



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Wednesday 1st May 2024

BARRABA – IT IS TIME TO YARN BOMB AGAIN!

Ladies, gentlemen and children of Barraba get your knitting needles and crocheting hooks out, find some scrap wool and contribute to our next Yarn Bombing Project. Knitting and crochet are the perfect pastimes to take up with the cooler weather approaching. You don't need to be an expert, we will gladly accept any attempts if you are just a beginner. So, if you have always wanted to try one of these crafts – now is the time. The brighter and more colourful the wool – the better!

The Barraba Yarn Bombing Project is an opportunity for everyone in our community to join the fun and contribute to beautifying and creating interest in our town. Our Yarn Bombing will complement the wonderful silo art and murals that are already attracting tourists to Barraba. Last year, our first, we decorated two trees and a bench outside of The Claypan Gallery.



For those who have never heard of “Yarn Bombing” it is the art of wrapping trees in brightly coloured knitted and crocheted scarves (“bombs”).

*Thanks to
Brenda McColl
for the photo*

According to Wikipedia; *“Yarn bombing” is a type of graffiti or street art that employs colourful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn or fibre rather than paint or chalk. The practice is believed to have originated in the U.S. with Texas knitters trying to find a creative way to use their leftover and unfinished knitting projects, but it has since spread worldwide.”*

Yarn Bombing subjects are many and varied; including – bicycles, cars, buses, trains, statues, buildings, bridges, trees, fences, to mention a few.

Did you know?

10th June is COMMUNITY KNITTING DAY, and
11th June is INTERNATIONAL YARN BOMBING DAY

We will be dressing trees with our “yarn bombs” on Friday 7th June. The “Warm and Woolly” Exhibition will follow on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June, at the Claypan Gallery.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Donations of unwanted yarn (wool/acrylic) can be dropped to the Claypan Gallery (as soon as possible).
- Knit or crochet some “tree scarves” using up your spare yarn to contribute. Any size squares or strips in any colour/s.
- Help Guild members stitch everyone’s contributions together to create tree “bombs” on Thursday 2nd May and Thursday 16th May at the Claypan Gallery.
- Come and watch or take part in the final tree “bombing” on Friday 7th June.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CLAYPAN GALLERY TO

NOTE:

- **Street Stall on Friday 24th May.** Any cooking, garden produce, potted cutting donations will be gladly accepted. Come and be tempted by the goodies for sale at the stall.
- **“Have a go Day” on Saturday 7th September,** will coincide with Adult Learners Week. This will be a demonstration open day of arts and crafts. Everyone is welcome to come, enjoy a cuppa, enjoy the demonstrations and perhaps learn a new past time.

Barraba commemorates ANZAC Day 2024



It's the 25th of April and I live across the sea
Its ANZAC Day, but no one cares -
That is, except for me.
I'll bake a damper and eat some snags
And brew a pot of tea
While I salute the Diggers who died
On the shores of Gallipoli.
And the ones who fell on Flanders fields
Where the orange poppies grow
Such a terrible spilling of Aussie blood -
It saddens me to know
Those Diggers died looking at northern lights
But for their mates - alone
With no Southern Cross to guide their souls
Back to their sunburnt home.,
The Rats of Tobruk and El Alamein,
Transvaal's veldt and Viet Nam,
The Kokoda Trail and the Coral Sea
Thousands of Diggers are hoping to be
Remembered on this fateful day
As they lay in graves so far away.

(unknown)



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For the information of members and guests.

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 2nd May

Bingo from 6pm

FRIDAY 3rd May

MEAT RAFFLES

Tickets on sale from 5.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$2000

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SUNDAY: 12-2pm



Barraba Catholic Women's Street Stall

will be held on **Thursday 9th May, commencing at 9a.m.**

On sale will be baked produce, plants, books and more, with raffle prizes as well. Come and grab a bargain!

Barraba Branch of the United Hospital Auxiliaries Street Stall

Friday 3rd May 2024 Between 9am and 11.30am

in Queen Street outside the Pharmacy.

Homemade baking and plants will be on offer.

A raffle is at Frocks and Locks and tickets can be bought for \$2 each prior to the street stall. It's a box of assorted goodies including vouchers for local businesses.

We look forward to seeing you!

We Fundraise for the hospital to provide additional equipment and services for the benefit of patients' comfort.

Senior Citz Street Stall

Will be held on Friday 10th May

Donation of saleable goods would be greatly appreciated.

J Brady (Hon Sec)

Barraba Potters and Craft Guild

Street Stall on Friday 24th May.

Any cooking, garden produce, potted cutting donations will be gladly accepted.

Come and be tempted by the goodies for sale at the stall.



Barraba Branch of the United Hospital Auxiliaries

General Meeting

Friday 10th May 2024 10.00am at

The Day Centre, Barraba Hospital

(Note one week later than usual)

Visitors are most welcome.

Ecological Burn Notice

Please be advised that Whitehaven Coal will be undertaking Burn Preparation and a cool season Ecological Burn on the following Biodiversity Properties "Wirradale, Mt Lindesay and Coonor," between 8 April and 31 May 2024. For further information, please contact Whitehaven Biodiversity on call 0488 407 000.



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History Notes

This week we have a football certificate, in perfect condition, with all the names supplied. It shows that Barraba was a member of the Tamworth District Minor Rugby Football League in 1978. Apparently, the matches were played on Saturday mornings.

Their coach was Eric Hagar and the team has been listed on a spare sheet of paper- names include Luxford, Woodgate, Hall, and Elliott. Readers can check the names with the photo. Thanks to Adrian Hagan for the certificate copy.

Unfortunately, the date on the photo is near the end of Barraba's little mining boom and a check of the volume of newspaper cuttings, number 3, although positive in some ways, shows the general slowing of the asbestos mine.

In 1981 it was noted that the Rugby team had lost players due to the mine closing- fortunately they were able to stay strong for a few more years before the closing of the mine had effect.

Further entries in the late 1970's and early 1980's, include the Piedmont clearance sale and the re-election of Rawdon McDouall for his seventh term as Shire President. There were lots of cricket matches and the feature of five life memberships granted to five ladies working for the local RSL.

They were Elsie Baker, Ivy Myers, and Edith Baldock all with more than 25 years' service. Daph Fallon and Bessie Baldwin had given 20 years' service. They joined Trixie Garland who was an earlier recipient.

Finally, we find the Historical Society held a farewell for David Robinson in December 1978; he was moving on to teach at another school in 1979. David had been a huge help with setting up the museum in the old stock and station agent's office. He did a lot of painting and cleaning up stains and spills on the floor - in fact it had not been touched until the renovation in 2018.

We have a few poems collected but there must be more. Lots of our older settlers wrote poetry and hopefully they have not been thrown out. In my search for Minor Rugby I have found one in the Ironhorse Festival Newspaper - they could be anywhere.

The markets are coming up again. Copies of original poems could be brought to the Society Stall - we are always happy to see visitors interested in local history as well - history books sold out last stall!



Barraba Pathology Collection Centre

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**TAMWORTH DISTRICT
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1978

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**Bushfire preparation
for the New England
region ahead of
2024-25 season**

Essential Energy begins surveying its powerlines around Tamworth, Armidale, Tenterfield, Inverell, Gunnedah, Barraba and surrounding communities to prepare for next bushfire season.

Essential Energy teams are already beginning to prepare for the 2024-25 bushfire season by inspecting its powerlines in the New England region where there is a risk of bushfire impacting crucial infrastructure. With a footprint that covers 737,000 square kilometres across regional, rural and remote NSW and parts of southern Queensland, Essential Energy's network overlaps with some of the highest risk bushfire zones in the State.

Essential Energy's Chief Operating Officer Luke Jenner says that the inspecting of powerline corridors for defects and undertaking preventative vegetation management work ahead of the bushfire season is critical to the organisation's comprehensive Bushfire Risk Management Plan.

"Managing the risk of bushfires is an important part of keeping the network safe and reliable for the customers and communities served by Essential Energy. Essential Energy's Bushfire Risk Management Plan outlines how we proactively manage our network to avoid inadvertently causing a bushfire which could impact our communities. It also manages the risk of bushfires impacting our network, which in turn would interrupt power supply to our communities," Luke says. "We use light aircraft that fly at low attitude to visually inspect powerlines that are within our highest risk bushfire areas, and we look for any defects on our assets or any vegetation that may come in contact with our assets so we can address those things prior to the start of the bushfire season."

Essential Energy also use drones, LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) and satellite technology to assess where vegetation may impact any electrical assets. A key part of the bushfire management plan is to ensure that vegetation is clear of the powerlines. "Vegetation poses a number of risks to the network, with the most obvious one being vegetation growing too close to powerlines. If vegetation touches the network, it can spark a fire. The less obvious one is the proximity of trees to the powerlines that can blow over in high winds. So, we need to be very diligent to look for dead, dying or diseased trees that could fall onto the powerlines and potentially start a fire," Luke explains.

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Council meeting update

Here is an overview of outcomes from Tamworth Regional Council Ordinary Meeting:

- Councillors have supported the recommendation that a proposed childcare facility on Calala Lane should be granted Development Consent, subject to a range of conditions. The scope of works includes the demolition of existing buildings and construction of the new facility. The application was referred to Council for determination due to concerns raised by community members about an expected increase in traffic on Calala Lane. A right-hand turn lane and a left turn only exit have been included in the design with the aim of reducing some of those concerns. The proposed facility will consist of six separate playrooms which will accommodate 120 children, along with an outdoor play area, off-street parking, administration and service sections and will go towards addressing the need for more childcare options in the region.
- After a recent Expression of Interest process, Councillors have endorsed the re-appointment of James Treloar as Tamworth Regional Council's permanent expert member on the Northern Regional Planning Panel. They also agreed to endorse Glenn Inglis as a second permanent member, due to his wide range of expertise in town planning, land economics, law and local government administration. Colin Murray and Warwick Stimson were both appointed as alternate members due to their experience in local government and town planning respectively. All four will remain in those positions for three years. The key role of a Regional Planning Panel is to determine regionally significant development applications and undertake rezoning reviews. Councillors also agreed to notify the Planning Panels Secretariat of the appointments and to formally thank all community members involved in the Expression of Interest process.
- Four community committees will share just over \$25,000 in grants under Council's 2023-2024 Facility Improvement Fund Program after Councillors endorsed the allocations. Barraba Showground Committee will receive \$9,000 to replace the showground stables while Kootingal Recreational Reserve Committee will get \$6,109 for refurbishments to amenities at the oval, \$10,000 will go to Piallmore Recreation Reserve Committee for stage two of the memorial garden and Tamworth Regional Film and Sound Archive Committee will receive \$748 towards upgrading their archive efficiency.

- A report to the meeting affirmed Council will continue to work with NSW Government agencies towards a Council-owned Water Purification Facility which would accept existing wastewater from local beef and lamb abattoirs. The report follows Baiada's confirmation they would build their own facility. The report also said Council continues work on the preparation of a Long Term Water Security Plan, which is investigating all options available to improve our water security, including recycled water for industrial uses as an important, climate independent source of water.
- Council adopted the final report and research documents of the Namoi Workforce Attraction and Retention Strategy which aims to address and improve the worker shortage in the region. A report to Council said while the implementation of the strategy is yet to be funded, migrants are identified as a key target group. It said there is work to be done to ensure they have a welcoming experience to increase the likelihood they will stay in the region.
- The Tamworth Gymnastics Club will be hosting the Country Capital Cup in June and Council have agreed to subsidise the fees associated with the hire costs of using the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre. With the event expected to involve more than 1600 competitors and result in a projected economic boost of over \$2 million, a subsidisation of \$10,458 will be granted to help cover the \$20,894 of hire fees under Council's Sport Event Subsidisation Policy.



HATS OFF TO THE BUSH 20 JUL 2024 - TOWN HALL

HATS OFF TO THE BUSH IS A MID-YEAR CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA'S BUSH BALLADEERS IN THE HISTORICAL TAMWORTH TOWN HALL.

Starring multi-Golden Guitar winners and nominees **Glenn Jones, Dean Perrett** and **Jeff Brown** with **Rod Coe** from **Slim Dusty's Travelling Country Band**.

Hats Off to the Bush is produced and hosted by **Dianne Lindsay** and **Peter Simpson** and will include a performance from special guest **Anne Kirkpatrick** along with surprise celebrity guests and featuring some young, up-and-coming artists. A feature of the Hats Off to Country weekend on Saturday 20 July 2024 at 7.00pm



Let us support your cause

Tamworth Regional Council are delighted to announce applications are now open for the 2024-2025 Regional Events Marketing Support Program.

This program is a platform for Tamworth Regional Council to provide both financial and/or in-kind marketing support to local events and festivals.

Tamworth Regional Council Coordinator of Visitor Experiences, Linda Bridges, believes the program has consistently helped put a number of local events on the visitor map.

“From historical events such as the Barraba Show to fundraising initiatives like the Great Nundle Dog Race, our Program aims to build awareness and drive participation for particular events in the region – no matter how big or small.”

Successful events must be able to demonstrate and report back on the key criteria including; the economic benefit of the event to Tamworth region, an increase in overnight visitation to the Tamworth region and event sustainability, demonstrating how the event will grow over time. There are three tiers of funding available, each tier reflective of the economic benefit it will have on the region.

“Each event and festival applicant will be assessed individually to make sure they meet the criteria. Local event organisers could receive a range of marketing support ranging from media coverage, distribution of promotional material, social media promotion and the creation of promotional content” said Linda.

In 2023-2024, the Regional Events Marketing Support Program granted marketing support to 11 local events including the Barraba Show, Kootingal Country Fair, the Nundle Twilight and Christmas Markets, and 2023 Tamworth World Cup Show.

Event organisers from around the region are encouraged to apply for the program that offers support from \$100 up to \$5,000. Applications are now open and close on Friday, May 14.

To apply or find out more about the 2024-2025 Regional Events Marketing Support Program, visit: www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/events-support-program



PICKLEBALL IS HERE!

The Tamworth Sports Dome will be holding some 'Come and Try' pickleball sessions! Never played? Pickleball is an incredibly social and fun game and

can be played as singles or doubles!

When: Friday Nights, 3 May to 7 June 2024

Where: Tamworth Sports Dome

Time 6:30pm-8:30pm

Cost: \$4.50 per person per session (Minimum 15 years of age) No experience, equipment or registration necessary - pay and play as you go.

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NSW Department of Primary Industries

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Fire ants do resemble other species, and it is important that our experts make an ID. If you find suspect ants, please do not attempt to destroy them. Safely photograph them and send images to us for assessment.

If you suspect fire ants, please contact DPI. If you are not sure, contact us anyway.

For more information visit: <https://brnw.ch/21wIVeR> or call 1800 680 244.

YOUNG ARCHIE PORTRAIT COMPETITION – TAMWORTH 13 April - 15 May

Part of ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2023 REGIONAL TOUR

An Art Gallery of New South Wales touring exhibition

In addition to the Archibald Prize, this year Tamworth Regional Gallery will also be hosting the Young Archies with prizes offered by both AGNSW and The University of New England. Budding artists between the ages of 5 and 18 are invited to submit a portrait for the Young Archie competition, as part of our family-focused activities for the Archibald Prize 2023 regional tour. The portrait should be of a person who is special to you - someone who is known to you and plays a significant role in your life.

There are four age categories:

5-8 year olds

9-12 year olds

13-15 year olds

16-18 year olds

About your portrait subject We prefer that the portrait is 'painted from life' and that your subject has a sitting for their portrait, like with the Archibald Prize. You may also create the portrait from memory or take your own photograph to use for reference.

For schools We welcome entries from schools but, due to numbers, we strongly encourage you to first run your own internal competition then submit only your top works (up to 10) into the official Young Archie competition at Tamworth Regional Gallery

Judging The competition will be judged on merit and originality. This years judges include;

Kisani Upward - Artist and Phd Candidate / Aboriginal Health Researcher UNE Representative University of New England
David Darcy: Murrurundi artist, Archibald finalist 2018, 2019
Lauren Mackley, Executive Director, Arts North West
Mia Elliott Tamworth Youth Council

Bodin Wallace Tamworth Youth Council and,

Bridget Guthrie Tamworth Regional Gallery Director

Five finalists from each category will be exhibited at the Gallery and on the Gallery website. One winner will be chosen in each category. Each winner will receive prizes provided by AGNSW and University of New England.

Your artwork One artwork only per entrant.

You may use any art materials you like but your artwork must be two-dimensional and on good-quality paper so it can be framed for display if you are a finalist.

Can be vertical or horizontal. Must be no smaller than A4 (210 x 297 mm), no bigger than A3 (420 x 297 mm) and no thicker than 1cm.

Should be clearly labelled on the back with which way it should be displayed, along with your name, age, address and contact details. Make sure this doesn't show through to the front.

How to enter Complete the entry form, which includes a brief statement telling us who you have chosen to depict and why. This form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Your artwork should be sent flat, not folded or rolled. We suggest you place it between two pieces of cardboard to protect it.

If you wish your artwork returned after the competition, please also enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope of the correct size. Families submitting artwork for more than one child must enclose one envelope per artwork due to the way that entries are processed.

Entries can be mailed to:

Young Archie Competition

Tamworth Regional Council

PO BOX 555 Tamworth,

New South Wales 2340

Hand delivered to

Tamworth Regional Gallery

466 peel St, Tamworth (Upstairs)

Key Dates

Competition opens 15 April 2024.

Entries must be received by Monday 13 May, 2024

Finalists will be displayed 31 May, 2024.

Finalists and winners will be announced on 30 May.

Prizes Each of the 4 category winners will receive \$50 cash prize from AGNSW and UNE.

Finalist will share in prizes from UNE and Tamworth Regional Gallery. Number of finalists will be determined by the judges. Total prize value \$700

Any questions? Please contact Emma Stilts

e.stilts@tamworth.nsw.gov.au Ph 6767 5230

Wednesday Quiz

1. Trailblazers in Aussie TV adventure as they "travelled all over the countryside", What were the first names of the Leyland Brothers?
2. How many equinoxes are there in a year?
3. What is the scientific name for the human skull?
4. Goal ball, round ball and stool ball are early versions of which sport?
5. In mineralogy, what does Mohs Scale measure?

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef 2nd Sunday of the month at 11.30am

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 5th May

Service time 8.45am for the next 4 months

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE OF TIME. All Welcome.

CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday

evening Mass 5pm

All other Sundays 9am



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Tuesday 14 May 2024 | 6pm | Croppa Creek Bowling Club

Thursday 16 May 2024 | 6pm | The Roxy Theatre, Bingara

Tuesday 21 May 2024 | 6pm | North Star Sporting Club

Thursday 23 May 2024 | 6pm | Warialda Memorial Hall

Tuesday 28 May 2024 | 6pm | Gravesend Hall

Tuesday 4 June 2024 | 6pm | Coolatai Hall

Thursday 6 June 2024 | 6pm | Upper Horton Sporting Club



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Gwydir Shire Council will be holding Community Meetings throughout the months of May and June. The purpose of these meetings is for Council to deliver important information to the communities of the Gwydir. Local residents are encouraged to attend to bring forward any concerns or needs.

Wednesday Quiz Answers

- 1 Mike and Mal
- 2 Two (in March and September).
- 3 Cranium
- 4 Baseball
- 5 Hardness or resistance to scratching or abrasion.



Senior Citz Notes

Hi Everyone,

There is not a lot to tell this week. The crafty girls are very busy assembling items for the stall. Craft days are great fun.

There is one thing bothering me. Names for the holiday are very slow coming in. If at least twelve more names are not in within the next two weeks, cancellation of the holiday is a real threat. Should that happen, we will have to go to Plan B. Accommodation is the most expensive aspect of the holiday – we cannot book in anywhere until we have final numbers.

Members, please keep in mind the Street Stall on the 10th May. The stall will have great gifts for Mum.

Before closing, I wish those on the not-so-well list, a speedy recovery.

This is all for now, till next time, take care.

Cheers

Judy Brady





Rugby Results

On Saturday the mighty Rams travelled to Tamworth to take on the Pirates. The Ladies started the day with a solid ten and a handy five on the bench. The game started with Pirates getting an early try but that was all they were going to get from the Rams. The ladies came back hard with some forward hit ups and a sweeping ball out to the wing to get Sarah Hamilton over the line. An unsuccessful conversion took the score to 5 a piece. Barraba had a taste for it now and did not slow up with Kiah Newell scoring just before quarter time and Charlie Norton slotting it over the sticks to put Barraba in the lead 12-5. No points were scored in second quarter but the ladies focused on their structure with the forwards working hard to clear some space for the backs to make some magic. The third quarter is where the ladies went to work, with two exceptional converted tries from Charlie Norton and a third try from Chantelle Pursell at the end of the third quarter, again with Charlie getting the ball through the posts, taking the score to 33-5. Barraba went into the fourth quarter feeling elated and determined to continue tacking on the points. Chantelle Pursell made a massive run through the middle of the field to score under the posts with another successful kick from Charlie Norton. Just before the full time bell Regan Simpson came in strong to dive over the line getting another try in for Barraba, she had a crack at converting her own try but just missed, meaning the final score was 45-5. An exceptional effort from our ladies team.

The men then took the field to a strong Pirates team. Barraba started things off strong with some great hit ups from Will Robinson and a successful penalty kick from Jake Rafter ten minutes into the game meant Barraba were first on the board. The next 20 minutes saw the Rams working hard in both attack and defence with some great tackles from Connor Rogers and Kane Ward and hard runs by Harrison Davies but Pirates came back hard with a converted try to get some points on the board. A penalty was conceded by Barraba right on half time and Pirates opted for the kick, taking the halftime score to 10-3. The Rams ran back out ready to start the second half but with a few injuries on the bench it was shaping up to be a tough battle. Ten minutes into the second half Barraba received a penalty, they set their line and spread the ball out to Liam Mack on the wing who showed his pace and got over the line. Jake Rafter lined it up and managed the two extra points to take the score to 10 all. Pirates had a bench full of reserves and didn't fail to use them, with all of the fresh legs out on the field they came back with a quick try to put them up, 17-10. The Rams put

in a solid defensive effort for the next ten minutes but Pirates managed to get over the line twice, taking the score to 31-10. The men had one last crack at the line with a nice ball from Alex Abra and Josh Sloane hitting the hole he got close to putting the ball over the line but came undone when Pirates knocked it out of his arms. That took us to the end of the game, leaving the final score 31-10.

Points for the Ladies

3 - Charlie Norton

2 - Chantelle Pursell

1 - Kaila Gillogly and Regan Simpson

Players player - Chantelle Pursell

Points for the Men

3 - Alex Abra

2 - Harrison Davies

1 - Tom Green

Players player - Will Robinson

Next week we have a team bye and then we return to play Narrabri away on Saturday 11 May. Ladies kicking off at 12:50 and the Men at 1:50.

We would like to congratulate Ali and Josh on the safe arrival of a future Ram. Congratulations to you both, we can't wait to see her with a Rugby ball in hand.



Golf Notes

Dan Lott with 35 stableford points claimed Bevan Benson's trophy on Sunday. Runner up was Gary Allen on 32 points on a countback from Sam Faint with balls also going to Kieran Darlington 31 points, Keith Akers 30 points and Paul Grigg 30 points. There were no NTPs claimed. A number of our players travelled to Bingara on Saturday and Sunday to support the Bingara Club. Rodger Fisher claimed an NTP on the 18th.

Our course is in readiness for the annual Barraba three days of golf. Commencing this Friday 3rd May is the Annual Barraba Veterans Open. An Individual Stableford format across Divisions 1 (handicaps up to 17) and Division 2 (greater than 17 handicaps.) There is also a 3 person team event for the Burke Shield held in conjunction.

On Saturday 4th May is the Barraba Mixed Open 4 BBB whilst on Sunday is the Barraba Annual Open Fourball. Last year we had 106 players hit off.



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