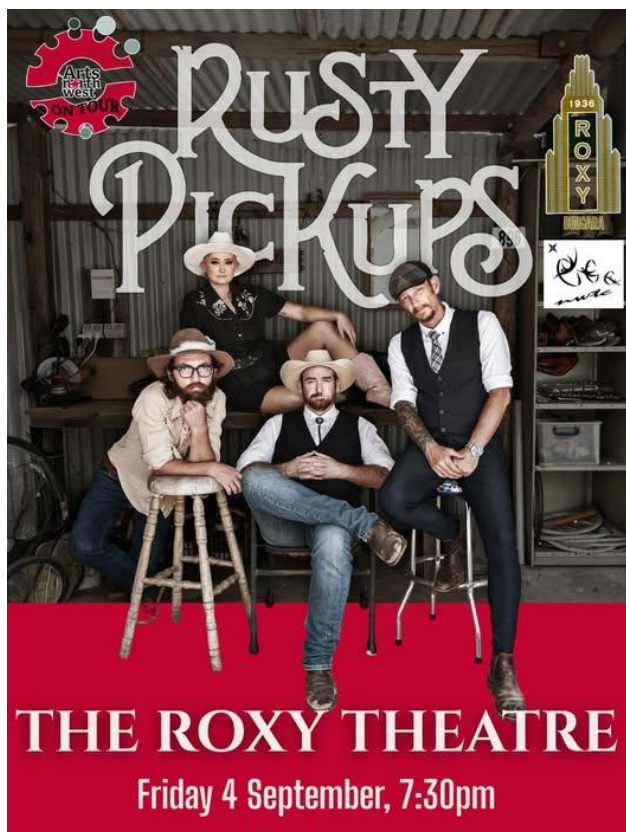
Are you a farmer, primary producer, or agribusiness?

Registrations are now open for the statewide NSW ChemClear collection, offering a safe disposal pathway for unwanted, obsolete, or unknown agricultural and veterinary (AgVet) chemicals. ChemClear is working with the NSW EPA to help AgVet chemical users clean up and safely dispose of chemicals that may no longer be needed or have become difficult to manage.

While disaster recovery funding assistance for eligible Group 2 chemicals is available in some disaster-declared LGAs, AgVet chemical users across NSW can still participate in the collection under ChemClear's standard arrangements.

Register by 31 August 2026. For more information or to register, visit: www.chemclear.org.au





THE RUSTY PICKUPS

The Rust Pickups are Michael, Lee, Ayden, Amily and Waylon.

A Country and Americana ensemble from South East Queensland, Rusty Pickups showcase a traditional down home classic country-folk sound with splashes of river boat keys, melodic clawhammer banjo, rolling upright bass, blazing fiddle and charming acoustic guitar that set the scene for classic story-telling vocals, memorable songs and five-part harmonies driving it all home.

NB:- Before proceeding with your booking – if you have a disability access or disability seating enquiry, please direct your question to the venue, by contacting Gwydir Shire Council Community Assets Manager Carmen Southwell on 0428 241 542 or email csouthwell@gwydir.nsw.gov.au

DATE: Friday 4 September 2026

TIME: 7.30pm

TICKETS: \$30PP OR A FAMILY OF FOUR \$75 (2 ADULTS AND 2 CHILDREN)

VENUE: Roxy Theatre - ALLOCATED Seats
74 Maitland Street BINGARA

From Brendan Moylan's Website –

BEEKEEPERS FEEL THE STING AS GOVERNMENT HELP STALLS

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan has slammed the State Government for failing to act as a new mutant, treatment resistant Varroa mite devastates the state's beekeeping sector. The MP warned the crisis now threatens food security, regional jobs and a \$12.9 billion national pollination industry.

"The State Government's complacent response has left commercial operators on their knees while hive losses escalate at a pace never before seen in Australia," Mr Moylan said. The Honey Bee Industry has called on the government to immediately establish an emergency support package for affected operators, fund urgent treatment access and cost relief. They are also calling for the deployment of rapid response field teams to assist commercial beekeepers, and to work collaboratively on a short term stabilisation plan to prevent mass exits.

Mr Moylan said these requests are more than fair given one in three mouthfuls of food depends on bees. "A recent Australian Honey Bee Industry Council survey found 42 per cent of NSW commercial beekeepers plan to exit the industry within two years and that should terrify every farmer, every food processor and every household in NSW," Mr Moylan said. "Instead of urgency, all we're getting from the government is excuses."

Industry leaders have confirmed the new strain of Varroa is entirely different from the 2022 incursion, with catastrophic losses already documented. One commercial operator has reportedly lost 1,380 hives in just 12 weeks, an estimated \$1.2 million hit. "This is not a slow burn problem," Mr Moylan said.

"It's wiping out hives in weeks and family operations built over generations are being forced onto the market. In response to the 2022 Varroa incursion, the former Coalition Government rolled out a rapid \$19 million support package, direct hive compensation, low interest loans, and real help."

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Message from the Editor

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Kick-start your career as a graduate valuer

Value NSW is searching for the next generation of property professionals with applications now open for eight Graduate Valuer positions across NSW.

With demand for skilled property professionals continuing to grow, the highly regarded Value NSW Graduate Program offers motivated graduates a unique opportunity to launch their careers in property valuation while making a meaningful contribution to communities across the state.

Eight roles are available across metropolitan and regional NSW including Parramatta, Newcastle, Wollongong, Queanbeyan, Bathurst, Coffs Harbour, Orange, Taree and Murwillumbah.

Value NSW is part of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) and provides property valuation services to the Valuer General of NSW and the NSW Government.

Each year the agency undertakes about 2.7 million land valuations across NSW with a combined value of more than \$3 trillion. These valuations support the independent determination of council rates and land tax assessments, underpinning more than \$15 billion in annual state revenue.

In addition, the agency is responsible for the delivery of all valuations for government property transactions as defined by the Government Property Framework and Treasurer's Directions as well as sector wide asset valuations of up to around \$700 billion for financial reporting purposes

The 24-month graduate program combines fieldwork, professional development and practical experience across multiple valuation disciplines to help participants develop the skills needed to become qualified valuers and future leaders in the profession.

Now in its fifth year, the program has attracted strong interest from graduates across Australia and helped launch the careers of aspiring valuers. So far 29 graduates have undertaken the program with 18 securing ongoing roles with Value NSW and 10 continuing to complete their program.

Graduate valuers gain hands-on experience across areas including land valuations, objections, compulsory acquisitions and specialist valuation services, while working alongside some of the most experienced property professionals in the country.

Value NSW Chief Executive Officer Stewart McLachlan said:

"Graduate valuers have a unique opportunity to build an exciting property career while making a real contribution to communities across NSW.

“Our graduate valuers work on some of the state's most important property and infrastructure projects, from determining land values that support local communities to helping deliver major government initiatives.

“We're recruiting eight new graduates this year and are looking for motivated people who enjoy problem-solving, working with data, getting out into the field, enjoy a laugh and being part of a high performing team.

“At Value NSW you'll learn from industry leaders, gain experience across a diverse range of property sectors and work in a supportive environment that helps you grow into the next generation of valuation professionals.”

NSW Valuer General Sally Dale said:

“Property valuation is a fascinating and rewarding profession that combines analytical thinking, market knowledge and practical problem-solving.

“No two days are the same. Graduates might be inspecting residential properties one day, analysing market evidence the next, and contributing to significant infrastructure and land acquisition projects the day after.

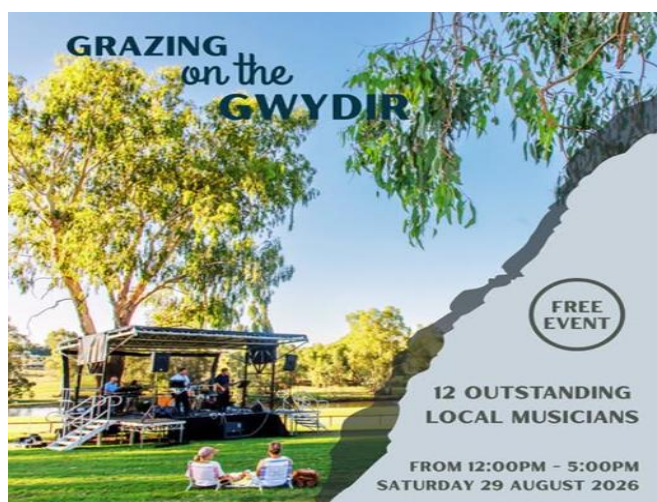
“The Graduate Program plays an important role in building the future capability of the valuation profession and strengthening the expertise that supports the State's land valuation system.

“For graduates interested in property, economics, business, geography or related disciplines, this is an outstanding opportunity to develop a career that makes a genuine difference to the people and communities of NSW.”

Applications close on **Tuesday 6 October 2026**.

Graduates interested in property, economics, business, geography and related disciplines are encouraged to apply.

For more information and to lodge an application visit [I Work for NSW](#)



Rugby News

Saturday 22 August saw the Barraba Rams play their final home game of the season against St Alberts College. The men faced a tough Albies outfit, who showed why they sit second on the ladder by crossing for an early try.

Barraba responded well, using strong kicking from Cody Townsend and determined defence to keep the pressure on. After a penalty in front of the posts, Townsend slotted the kick to put the Rams on the board at 3–7. Albies continued to threaten, but some excellent scrambling defence — including a try-saving effort from Brandon Newell — kept Barraba in the contest. Albies eventually added three more tries to take a 22–3 lead into halftime.

The Rams came out firing after the break. After sustained pressure in Albies territory, Conrad Starr powered over for Barraba's first try, with Jarrod Petrus adding the conversion to make it 10–22.

Albies responded with two tries of their own, extending the margin to 10–34, but Barraba refused to go away. Newcomer Kian Learch made valuable metres down the wing before Connor Rogers broke through the defensive line to score, with Townsend converting.

With just minutes remaining, Barraba finished strongly. The forwards worked their way downfield before Starr crossed for his second try, with Petrus adding the conversion to bring the **final score to 24–34**.

Despite the loss, the Rams showed plenty of determination against one of the competition's strongest sides, particularly in defence, and finished their final home game with a strong second-half performance.

Tries: Conrad Starr (2), Connor Rogers

Conversions: Jarrod Petrus (2), Cody Townsend

Penalty: Cody Townsend

Points:

3 – Brandon Newell

2 – Cody Townsend

1 – Nick Sweeney

1 – Conrad Starr

PP – Connor Rogers

Before the women took to the field, the entire Barraba Rugby Club came together for a special moment of remembrance for Bill Crowley — a past player, coach, president and Life

Member of the club. Bill dedicated an incredible amount of his time to the Barraba Rams and made a lasting contribution to both the club and the wider community.

Players and club members lined up as The Last Post was played, with the crowd standing together to pay their respects and remember a great man who gave so much to the club. The Barraba Rugby Club extends its deepest condolences to the Crowley family. Bill's contribution to the Rams will always be remembered.

The Barraba Rams women took on St Alberts College in a thrilling contest on Saturday, with neither side able to be separated at the final whistle.

Barraba started strongly, dominating territory and spending almost the entire opening quarter camped inside Albies' 22. Despite sustained pressure, Albies' defence held firm. The Rams came agonisingly close after some great vision from Lily Bradshaw saw her attack the blindside and create space for flying winger Kiah Newell. Newell crossed the line, but unfortunately carried the ball just beyond the dead-ball line, leaving the opening quarter scoreless.

The second quarter saw the momentum swing Albies' way as they capitalised on Barraba's lack of discipline. With penalties beginning to mount against the Rams, Albies crossed for two unanswered tries to take a 12-0 lead into halftime.

Barraba returned after the break determined to fight their way back into the contest. A strong run from centre Ruby Smith, followed by excellent support from Bradshaw, saw Bradshaw race away under the posts before converting her own try to make it 12-7.

The Rams continued to apply pressure and soon found the line again. After shifting to the short side, Charlie Norton produced a great run, stepping back inside the defence and crossing to level the scores at 12-all. Albies responded before the quarter was out, using their pace down the sideline to score and regain a 17-12 lead heading into the final quarter.

With just 10 minutes remaining, both sides battled hard, with much of the play occurring between the two 22s. Barraba eventually swung the momentum their way and worked deep into Albies territory. The forwards went to work with a series of strong picks before creating enough space for Ruby Smith to barge her way over the line **after the final bell**, levelling the scores.

With the game resting on the conversion, the kick was lined up but agonisingly bounced off the post, leaving the **final score locked at 17-17** — a fitting result for such a closely contested game.

The draw capped off the Rams women's final regular-season game and was another display of their determination to keep fighting right until the final whistle.

Tries: Lily Bradshaw, Charlie Norton, Ruby Smith

Conversion: Lily Bradshaw

Points:

3 – Lily Bradshaw

2 – Amie Middlemiss

1 – Leilani Tevaga

PP – Amie Middlemiss

The day was made even more special as Amie Middlemiss celebrated her 100th club game for the Barraba Rams, becoming the first female player in club history to reach the milestone. A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise the day and made the occasion such a memorable one.

The result brings the men's 2026 season to a close, but the action continues for the women. This Saturday, the Rams travel to Armidale to take on the Baa Baa's in the Major Final, kicking off at 1:45pm at Bellevue Oval.

With a spot in the Grand Final on the line, make sure you get along and support the women as they continue their finals campaign!

Up the Rams! ❤️🐏

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