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BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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BARRABA RACES

SATURDAY 19th
SEPTEMBER 2026



6 RACE PROGRAM - ON SITE
BOOKMAKERS

GATES OPEN 11.00am
FIRST RACE 1.30PM

BBQ LUNCH - LICENCED BAR - COFFEE
VAN - FASHIONS ON THE FIELD -
JUMPING CASTLE

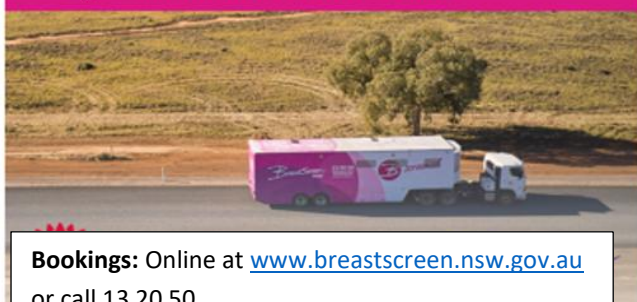
Breast screening in Barraba



29th September - 2nd October 2026



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For the information of members
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THIS WEEK

**THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER
BINGO**

First game starts at 6pm

**FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER
MEAT RAFFLES**

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Membership Draw \$1600

**SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER
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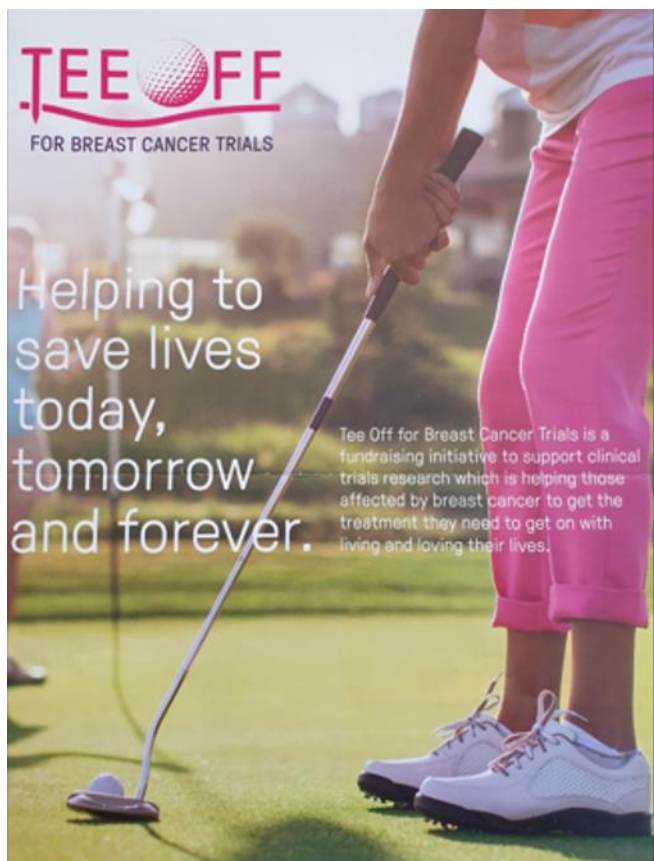
SUNDAY: 12-2PM

Notice - Save the date

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October

**Crafting flowers and ornaments in Resin at the
Claypan.**

**Call Patti Crowley 0459608486 for info and to
book.**



Annual Breast Cancer Day

9 Hole 4 person Ambrose

Sunday 20th Sept. 1.00pm. \$25 pp inc Hi tea.



Retro Caravan is available for a single person, located in Horton Village. Free rent and electricity in return for a person who is physically able to do odd jobs,

garden work etc. Fully equipped and available now.

References required. Phone Betty 0448 218 636

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Barraba Hospital Auxiliary Happenings

Congratulations and thank you to Pat Penna, a long-term valued member of the United Hospitals Auxiliaries of NSW - Barraba Branch. President Lib Croll said that *"Pat works faithfully and consistently doing all she can to help raise funds for our residents, staff and clients of the Health Service in Barraba. She is also innovative and very knowledgeable about all things pertaining to the UHA, both past and present. She has introduced new ideas and projects over the many years that she has been a member and Pat continues to be an active member of the Barraba UHA. She is now honoured as being elected at the 2026 AGM as our Patron of the Barraba Branch."*

We would also like to wish to Shirley Simmons, our Internal Life Member, all the best in her future ventures. Thank you also for your 10 years plus of friendship and dedication to the Barraba UHA members and the wider Barraba Community.

Thank you to Gillian and Marty Unwin for their very generous donation to help with our fundraising activities. It is very much appreciated and we hope that you enjoy your move to Tamworth.

Following a donation of \$221.40 from the TRC Annual Donations Program, we have purchased 4 fold up chairs to be used at street stalls and other UHA activities. Thank you TRC for your support of the Barraba UHA.

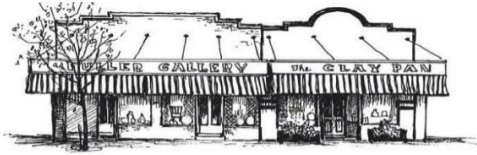
The Barraba UHA would like to thank the Barraba Community for their support with our fundraising activities over the past financial year. The Barraba Community is very generous and supportive when it comes to fundraising events. Your generosity has resulted in our net fundraising profit expenditure, providing the following items to the Barraba MPS for the benefit of the clients, staff, residents and visitors.

- Cardiac Monitor for the Emergency Dept.
- Earmuffs for telehealth for emergency dept. patients.
- Garvin House Residents admission gifts.
- Children's cushions for emergency dept.
- Quiet room outlook garden mix for plants.

Total of \$19,491.04

If you would like to join the Barraba United Hospital Auxiliary and help to raise much needed funds, our next meeting will be on the 2nd of October at 10am in the Day Centre. New members welcome.

Patti Crowley, Publicity Officer



Barraba Potters and Craft Guild
"Come and Try Day" Saturday 26th Sept
Pottery



Pottery is the process of forming vessels and other objects, useable or decorative, with [clay](#) and other raw materials, which are fired at high temperatures to give them a hard and durable form. It is also said the pottery is a very relaxing and therapeutic hobby.

Pottery techniques include a variety of methods for shaping and decorating clay into ceramic objects. These include hand-building techniques like pinching, coiling and slab building as well as wheel throwing. Glazing and firing are also essential final steps in the pottery process.

Have you ever wondered what a coil pot is? Come to our day on Saturday **26th September** at the Barraba Clay Pan, from 10am to 3pm to find out!! Clay will be supplied. For people 15 years & over.

The Pottery session will be under the tuition of local pottery instructor, Annette Brittain who said *"This will be a fun, hands-on pottery day, where attendees explore clay, watch a potter's wheel demonstration and create their own unique hand-built pieces to take home. Dress for mess, nails cut short and leave your valuables at home (eg rings and bracelets)"*

The techniques to be demonstrated and tried on the day will be:

Hand-built pottery: Using methods like coiling, pinching and slab techniques.

- **Pinch Pots:** The pinch pot method is one of the oldest ways of working with clay forming palm-sized vessels.
- **Slab Building:** Slab building is popular as a shaping technique for its unique and versatile properties.
- **Coil Pots:** The coiling method is used to form the clay pot through the repeated winding of long, coils of rope-like

rolls of clay built on top of one another. This technique can be used in combination with other techniques such as: throwing on a potter's wheel, slab building, wheel coiling, beating, and pinching. The benefits of coiling as compared to throwing on a potter's wheel are that coiling allows for greater variety in the shape. Coiled pieces can be any shape, with more extreme fluctuations in the walls by allowing the clay to dry in-between building stages.



- **Wheel-thrown pottery (demonstration only):** Made on a potter's wheel, allowing for more symmetrical shapes and finer detail. This technique is commonly used for creating bowls, cups and plates.

\$25 per person for the day.

Glazing and firing cost extra - Pay on the day



Don't miss out, positions are filling up. Phone Patti on 0459608486 to book in and for more information.

Bookings and payment requested prior to the day.

Coffee and tea available, BYO lunch.

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This was originally the site of the Barraba Freezing Works which were opened on April 25, 1916. The works were completed at a cost of £6,000. It was expected that 24,000 rabbits would be treated weekly.

19th May, 1916

BARRABA FIRE - FREEZING WORKS DESTROYED

A serious outbreak of fire occurred this morning when Curtis & Curtis's freezing works were destroyed. The fire commenced at half-past three, and when discovered it was burning fiercely. The first indication the residents had, was several loud explosions, due to the bursting of ammonia cylinders. There were 3000 boxes of frozen rabbits in store. The firm's books were saved. The total damage is estimated at £15,000, which is only partly covered by insurance in the Liverpool and London and Globe office. An adjoining cottage, belonging to J. Charlton, was also destroyed. This building was insured for £100 in the same office. Curtis and Curtis will be heavy losers. The destruction of the works is a serious matter for Barraba. Although partially closed for the time being, owing to want



of shipping space, the works have been a great stand-by to the town. The origin of the fire is unknown, but there are no suspicious circumstances.

Harry and Dave Eames had a garage in this building. They specialised in VWs. Harry lived in an upstairs section of the building at the front. Harry later built and owned the motel in Edward St. The building was then occupied by Col Freestone as a Blacksmith's shop. Previously Col Freestone had his Blacksmith's shop on the corner of Fitzroy and Maude Streets. Mick Johnson worked for a while with Col in this building.

Note: Some seats are still available for the bus trip around the locations of some of the small schools that used to operate around Barraba.

Letter to Editor

My family and I wish to express our deepest gratitude to the many medical personnel who cared for our husband and father, Bill, in the last days of his life. The two paramedics who arrived promptly and treated him with such kindness and respect, our own Dr Strydom who met us at the hospital and showed us great compassion, and the hospital staff, both medical and domestic, whose professionalism and care for all of us was first class.

We are so lucky to have this level of medical facilities in our small town.

Thanks too, must go to Reverend Matthew Hearne, for his spiritual care towards Bill, and to our palliative care nurse, Jon Gourlay, who was there supporting us through much of Bill's cancer journey.

Judy Crowley and family.

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 20th September – 10.45am

Please note new time for the next few months.

All welcome

CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday evening

Mass 5pm. (Note the time change)

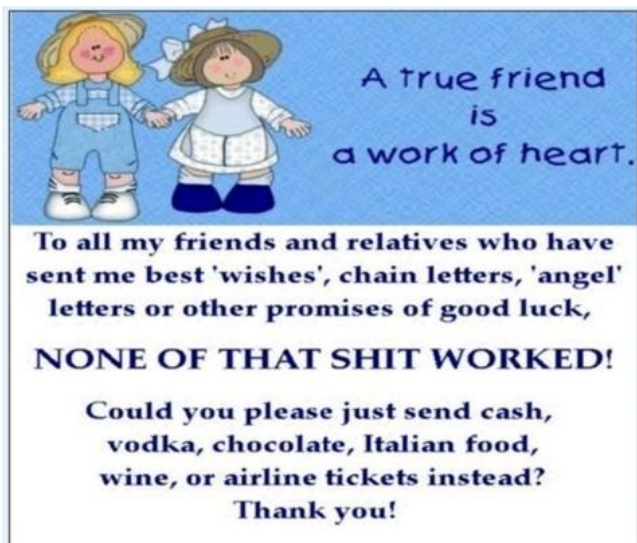
All other Sundays 9am

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef 11.30am, 2nd Sunday of each month



Notice of Meeting

Barraba Precinct Advisory Committee

Monday 28 September 2026

Commencing 5:30pm

Barraba Rugby Club House, Barraba

For further information please contact the Barraba Precinct Advisory Committee, Councillor Stephen Mears or Councillor Brendon North

www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/about/the-council/mayor-and-councillors

GWYDIR RIVER RUN
BARK 'N' BOLT DERBY
ENTRY FORM

Saturday, 19 September 2026
Bingara Showgrounds – approximately 5:30pm

ENTRANT DETAILS

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

DOG DETAILS

Dog's Name: _____
Breed: ☐ Jack Russell ☐ Dachshund
Age: _____

ENTRY FEE: \$10 PER DOG
PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ON THE DAY BEFORE THE COMPETITION STARTS

EMAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: gwydirriverrun@hotmail.com

ENTRANT DECLARATION

I understand that I enter and participate in the Bark 'n' Bolt Derby at my own risk. I agree to follow all directions given by event organisers and confirm that my dog will remain under my control at all times.

Entrant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Letters to the Editor

At Barraba Community News we welcome 'Letters to the Editor' expressing your opinion on any topic.

It is important to ensure the opinions expressed are not discriminatory or offensive. The Editor reserves the right to use judgement to edit or decline to print should a letter not meet editorial standards.



ANDERSON PUSHING FOR POLICE DRONES

Member for
Tamworth Kevin

Anderson is continuing to push for NSW Police drones to help boost police resources in Tamworth and Gunnedah. A trial of the new drone program has been running in Moree since January and has proven successful with 75% of Moree residents have reported feeling safer because of the drone presence. Now is the time to expand the trial to the Tamworth and Gunnedah regions.

“People in our community have a right to feel safe in their homes which is why I continue to push for more resources for our local police,” Mr Anderson said. “For some time, I’ve been calling on the government to give local police eyes in the skies by placing a division of the police air wing in Tamworth. Now that new drone technology is available and has proven successful, I want drones in the skies over Tamworth and Gunnedah by making the police drone program available in our region. The drones can be used to locate offenders, track stolen vehicles, and are able to assist in search and rescue operations. Local police tell me that having this technology in Tamworth and Gunnedah would be a significant operational boost in their work to get on top of crime. I’ve already contacted the government, calling on them to expand the technology to our region, and I’ll be keeping the pressure on until we get the technology police need to help keep our community safe.”

Tamworth Skywalk Opens



The Tamworth Skywalk was officially opened on Saturday 29th August, welcoming both visitors and locals to Tamworth's newest free tourism attraction.

Stretching 1.5 kilometres through the treetops of Victoria Park to Oxley Scenic Lookout, the Skywalk offers breathtaking views across the city and the Liverpool Ranges, alongside elevated boardwalks, viewing platforms and a unique nature-based experience.

Early interest has been extremely positive, with visitors already planning trips around the attraction and many locals embracing the opportunity to experience the region from a new perspective.

As a free, accessible attraction, the Skywalk strengthens the region's tourism offering by providing visitors with another compelling reason to explore Tamworth, supporting local businesses and the broader visitor economy.

The Skywalk is a key feature of the wider Victoria Park Precinct, which also includes the Tamworth Marsupial Park & Adventure Playground and the Tamworth Regional Botanic Gardens. Together, these attractions offer more than 28 hectares of gardens, walking paths, picnic areas and scenic vistas, further strengthening Tamworth's reputation as a destination that combines vibrant city experiences with outstanding natural attractions.

As part of Council's ongoing investment in visitor infrastructure, the Skywalk adds another compelling reason to visit the Tamworth Region and complements the diverse range of experiences already on offer, helping to drive year-round visitation and support the local economy.



Council Meeting Update – Tuesday 8 September 2026

Here is an overview of outcomes from tonight's Ordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council.

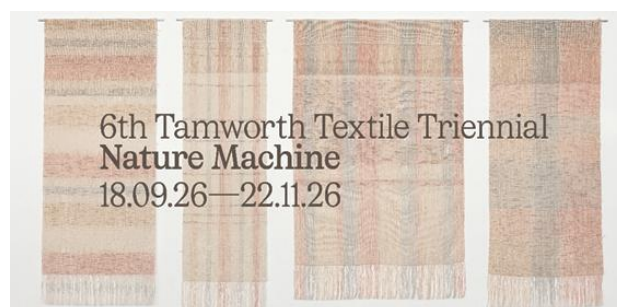
- Councillors tonight elected Cr Russell Webb as Mayor and Cr Jeff Budd as Deputy Mayor, following the conduct of elections at the Ordinary Council Meeting. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will serve a term of two years, or until the next Local Government Election, in accordance with the Local Government Act.

- Councillors tonight adopted the Terms of Reference for the Mara Ngali Partnership Committee and endorsed Council representatives to the Committee. The Terms of Reference supports the ongoing partnership between Council and the Tamworth Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (TACCO) to oversee and guide progress on Closing the Gap initiatives across the region.
- Councillors tonight noted correspondence from the Local Government Grants Commission advising that Council's Financial Assistance Grants allocation for 2026/2027 is estimated to increase by 5.6 per cent. The funding forms an important component of Council's revenue base and supports the ongoing delivery of services, infrastructure maintenance and community programs.
- Council adopted the Tamworth Central Sports Fields Masterplan 2026 which will be used to guide planning and investment within the precinct. The precinct includes the Gipps Street Sporting Fields, Carter Street/Riverside Sporting Complex, and Plain Street Sporting Fields. Following initial community consultation with groups that use the precinct, a draft masterplan was developed and placed on public exhibition for 28 days with 96 feedback responses being made which helped shape the final plan.
- Councillors tonight noted the successful implementation of key initiatives under the Tamworth Regional Parking Strategy, including increased parking turnover in the CBD, 16 additional accessible parking options, 203 less metered parking spaces, improved enforcement efficiency, and upgrades that are enhancing the overall parking experience for residents, workers, and visitors. The update also highlighted planned improvements to the Griffin Avenue and Hands of Fame car parks, funded through parking revenue and enforcement income.

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



6TH TAMWORTH TEXTILE TRIENNIAL OPENS



One of Australia's most significant contemporary textile exhibitions is returning to Tamworth this September, bringing together some of the nation's most innovative artists to explore creativity, sustainability and the future of textile practice.

Opening at Tamworth Regional Gallery on Friday 18 September, Nature Machine is the sixth instalment of the acclaimed Tamworth Textile Triennial. With a history spanning more than 50 years, the Triennial has become the country's most important platform for contemporary textile art, providing a space for artists to share new ideas, connect with audiences, and contribute to the ongoing legacy of the National Textile Collection.

This year, 18 artists have been selected from a highly competitive field of more than 300 entries from across Australia. Each artist brings a unique style and interpretation to the theme Nature Machine. Through a diverse range of works, artists investigate the relationship between nature, technology and making. Some have experimented with growing, harvesting, recycling and reimagining textile resources, while others have embraced emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence and machine production, to challenge traditional practices and explore new possibilities for the future of textiles. Curated by Blake Griffiths, the exhibition offers a rare opportunity for local audiences to experience the work of some of Australia's leading textile artists right here in Tamworth.

Workshop highlights include Rebecca Mayo's Plant Sensibilia Machine Performance, Ellen Ferrier's Biotextiles Workshop, Jacky Cheng's Lucky Charm Tassels, Anita Johnson's Feltmaking a Lidded Pouch and Janette Murrugun's Master Weaving Workshop.

With opportunities to learn new skills, meet artists and experience contemporary textile art firsthand, Nature Machine promises something for everyone. To learn more about the exhibition and available workshops, head to our website.



GALA DAY IS BACK! – Sunday 27 September

Join us on Sunday 27th September 2026 at Bicentennial Park for a paw-some day out celebrating dogs and the people who love them! The day as always, is set to be fun for the whole family, with pet-related market stalls, live entertainment, jumping castle and plenty of activities for both two and four-legged guests.

Try your pup on the agility course and meet local trainers and behaviourists for expert tips. For the kids, there'll be a jumping castle, and don't miss the sizzling BBQ fundraiser, with proceeds going to support our local Animal Welfare League.

We'll also be hosting a Toy Drive for the dogs at Paws For Life Animal Shelter and the Companion Animal Centre – a chance to give back to pups still waiting for their forever homes.

The highlights of the day will be our live demonstrations and dog-friendly competitions, with multiple prizes to be won across a variety of categories thanks to our generous sponsors.

Live demonstrations:

9am -10am: Agility Demonstration by Tamworth Agility Group who is a branch of DSNE - Dog Sport New England, affiliated with ADAA.

10:30am - 11:20am: Canine Scent Work Demonstration & 'Gala Games' by What A Nose! Canine Scent Work.

Event Schedule:

10am: Golden Oldie (Senior Dog - 7 Years & Over)

10.15 am: Junior Handler (Under 12 Years of Age)

11.30am: Tiny But Mighty (Small Dog)

11.45am: Gentle Giant (Large Dog)

12.00pm: Dual Event: One of a Kind (Most Unique) & Rescue Rockstar (Shelter Dog)

12.15pm: Skilled Handler & Best Trick (12 Years & Over)

12.30pm: Fur Fashionista (Best Dressed / Costume)

All dogs must remain on lead and owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Bring your pup, bring the kids, and join us for a tail-wagging, fun-filled day you won't want to miss!



Taste authentic food from countries across the globe, all while soaking up the festival atmosphere with live music, dance performances and community celebrations. A colourful celebration of culture and community, Fiesta La Peel brings the streets of Tamworth to life.

This lively festival features:

Cultural performances, dance and live music from around the world

Food stalls serving global flavours alongside local favourites
Family-friendly activities, workshops and interactive experiences

A welcoming atmosphere that celebrates diversity and inclusion

📍 Where: Bicentennial Park, Tamworth

📅 When: Saturday 17 October 2026

🕒 Time: 4pm - 9pm

Fiesta La Peel is a joyful expression of the many cultures that call the Tamworth Region home - inviting everyone to come together, connect and celebrate.



THE HON ANGUS TAYLOR MP

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR HUME

MEDIA RELEASE 14 September 2026

BARNABY JOYCE MUST EXPLAIN WHAT ONE NATION'S PLAN MEANS FOR NEW ENGLAND

Barnaby Joyce needs to explain what One Nation's migration policy would actually mean for families, farmers and small businesses across New England. One Nation says net overseas migration will be negative for three years, but has not said what the number will be in year one, year two or year three.

If it is negative, how negative?

There is also no published dollar cost to the federal budget and no PBO costing attached to the announcement. Mr Joyce needs to explain what this means on the ground.

What does it mean for a publican in Tamworth who cannot find staff? What does it mean for farmers, builders, aged care providers and other regional businesses trying to get workers?

These are basic questions Mr Joyce should be able to answer:

- What will NOM be in year one, year two and year three?
- What will the policy cost the Budget?
- Has it been independently costed?
- What will it mean for workers and small businesses across New England?

Migration has been too high under Labor. Numbers need to come down and standards need to go up. The Coalition's plan will bring migration down, raise standards and cap migration to the number of homes Australia can actually build.

We will also get more homes built by cutting red tape and backing the infrastructure needed to unlock new housing, while putting Australians first. It is part of Our Plan to Fix the Economy and to Protect Our Way of Life.



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What's the best way to remove a splinter?

Andrew Woods, Lecturer, Nursing, Faculty of Health, Southern Cross University

Splinters are everyday injuries commonly involving a small shard of wood, glass, metal, plastic or a thorn that becomes embedded in the skin and the soft tissue underneath.

The outer skin layer, known as the epidermis, has a high level of pain receptors. The layer just underneath, called the dermis, has even more of them, potentially making such injuries very painful.

Knowing how to remove a splinter may not be a matter of life and death. However, good technique can relieve someone from ongoing pain or subsequent complications.

There's little in the medical literature

Despite pain relief being an important topic in health care, splinters have drawn little academic interest. In 2004, a team of clinicians wrote that “no controlled studies have been done comparing different techniques, leaving physicians to rely on anecdotal experiences”. A 2025 search of the medical literature on splinters only reveals a long stream of case studies and anecdotal evidence.

Online sites and TikTok videos are awash with “hacks” and tips that suggest using vinegar, duct tape, glue, onion slices and banana peels among other methods. There's limited evidence to support or refute such practices, but some of them may cause irritation of the skin, or even allergic reactions.

Ultimately, you don't need any hacks to remove splinters. Here's how to do this correctly and safely – and when to seek medical advice.

First, where is the splinter?

The location of the splinter is the first triage point. If an eye or eyelid splinter is suspected, you should seek urgent medical care through a general practice, urgent care clinic or emergency department. Do not attempt to flush or irrigate your eye; this needs to be done by a health practitioner with sterile saline in a controlled environment.

Splinters stuck under a fingernail or toenail, known as subungual splinters, also often require surgical removal.

Second, what is the splinter made of?

The type of splinter can also determine if you need help from a medical professional.

Care needs to be taken with glass splinters as they can break off or shatter, leaving fragments that can be difficult to remove and may cause ongoing pain, inflammation or infection.

Outdoor splinters from wood, thorns or rusty metal can also be a source of tetanus and a tetanus vaccine booster may be required. People who are immunosuppressed or who have had lymph gland surgery should seek a medical appointment, as they may need antibiotics.

What you will need to remove the splinter

If none of the above apply and you can clearly see the splinter, the best way to approach removing it is with tweezers.

If the end of the splinter is near the surface, consider using a bevelled needle (available from chemists) to gently lift the top layer of skin to expose the splinter. Be careful not to enter deeper layers of skin as this will be painful.

Before attempting removal, if the splinter isn't from wood, soaking the impacted area in warm water may help to soften the skin. Epsom salts, baking soda or hydrogen peroxide are sometimes recommended, but there's no scientific evidence to support their use.

Don't soak wood splinters, as this may cause the wood to swell and make it harder to pull out.

Steps for pulling out a splinter

1. Wash your hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitiser gel.
2. Sterilise the tweezers (and needle, if using) by rubbing or dipping the tips in the same sanitiser gel. Allow the tweezers to dry and do not place them back down before use.
3. If needed, use reading glasses to magnify the splinter. This will avoid bumping the splinter (further pain) and facilitate a good grip with the tweezers. For metal splinters only, consider using nail clippers to pinch the splinter for better grip.
4. Remove the splinter following the path of entry – pull it gently back from the direction it went in.
5. Once the splinter is removed, wash the area with soap and water or an antiseptic solution. Cleaning with alcohol-based hand gel may cause stinging.
6. If the wound is bleeding, cover with a plaster or small dressing.

For splinters close to the surface, you'll likely be able to see if the whole splinter was removed. For splinters that penetrate at a steeper angle, it may be difficult to know if you got it all out. Deep splinters may even require medical diagnostic imaging to locate them.

After removing the splinter, monitor over the next few days for ongoing pain and signs of infection, such as redness, swelling, pain or discharge. Wound infections that are left untreated can lead to sepsis, a potentially life-threatening medical condition.



Grand Final Recap

On Saturday 12 September, the Barraba Rams Women took to the field for the **2026 New England Rugby Union Grand Final**, facing a tough Glen Innes Elks side at Bellevue Oval.

The girls ran onto the field through a tunnel of green and white, greeted by an incredible show of support from the Barraba crowd who had travelled across to cheer them on.

Barraba started strongly, with a deep kick from Lily Bradshaw resulting in a Glen Innes knock-on and giving the Rams a scrum just five metres out. Barraba spent the next five minutes hammering away at the try line, but the Elks' defence remained solid. After several pick-and-goes drew the Glen defenders in, a quick shift out wide found Kiah Newell, who crossed for the first points of the Grand Final. An unsuccessful conversion left Barraba ahead 5–0.

Glen received the restart and quickly spotted space behind the Barraba defensive line. A kick over the top took a favourable bounce for the Elks, allowing their winger to collect the ball and race under the posts to take the lead 7–5.

With three minutes remaining in the opening quarter, much of the play stayed around the middle of the field before Glen received two penalties in quick succession. They worked their way around the Barraba defence and into the in-goal, but a brilliant double tackle from Bradshaw and Newell held the ball up and denied the Elks another try.

The second quarter began with Glen finding a gap following a missed tackle and racing 60 metres to score another converted try, extending their lead to 14–5.

With plenty of work ahead of them, the Rams regrouped and began working their way back down the field. The lineout, usually one of Barraba's strengths, wasn't quite as clean as usual, while Glen proved extremely quick at the breakdown and earned several penalties for Barraba holding on.

Despite the pressure, the Rams kept Glen pinned inside their 22 and continued to attack. After several attempts at the line, two strong forward carries drew the defence in before the ball was shifted through the backs, allowing Leilani Tevaga to dive over in the corner.

Barraba headed into halftime trailing by just four points, **14–10**.

The third quarter saw Barraba come out determined, working their way into Elks territory. After five minutes of pressure, Charlie Norton shifted the ball perfectly to put

Emily Kelso through a gap, with Kelso crossing underneath the posts. The conversion put Barraba back in front, **17–14**. Glen continued to look dangerous and worked their way towards the Barraba line, but some outstanding defence from Newell and Norton kept the Elks scoreless throughout the quarter. Norton, who had been a menace at the breakdown all game, produced another great turnover before Barraba tapped the ball and kicked to touch to close out the quarter with the lead.

The final quarter was an incredibly even contest, with both sides displaying some great rugby while also beginning to show the effects of a hard-fought Grand Final.

With just two minutes remaining, Glen began to build momentum through their quick taps and work at the breakdown. Following a controversial missed knock-on, the Elks crossed just to the right of the posts and converted to snatch a **21–17 lead** late in the game.

Barraba weren't finished yet.

The restart rolled into touch, giving the Rams one final opportunity through a lineout. A clean take and shift through the backline saw the clock expire, but play continued as Barraba desperately searched for one final score. Glen again showed their strength around the ruck, winning the turnover before tapping and kicking the ball into touch to bring the Grand Final to an end, with the Elks taking the win **21–17**.

Unfortunately, the Rams Ladies didn't come home with the trophy, but their 2026 season is one they should be incredibly proud of.

The women finished the regular season as **Minor Premiers** before progressing through the finals to reach their **first-ever Grand Final**, making history for the Barraba Rams.

The Grand Final presentations also brought some fantastic individual recognition, with **Charlie Norton receiving the John Hipwell Trophy – Women's Rep Player of the Year**, while **Amie Middlemiss received the Roundtable Shield Award for Sportsmanship**.

A huge congratulations must go to the 18 women who qualified for the finals series and gave everything they had to the green and white throughout the season:

Amie Middlemiss

Emily Kelso

Jemma Johnson

Macey Cabot

Kirra Jordan

Ally Smith

Lily Bradshaw

Leilani Tevaga

Addison Dixon

Kiah Newell
Charlie Norton
Ebony Urquhart
Paige Oliver
Chelsea Elton
Jordyn Snape
Ruby Smith
Piper Cribb
Bella Dipple

Coaches: Ben Freeman & Luke Smith

Manager: Jess Kelso

From Minor Premiers to Grand Finalists, it has been an incredible season and a history-making year for the Barraba Rams Women. Congratulations to every player, coach, manager, volunteer and supporter who has been part of the journey.

♥♥ Up the Rams! ♥♥

Presentation Night

There is still one final celebration to come, with **Presentation Night this Friday, 18 September.**

Tickets can be purchased online through TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/DOVGG> . We hope to see plenty of Rams supporters there as we come together to celebrate what has been an amazing 2026 season for our players.



QUOTES OF THE DAY

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." – C.S. Lewis

"To disagree, one does not have to be disagreeable." – Barry Goldwater

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