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BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Cancer Fundraising

A frosty, cold and shady morning greeted

Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising Group Inc. members, along with the band 'Old Spice', as they all set up for Barraba's Biggest Morning Tea in the Queen Street Mall. The day warmed up nicely as did the 'buzz' about the area, with a full table of goodies/produce and the hum of tunes from the instruments and voices from the band. Thank you to all Band members for providing the much loved and appreciated music that completed the festive morning's atmosphere. The music warmed the hearts of all who heard, as the sunshine did when it eventually shone upon us.

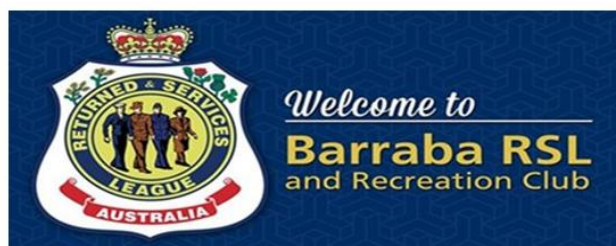
Whilst thanking people, we are so very appreciative of the Barraba community for their continued support. THANK YOU one and all for purchasing; whether it be items for sale, morning tea plates and a cuppa, guessing competition tickets, the 100 Club – everything sold in a matter of hours. Thank you also for the donors of money and items for the day. John and Toni Wauch donated the fruit and vegetable basket for the guessing competition and Ken Faulkner for his handcrafted wooden piece for the lucky seat prize.

Winners on the day, apart from the Cancer Council NSW where fund raised are directed were;

Guessing Competition – Joe Riley

Lucky Seat prize – Betty Nelson

100 Club – 1st Rhonda Phillips, 2nd Leanne Shaw, 3rd Myra Billsbourough.



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THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 30th May

Bingo from 6pm

FRIDAY 31st May

MEAT RAFFLES

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MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1000

SUNDAY 2nd June

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THURS/FRI/SAT: Lunch 12-2pm. Dinner from 6pm

SUNDAY: 12-2pm



Barraba Pathology Collection Centre

Returning to normal days of Monday to Friday

Commencing from Monday 27th May 2024

8AM -1PM

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I am gathering information for a book on small schools in the Barraba district. If you attended one of these and have info, memories or photos and are willing to share them, could you contact me? Carolyn Faint - 67821535.



Students of the Week - Blake, Courtney and Lavana

Captains Award - Rupert



Reading Awards - Dexter, Makenna, Ava-Jane, Grace P, Felix, Mia, Lavana, Makenna and Max



It's almost "Warm & Woolly" time again

Be sure to mark your calendar for 7th, 8th and 9th June 2024 with WARM & WOOLLY EXHIBITION at The Claypan Gallery, 74 Queen Street, Barraba.

Friday, 7th June at 10.00am will see Guild members "bombing" the trees outside the Gallery with brightly coloured knitted and crocheted creations from everyone who took part in the 2024 Barraba Yarn Bombing Project. This year is shaping up to be bigger and brighter than last year—so be ready.

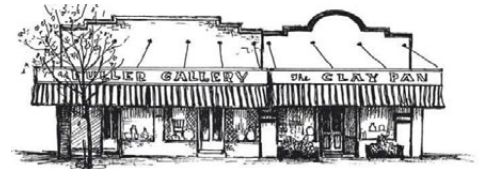
Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June will showcase the Warm & Woolly Exhibition at The Claypan Gallery. The Gallery will be open both days from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Guild members are looking forward to welcoming many visitors on both days to view the new exhibition of locally crafted goodies. You will be able to purchase a myriad of art, craft, pottery, photography and preserves made by amazingly talented locals.

As a special feature this year we will be hosting the Triennial Travelling Quilters Challenge Competition which has been organised by the owner (Kerry Cannon) of Ceramic Break Sculpture Park, Warialda. The quilts are travelling from Stanthorpe, Queensland to Tamworth, New South Wales and are being displayed at seven locations along the

way, for approximately a week in each location. The winners and placegetters of the competition will be announced on Sunday 9th September at Ceramic Break Sculpture Park. Come and appreciate the incredible workmanship in these quilts.

The Guild ladies will have morning tea and lunch available, by the open fire, on both days.

Freshly baked scones, tea and coffee



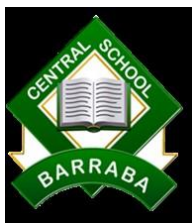
are on the menu for morning tea, followed by homemade soups and bread rolls for lunch.

So whether you are passing through or staying local for the June long weekend we would love to see you—bring your friends and enjoy the warm fire and a relaxing chat.

Garage SALE

- Furniture - dining table and 6 chairs , tv cabinet, coffee table, 2x2 seater couches
- Kitchenware - cups, platters, pots and pans
- Knickknacks, vases, baskets, crystal bowls, silver platters, lamps, cushions.
- Books -cook books, kids & teen fiction
- dvds \$1 each. CDs, Board games , toys
- Baby items (hand knitted booties and jumpers, cot linen, baby bath etc)
- Linen - towels & sheets

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Barraba Central School

Welcome back to Term Two, everyone! I hope you all had a refreshing break and are ready for another term of learning and growth. We have had an exceptional start to the term, with many exciting developments and achievements to celebrate.

Firstly, I want to extend heartfelt congratulations to our primary students who participated in the Zone Cross Country. Your tremendous effort and dedication were truly inspiring, and I want to give a special thank you to Mrs. Lowe for her outstanding organisation of the event. It was fantastic to see so many parents from across the Tamworth zone joining us and enjoying the beautiful weather here in Barraba.

We are thrilled to announce Dusty Hiscock's selection for the Greater Western U15 Rugby League side. This is a remarkable achievement for Dusty and a testament to his talent and hard work. We are incredibly proud to have him represent our school and community in the upcoming CHS Championships in Wollongong.

We are excited to share that Barraba Central School was fortunate enough to receive a generous grant of \$2000 from Whitehaven to support our tree-planting initiative. This wouldn't have been possible without the collective effort of our students, Mr Maloney's tireless organization, and the exceptional work of Mr Jones and Mr Frost in coordinating this endeavour. One of the highlights of this initiative was witnessing our Year 9 & 10 students collaborating with Miss Hook's Kindergarten/Year 1 students to plant trees at the Primary Campus. This intergenerational partnership not only contributes to environmental sustainability but also fosters a sense of community and shared responsibility among our students.

Luna, the school support dog, and I have had the privilege of spending time with the preschool students this year, visiting every Thursday. We were fortunate enough to attend the Mother's Day morning tea at the preschool, where we had the opportunity to meet all the mothers who came to celebrate. Additionally, this week, we accompanied the preschool students to Richardson House. Luna had an absolute ball, receiving plenty of cuddles and even sneaking a few biscuits off the dining table. It has been a delightful experience taking Luna out into the community and witnessing the beautiful activities the preschool students are engaged in.

You may have noticed an article from Real Schools in this newsletter, as we are partnering with them to implement restorative practices within our school. Our focus is on cultivating a school culture based on our core values of safety, respect, and learning. School culture is shaped by our collective behaviour and actions, and I am committed to fostering a culture of kindness, understanding, and inclusivity. Over the next three years, we will work diligently to strengthen our school culture and equip our students with the skills to become outstanding individuals in our community.

As always, I encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns. Let's continue to make Barraba Central School a place where every student feels safe, respected, and supported in their learning journey.

Patrick Sullivan
Principal

Stage 6 Agriculture Excursion



It was an early start for the Stage 6 Agriculture class on Wednesday 8th May, when they left at 6am to make the 11 hour trip to Rockhampton for 2024 Beef Week. On our journey, we learnt facts about Goondiwindi, Condamine and Banana as well as playing some competitive eye spy, answering Ag questions and sleeping. When we arrived in Rocky, we set off on our first group shopping trip before continuing the last hour to Byfield where our accommodation was. Our accommodation at Castle Rock Farm consisted of dorm style accommodation for the boys and glamping on the Eco deck for the girls. We had open

showers with views of the rain forest, a fire pit and an amazing communal kitchen and entertainment area which hosted our first dinner of Pizza.

The second day consisted of bacon and egg rolls for breakfast and a hot dog production line for lunches. We headed into Rocky for the first day of Beef Week where we had an amazing day walking around all the stalls and cattle sheds at beef week, learning about the history of different breeds of beef cattle. The students had conversations with Universities, agricultural experts and reps which were unfortunately cut short due to some humid coastal rain conditions making our day pretty wet. After another quick shopping trip and frequenting the honesty box roadside stalls for pineapples, we headed home for Spag Bowl, garlic bread and Cobens ag excursion tradition of fire baked cinnamon and sugar pineapples.

Day 3 saw us have a slow start with breakfast and then heading back into Rocky for day two of Beef week. We saw many things that some of us missed on day 2, which included the technology in Agriculture tent and demos of horsemen and cattle breeds. After lunch we headed over to the coastal town of Yeppoon where the students had a chance to swim in the man-made lagoon and a quick dip in the ocean until Amie and Mrs Bennett remembered we are in croc territory and swiftly removed the students from the water. On the way home we frequented more roadside stalls buying bananas, jams and plants. When we got home the students explored the grounds of the accommodation where they found guavas, coconuts, mandarins, oranges, banana plants and there are rumours that a dam and boat were also explored.

Day 4 saw us depart the accommodation at 3:15am to hit the road back home. Arriving safely back at school by 2:45pm after lots of laughs, sleeping and McDonalds.

We would like to thank all the parents, students and staff for their efforts in making this excursion go ahead. The students had the opportunity to gain valuable information in all aspects of the Agricultural industry.

Mrs Bennett, Agriculture Teacher

Letter to Editor

On the 20th April I placed an expensive bunch of flowers in a vase, on the grave of my son, at the Barraba Cemetery. I returned to the cemetery on the 18th May, the anniversary of his birthday, to find the vase and flowers had been stolen.

This is very upsetting.

Evelyn Rumsby



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Senior Citizens' News

Hello everyone,
The meeting on Friday was well attended, we even had one lady rejoin after a long absence.
Firstly, we discussed having a "Christmas in July" lunch. More about that at the next meeting.
Bingo players, please take note – it was decided that we would now be starting at 10am, to commence this week. That will give everyone an extra half hour to defrost.
Bingara Orange Festival – is back for us to think about. If there are enough people interested, we will see about hiring a bus. The festival is on July 6th. If you would like a great day out, please let me know – 0429821158 is my phone number.
This is all for now – to all on the sick list, I hope that you are soon back to good health. Take care and keep warm.
Cheers Judy Brady



The Playhouse Hotel Cinema

2 pm, Sunday 2nd June

ANATOMY OF A FALL

(MA15+, 152 mins)

A woman is implicated in the mysterious death of her husband in this recent acclaimed award-winning European psychological thriller.

All tickets \$12. Enquiries 67821109

History Notes

What a surprise to find the Court House all fenced in and workmen actually attending to the building this week. It is now sometime since the pigeons and the vegetation were removed so it is nice to see something actually happening to one of the oldest buildings in Barraba.

The Court house is one of the oldest buildings in our town - the old school in Cherry Street, is probably just older, as is the Post Office which was opened in 1882, while the hospital is younger.

We have two "Festival Booklets" printed in 1946 and 1983 but neither of them has much information about the Court House so I resorted to the Witten Diary and found some information although no actual date or official opening appears.

Arthur Witten took the contract to "draw bricks for the Court House" on 25th March, 1881, and a week later there is a note in the diary "23,400 bricks carted for the Court House." Four days later we read "25,200 bricks carted by Charley and Hubert which finished the kiln of bricks."

A few days later the courthouse contractor returned Turpin (the draft horse) and Arthur Witten sold Turpin two days later to Mr. Lee for 15 pounds.

On 19th April, 1881 Daly started carting bricks again and noted four days later that 4,000 bricks had been carted.

The diary noted on 28th May, "finished bricks for the Court House".

Unfortunately, the diary does not mention when the actual building was finished or when court cases were moved to the Court House.

Reading on I find that the debt was paid off the church on 21st October, 1881- this is of course the old Anglican Church which stood near the corner of Queen and Alice streets and which was demolished in 1905 and rebuilt as the Parish Hall in Maude Street. The Post Office, next to the Court House was opened on 18th November, 1882, and had several additions before finally being removed to the present site, diagonally opposite the old site. The present Regional Bank is now on the southern side of the Court House.

I wonder if anyone has an idea to use the old Court House - the old court room would make a wonderful Gallery - perhaps a new version of Frost Over Barraba in spring!! There are several rooms in the old building and the remains of a sizeable kitchen for catering. It is a shame that the building has remained empty since the S.E.S. left it. Bill Bright was one citizen who thought it would make a wonderful gallery and often spoke about the waste leaving it empty.

QUEEN STREET, BARRABA—50 YEARS AGO



On the left is the old Royal Hotel which was burnt down and rebuilt on the adjoining vacant block. This hotel met with the same fate some years later and left Barraba with three hotels. The vacant block in the foreground is where the present Commercial Bank now stands, and George Wilkinson's hotel stood on the corner of Queen and Maude Streets, where the present Central Hotel now stands. The teams in Queen Street were owned by John Jones and A. Cutmore. The late J. F. Myers, who is seen standing at the old Royal Hotel, commenced his apprenticeship on the post office building (next to the Court House). The gully across Queen Street is where the Empire Theatre and Clifton's garage now stands.

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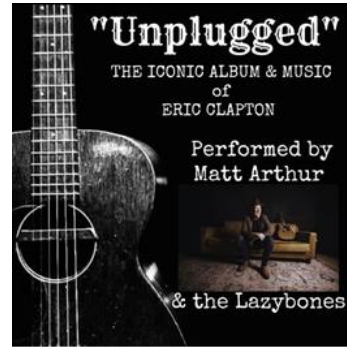
You can register your interest to work at the election by submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI) online. This includes State elections, Local government elections and by-elections. In your EOI you must detail any previous election experience, relevant skills, position preferences, availability, and confirm statements about political neutrality and conflict of interest.

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If you have questions about the application process or working at elections, contact the employment helpdesk on 1300 135 736.

If you have a disability and would like to ask about reasonable workplace adjustments, you can also contact the employment helpdesk.



Great Live Music at The Playhouse Hotel

Fans of Eric Clapton are in for a rare treat on Friday 21st June when master guitarist Matt Arthur performs Clapton's album

Unplugged in concert at The Playhouse Hotel. He will be supported by his band The Lazybones, featuring Sam McNally on keys, Michael Vidale on bass and Dave Egan on drums. Packed with hits such as *Tears in Heaven*, *Layla* and *Old Love*, *Unplugged* is one of Eric Clapton's most enduring albums. This concert will also showcase many other Clapton favourites.

Matt Arthur and the Lazybones is no mere cover band. They are a group of seasoned jazz/rock virtuosos who put their own inimitable stamp on whatever they play. Matt's soulful voice and dazzling guitar skills ensure that this will be a memorable evening of compelling music.

The bar opens at The Playhouse Hotel at 5 pm, and the concert kicks off at 6. Tickets are \$39 each, and are available now either by phoning the hotel on 6782 1109 or by clicking on <https://www.trybooking.com/CRWPG>

The concert will be followed by an optional two course dinner @ \$50 pp, for which bookings are also now being taken.

Book now.



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.

Warialda set to transform into a beef production hub this June

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024 AT 8:30 AM – 3 PM

North West Beef Producers Forum

Warialda Memorial Hall, 72 Hope Street Warialda NSW

Run by North West Local Land Services since 2017, the event offers local beef producers the opportunity to hear from leading industry research agencies and practical advice from top primary producers in the region.



Naomi Hobson, Land Services Officer said that this year's line-up of speakers was not to be missed, showcasing significant new research coming out of the sector. "We're really excited by the calibre of the presentations that will be given at the event this year," she said. "The event is shaping up to be a great mix of both new insights and advice born of years of experience in beef production", said Ms Hobson.

This year the event will feature presentations from Meat & Livestock Australia (Mr David Packer), AgSTAR Projects (Callen Thompson) and Texas Angus (Ben and Wendy Mayne) in addition to District Vet Dr Ted Irwin and Dr Alex Ball with Tom Ledingham.

Attendees can expect to hear about heifer artificial insemination and opportunities for genomic selection in commercial herds, optimising feed base for maximum productivity, seasonal animal health advice, pasture dieback and building resilience in farm business operations.

Sally Balmain, Land Services Officer said strong interest in the beef market as a whole brought an opportunity to focus on the end consumer as well this year. "This year's forum will include a presentation from Darren Keyte of Smo-King BBQ Inverell, who will be discussing the beef market from a butcher's point of view", she said. Smo-King BBQ will also cater the event, treating attendees to the rich smoky taste of slow cooked barbecue beef. Tickets are available at a cost of \$40 per person. To purchase tickets visit the North West Local Land Services Facebook page or the North West Local Land Services website at

<https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/north-west/events>.

Interested landholders can also phone their closest North West Local Land Services office on 1300 795 299 for more information.



Strategy focused on diverse and affordable housing

Providing a framework to ensure the Tamworth region will have well-designed housing to meet the needs of a diverse and growing community and provide a wide range of lifestyle and affordability options is the aim of the draft Tamworth Regional Housing Strategy.

Councillors will consider the strategy at TRC Ordinary Meeting where they are expected to approve its public exhibition to give the local community the chance to have their say.

Tamworth Region Mayor Russell Webb said the local region is not immune to the housing challenges being experienced throughout NSW and across Australia and the draft strategy includes measures designed to ease some of those pain points. "Availability of a range of different housing types which is also affordable is essential," he said. "Council has been working hard for our community to develop a plan to try and meet the needs of our growing community and especially those crying out for help. "Affordability pressure is being felt more in large metropolitan centres but residents of our region are also feeling it."

The strategy has five key priorities and 29 proposed actions. The identified priorities are:

- ② Provide for sustainable growth supported by infrastructure;
- ② Increase diversity and choice in housing;
- ② Improve housing affordability and reduce housing costs;
- ② Facilitate liveable communities; and
- ② Promote rural communities.

The strategy has been developed with the benefit of wide-ranging consultation with presentations to the Tamworth Economic Forum Breakfast, a Developers Forum; a briefing to the Tamworth City Centre Working group, workshops with Council staff and Councillors and direct consultation with the local real estate industry and an online community survey which received 351 contributions.

Should Councillors approve placing the draft strategy on exhibition, community feedback will be received from Monday 3 June until Monday 1 July. All feedback will inform a report to Council in early August when Councillors will consider the formal adoption of the strategy.

The full report and the draft strategy are included in the business paper for Tuesday's meeting at www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/business-papers.

Ceramic Break Sculpture Park presents.....

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Woodsreef – No service in June

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Golf Notes

Conditions were ideal Saturday as players contested a 4 Ball BAM for a trophy donated by Will Sedgwick and Peter Simpson. The event is played in pairs where on holes 1-6 partners record only the best score of their stableford scores whilst on holes 7-12 partners record the aggregate of their stableford scores and on the last six holes 13-18 partners multiply their stableford scores. The BAM has grown in popularity amongst players although friendships can be tested.

The overall trophy winners were Josh Austin and Jack Boyd with 61 points. Balls went to runners up on a count Ian Cabot and Tamworth visitor Cath Pyne 60 points from Davo York and Dave McMurtrie 60 points, Gary Allen and Rodger Fisher 59 and Keith Akers and Mike Artis 56 points.

NTPs went to

3rd Sam Faint

6th Keith Akers

12th Cath Pyne

16th Josh Austin

On Sunday Barraba hosted its annual Ladies Open Fourball. The overall scratch winners were Ros Sadler and Michelle Murphy from Quirindi with a scratch score of 25 points, one shot ahead of runners up Pru Newby and Shirley Bruce from Glen Innes. Net winners for the day with 44 points were Di Etheridge and Lib Thompson from Barraba with no less than 6 pairings finishing 1 point back on 43 points. After a Captains nightmare the countback runners up were Jill Burnell and Alison Cameron from Walcha.

Front nine winners with 23 points were Karen Davis and Liz Jones from Boggabri whilst back nine winners with 22 points were Judy Northcott and Jane Armitage from Bingara.

NTPs went to

3rd Ros Sadler Quirindi

6th Leslie Jeffries Tamworth

12th Susan Jackson Manilla

18th Kerrie Smith Barraba

Long Drives

A Grade Lyn Simpson Barraba

B Grade Vicki Betts Tamworth

C Grade Di Etheridge Barraba

A big thankyou to all the ladies who travelled to our annual tournament. We were blessed with glorious weather and it made for a good day of golf.

Next Sunday 2nd June we will play the first round of our Club Championships. The following Sunday 9th June is an Individual Stableford for the Betty Artis Memorial trophy.

Just a reminder, players to please check the board and start to arrange your matchplay games.

Rugby Recap

On Saturday the Rams made the trek to Scone to take on the Brumbies!

The Ladies were on the field first and they came out hard in the first 5 minutes with some solid hit ups against a very strong Scone defence. With a quick and unlucky turnover Scone managed to capitalise on the space on the wing and send a runner around the outside to get points on the board first. The youngsters in the team, Zahlie Cabot and Regan Simpson showed some exceptional skill in their chase downs and defensive tackles to keep Scone out a number of times but Scone were on a roll going into the second quarter and they managed another two quick tries. Taking the halftime score to 21-0. The Rams regrouped during the break and came out strong in the third quarter, with some quick hands from Jess Kelso the ball made its way to Phoebe Hunter who put her foot down and scored in the corner to get Barraba on the board. A tough spot to convert left the score at 21-5. It didn't take long for the ladies to strike again now after a scrum saw Charlie Norton spread the ball wide to end up with Kiah Newell, who showed her pace to get around the Scone defence and get another 5 points for Barraba on the wing, meaning another tough spot for Charlie to slot it over leaving the score 21-10. Barraba were on a roll and didn't want to ease up now. After a Scone feed in the scrum our forwards put in a big effort to turn it over and catch Scone off guard. Zahlie sent it to the backs and Regan Simpson found a gap to run 60m to score under the posts, giving Charlie an easy punt over the posts, getting to score to 21-17 at the third quarter break! The Rams wanted to continue with their streak and came back out for the last 10 with gusto! After a good run and massive hit from powerhouse Chantelle Pursell, the ball made it to Kiah Newell who gained 40 metres to get Barraba into Scone's 22. However, the game came to a pause 2 minutes into the quarter due to injury for Chantelle. With no injury time given in the Women's game the clock wound its way down and saw only 2 minutes left of game time for the Rams to fight back. With a solid effort to get a turn over the ladies gave it their all to try and secure another try but after a line out didn't go their way after the bell, Scone kicked the ball into touch, ending the game at 21-17. The girls had a solid crack at a comeback and should all be proud of their efforts!

The men ran out onto the field with a bit of a change in their typical starting line up with a few players away and out with injury. That wasn't going to stop the Rams from giving it their all. The Brumbies started out strong getting the first of the points on the board however with some fast foot work by Isaac Devine the Rams joined the Brumbies, making it 5-7 but

unfortunately that made the Brumbies that much more determined. The Rams showed some great skill in the line outs given half of the team were different than normal however they seemed to lack the power and push in their scrums with Scone gaining the upper hand on several occasions. The Rams went into the second half with Scone leading 12 - 7 however Liam Mack and Cody Townsend once again showed off their quick footwork to get another successful try and conversion on the board changing the score to 14 - 12. The Rams saw a few changes in the second half due to injuries with the father son duo of Brock and Jesse Phillips playing together as well as Shaun Spence and Luke White joining the field. The second half saw some impact players like Taine Nash and Morgan Phillips take the field. Unfortunately, the forwards took a bit of a hit as Will Robinson and Kane Ward had to come off with injury. Plays into the second half were made a little easier due to 2 yellow cards for Scone giving the Rams two very close chances at a try, however they just couldn't execute them. The Brumbies managed to score one last unconverted try leaving the score at 17-14.

Both the games were some of the best rugby to watch and this was made known by not only the Rams supporters but also by the Scone officials.

Points for day were as follows

Women's

3- Zahlie Cabot 2 - Regan Simpson
 1 - Jemma Johnson Pp - Zahlie Cabot

Men's

3- Isaac Devine 2- Brock Phillips/Will Robinson
 1- Cody Townsend/Jesse Phillips Pp - Isaac Devine

We now have two weeks off to regroup and build strength and numbers before heading away to Moree on 15 June.



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