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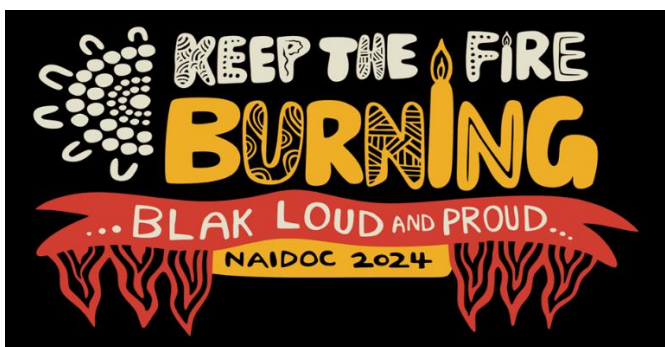
Thursday 15th August 2024 at 10am in the Day Centre.

Celebrations will include a Welcome to Country, Presentations from the local school children and story telling followed by a Morning Tea.

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Barraba Medical Centre

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Medical Centre will be closed from Monday 1st July until Friday 5th July. We will re-open on Monday 8th July at 9.00am.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

If you require any scripts during that week, please contact the surgery within the next two weeks to organise an appointment for medications.

Barraba Medical Centre Staff.



St Joseph's Primary School



HISTORY NOTES

by Terry Threlfall

(Margaret Currell is having a few weeks break)

The Barraba Saleyards – looking forlorn



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Students of the week - Charlie, Makenna and Hudson C

As you drive south out of Barraba on Fossicker's Way, there's a bright blue sign pointing to the right on Range St – "SALEYARDS". Head up there, and you'll find a substantial set of stockyards, with truck ramps and other buildings, but overgrown and neglected. It would appear the Saleyards haven't been used for quite some time.

What is the story of the Barraba Saleyards? To find out, I asked Trevor Perry, now retired, who was a Stock and Station Agent in Barraba with McKid and Co for fifty-two years. Howard Carter, current Barraba Stock and Station agent, filled me in on the more recent history.

Trevor Perry started with McKid and Co in 1953. That was the year the Barraba Saleyards opened. Prior to that, local sheep and cattle were sold at Manilla, or went to Homebush (Sydney) saleyards, where the state abattoirs were. Transport was a bit different before the 1950s – roads were generally pretty poor – it wasn't really possible to move large numbers of sheep and cattle by truck. The mob for sale usually walked to the Saleyards, driven by the owners or drovers, or they went by train. In Barraba, there were stockyards next to the silos where the sheep and cattle were loaded into rail wagons and headed off to sale.

Trevor told me that, work when he started, plans were well underway to build saleyards in Barraba. There were a lot of stock in Barraba's rich grazing land – local saleyards meant that it was easy to get stock to market, and the buyers then had the task to move them. The Barraba Saleyards opened on 10 October 1953, on a three acre block of land, next to the showgrounds and the airstrip. They were built and jointly owned by the two established Stock and Station Agents in Barraba then – McKid and Co (later to become McKid, Dalgety, and Winchcombe), and C G Williams and Co (then operated by Lowcocks).

The 1950s and 60s were a boom time for stock sales in Barraba. Every Friday there would be sales. "About 350 fat cattle would be yarded in those days," Trevor told me. "There might be any number from 2000 to 4000 sheep at a sale – all merinos, as Barraba district was a top wool growing area then."

But over the years, sales at Barraba Saleyards began to decline – the roads had improved, trucks got better, it was

easier to move stock to other markets. The local graziers realised they could get better prices at sales where there were bigger yardings and more buyers. As the 1970s went on, sheep declined and more of the cattle went to Gunnedah. Both Trevor Perry and Howard Carter agree that the last of the regular Friday sales of fat cattle at Barraba Saleyards was about 1985.

The Saleyards continued to be used – from the mid-1980s to about 2008, the Barraba Saleyards were the venue for an annual store stock sale - up to 8000 head of cattle, and 18,000 sheep might be yarded. Occasionally a similar sale was held in spring. In the early 2000s holding monthly store cattle sales were tried, as well as occasional sales of British breed sheep – neither continued for any length of time. In recent years the Saleyards seem to have been used only as a convenient place for owners to drop off a small number of cattle to be loaded onto a larger truck for transport to the Gunnedah sales, or somewhere similar. According to a sign on the Saleyards, they continue to be in private ownership – Hart Rural is the owner.

The Barraba Saleyards appear to have suffered a similar fate to that of many services in small rural towns. As transport (roads and vehicles) and communications (mobile phones, the internet) have improved in the past fifty years, business and government find it cheaper and more efficient (?) to withdraw their services from small centres to large regional centres. Barraba has lost its traditional Banks – and its Saleyards.

Thank you, Trevor and Howard, for giving me the information for these History Notes – any mistakes are mine. If anyone would like to add or correct any of this story, please write to The Editor, Barraba Community News.



The Playhouse Cinema

2.00 pm SUN 23 JUN

PAYROLL

(M, 117 mins)

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Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council on Tuesday 11 June, 2024:

- After consideration of the Tamworth Regional Council Heritage Working Group (TRCHWG) meeting minutes, Council voted to amend the Terms of Reference. Whilst this means the King George V Avenue Working Group Sub Committee will be dissolved, there will be an enhanced opportunity for collaboration, as a representative from King George V Avenue will be included in TRCHWG, and noting there is already a representative from King George V Avenue on the Urban Street Tree Management Plan Advisory Group. Council have also agreed to write to Hon. Kevin Anderson and recommend that the "School House at Hallsville" be sold or gifted to a project like BackTrack, as this was identified as an ideal site to enable its preservation.
- A number of Councillors highlighted successful literacy outcomes for local children when they considered a report about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and agreed to continue to promote the program in the local government area and actively pursue corporate and community sponsorship and donations. They agreed to allocate \$200,000 from the 2024-25 and 2025-26 General Fund to part finance the program for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years. They also decided to investigate other similar models in an effort to manage ongoing cost increases and write to the State Member for Tamworth, Kevin Anderson to lobby the State Government for funding to continue delivery of the program in our Local Government Area. Council brought Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to the region five years ago offering all children born locally the opportunity to receive a free age-appropriate book in the mail each month until the age of five. Council is in partnership with United Way Australia which administers the program across the nation. A total of 4070 children have received 118,196 books since January 2019 with 275 children "graduating" since January 2024. The report explained that while Dolly Parton initiated the program, she does not financially support it in Australia and it can only continue with the ongoing financial support of Council along with corporate and community donations. Since January 2023 there has been a total of \$185,397 received from community and corporate donations toward the ongoing annual cost of more than \$380,000.

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- To continue knowledge sharing and collaboration between Councils in relation to water and wastewater, including new ideas for improving our water security, Councillors tonight nominated Councillor Judy Coates to attend the 2024 Local Government Water Management Conference with a number of senior staff from the Water and Waste directorate. The conference will be held in Goulburn at the end of July and will feature speakers such as Tanya Plibersek MP (Minister for Environment and Water), Rose Jackson MLC (NSW Minister for Water), representatives from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, and Water, other Councils, and several others.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS



WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Here are the facts about the Special Rate Variation:

- i** The rate rise is needed because of the widening gap between TRC income level and the growing costs of providing current services and infrastructure across the region.
- i** The IPART approved permanent increase is for 36.3% over two years.
- i** Current rates across the Tamworth region are in fact significantly below the group average compared with other group 4 Councils including Albury, Dubbo, Broken Hill, Armidale, Bryon, Ballina and Eurobodalla.
- i** Two thirds of the proposed SRV will be allocated to our roads and transport network.
- i** We have already implemented a range of efficiency and productivity improvements to create operational savings.
- i** We are aware the community are doing it tough as well and have reviewed our Hardship Policy to ensure the most vulnerable in our community can get support.
- i** Anyone who receives an Australian Government pension/income support payment will receive additional rebates if the SRV is implemented.

You can read even more at:

<https://haveyoursay.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/srv>

On Friday 5 July, a Women for Election EQUIP: Candidate Training Program session will be held at the Tamworth Community Centre. This training is free and will provide tools and techniques for women with the key knowledge of how to campaign at all levels of government.

There will also be two online Women for Election EQUIP: Candidate Training Program sessions held at 6pm on Tuesday 9 and 16 July.

More information on the Women for Election EQUIP sessions can be found at <https://www.wfe.org.au/events>

Candidate Information Session Registration Form

Anyone considering running in the 2024 Local Government Elections for Tamworth Regional Council can find out more about what the role of an elected official involves at an information session on Wednesday 17 July, 2024, at the Tamworth Community Centre from 6pm - 8pm.

The Candidate Information Session will include details about the role of a Councillor in line with the NSW Local Government Act and other legislation, Tamworth Region Mayor Russell Webb will share insights from his own experiences as a Councillor, Council's General Manager Paul Bennett will speak and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. There will be some printed information available for attendees.

There is no cost involved but attendees must register by completing an application form online by noon on Monday 15 July, 2024.

Hot line up for Tamworth's new festival

The Tamworth Barbeque Festival will be one for music fans with the first round of acts for the inaugural festival including bands, duos and DJs from all over the country.

Headlining the hot new event will be festival favourites The Wolfe Brothers, Y.O.G.A. (Peking Duk's Reuben Styles), and Sweet Talk. With a variety of acts in town, event organisers are excited to offer something for most musical tastes at this new event. With over 20 hours of live music on the bill, other artists include Hurricane Fall, Brother Hollow, Liquid Zoo, Jack and the Axes, and Sally-Anne Whitten and the Rumour Mill with more performers to be announced soon.

The Tamworth Barbeque Festival will run across the last weekend in September, Friday 27 September until Sunday 29 September at the Riverside Sporting Complex on Carter Street. The festival will offer three days of American-style low and slow barbeque-related food and market stalls, smoker demonstrations, the National Thunder Motorcycle Rally and live music. Three-day passes are available for the whole weekend at \$65, or day passes for \$25 Friday, \$35 Saturday and \$15 Sunday. Children under 16 are free all weekend. To find out more and to purchase tickets visit www.tamworthbbqfestival.com.au/music.

In Memoriam

In memory of Bill Ingles

28-8-1926 to 20-6-2005

Cherished memories of a loving husband, father and grandfather of Iris, David, Stewart, Peter, Lorraine, Phillip, Mark and their families.

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef – No service in June

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 23rd June

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



My Mate Jack-

Vic (Stumpy) Tumer.2005

He's as true blue as the Gumtrees
That you'll find along the track
Been everywhere, done everything
And most folks call him Jack

I know that's not his real name
As mates we go back so far
When we went to school together
At a place called Cobbadah

As young he worked with drovers
That's where he got his degree
Eating damper, bully beef and campie
On a stock route neath a tree

He done it tough in early years
Then drifted way out west
To the black soil plains of Moree
When shearing was at its best

Learning everything in the shearing shed
Then Jack learnt to shear
Gambled on the racing horses
And had a thirst for beer

Racehorses, beer and women
Sometimes lived like a millionaire
Won and lost a fortune
But he don't really care

But he'll always be my mate
And I know when I get back
We'll have a beer together
He'll always be my mate Jack.

SAVE THE DATE

Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising Group Inc.

Town and District GARDEN RAMBLE

26th OCTOBER 2024

Gardens to be announced

From the Gwydir Shire Council Facebook page –



Act now, don't delay

Australia's 3G networks are closing down. It is important that Australians know if they will be impacted, and have time to upgrade their phones and other devices before they are closed. If you receive notice from your service provider to upgrade your device, don't put off taking action.

[Contact your service provider.](#)

[Check your mobile phone.](#)

The closure has already commenced

TPG Telecom/Vodafone has already switched off its 3G mobile network services as of January 2024.

Telstra will close their network on 31 August 2024.

Optus 3G network will be shut down from September 2024.

All 3G devices will be affected, not just phones

If you have an older device that relies on a 3G network, you must upgrade your device now. This includes mobile phones, tablets, smart watches, eftpos machines, personal emergency response solutions, and medical alarms.

Some 4G devices will be affected

Some early 4G handsets don't support 4G voice calling, which means they use the 3G network, and after the closure these devices will not be able to make a call. There are also a number of devices that support normal 4G voice calls, but force emergency calls (000) to 3G. If you have devices that don't support 4G and 4G emergency calling, you should upgrade your device, otherwise you will not be able to make an emergency call to 000 after the 3G networks close.

Buyers guide

If your mobile phone is affected, and you need to purchase a new device.

Financial Hardship

If you are in a vulnerable circumstance or experiencing financial hardship, we encourage you to contact your service provider to discuss options.

Get in touch with your service provider to check your device. While service providers are advising customers through a variety of communications forms, including text, email and post, it is important to reach out to your service provider and check if you need to take any action.

Further information

Visit the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts [3G network switch off website](#) or the ACMA's [3G network switch off](#)

[website](#) for further advice. Specific information from the leading service providers is available here:

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RECENT ANNIVERSARIES

Anne Frank's birthday (1929) – she received her famous diary as a birthday present in 1942

The release of Bill Haley's Rock Around the Clock (1954)

Nelson Mandela being sentenced to life in prison in South Africa (1964)

A coroner's report ruling that a dingo was responsible for the death of baby Azaria Chamberlain in 1980 (2012)

Captain William Bligh and his men reaching Timor after sailing 5,800 km in a 6m boat following the mutiny on the HMS Bounty (1789)

The signing of the Magna Carta (1215)

France surrendering to Nazi Germany, which occupied Paris (1940)

The formation of the Salvation Army in London (1880)

Charles Goodyear obtaining his first rubber patent (1837)

The Statue of Liberty arriving in New York aboard French ship Isere (1885)

The last public guillotining in France (1939)

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Golf Notes

It was a wonderful turnout Sunday for the 3 Person teams Best Ball SAND trophy with all players contesting for Graham Bowman’s individual trophy. Conditions turned cold however, the team of Firman Allen, Jesse Phillips and Liam Johnston were red hot carding 49 points to take out the team SAND trophy. Runners up were Peter York, Ian Cabot and Richard Pudicombe on 45 points. In the individual scores Peter York fired a par round 71 to card 38 points and win Graham Bowman trophy. Runners up was Graham Bowman 36 points with balls going to Rob Sweeney 35, Kev Kelaher 35, Will Sedgwick 34, Dan Lott 34 and Mandy Koopman 34.

Only one NTP to Will Sedgwick on the 18th.

Next Sunday 23rd June our attention turns to the second round of our Club Championships for Campbell Tonkins trophy. The following Sunday 30th is the Men’s Manilla Open whilst locally we have Individual Stableford for a club trophy.



Chicken Biryani



Servings 6, Prep time 2 hours, Cook time 1 hour

Ingredients

3 large red onions, sliced thin
 200ml peanut oil for frying
 1 kg chicken thighs, skin off
 4 tbsp yoghurt
 1 tsp chilli powder
 1/2 tsp ground turmeric
 1 tsp garam masala
 3 tsp ginger paste
 1 tsp garlic paste
 Juice of 1 lemon
 2 green chillies

2 cinnamon sticks
 12 cardamom pod
 2 tsp cumin seeds
 6 cloves
 Salt to taste
 1 bunch mint
 1 bunch coriander
 1 kg aged basmati rice

Directions

Start by making the crispy onions by heating up the oil in a saucepan over a medium high heat and frying the sliced onions in batches until golden brown.

Next, marinate your chicken by adding the chicken, 1/3 of the crispy onions, yoghurt, chilli powder, turmeric, garam masala, ginger, garlic, lemon juice, one cinnamon stick, 8 cardamom pods, 1 green chilli sliced thin, 1 tsp cumin seeds, 4 cloves, chopped mint and coriander and a tsp of salt in a large pot. Mix well and marinate for 4-24 hours.

With the rice, rinse it twice then soak it in water for 40 minutes.

In a large pot, half filled with water, add 1 tbsp salt, 1 green chilli sliced lengthways in half, 6 green cardamom, 1 cinnamon stick, 2 cloves and 1 tsp cumin seeds and bring to a simmer.

Add the soaked rice to the simmering water, stir once and cook for 6-8 minutes or until its just cooked. You still want a bit of bite in the rice.

Remove the rice from the water and set aside.

Place the marinated chicken onto a high heat and cook for 6-7 minutes, stirring every 1-2 minutes.

Remove half of the chicken, then sprinkle half of the rice on the chicken in the pot.

Next, add a layer of the crispy onions, some mint and coriander.

Place the rest of the chicken and repeat with the rice, crispy onions and herbs.

Place a clean tea towel over the lid of the pot and cover the biryani.

Turn your element to medium high for 10 minutes, then turn it down to very low for 30 minutes. Take from the heat and let it rest for 20 minutes before taking the lid off and serving.

Enjoy!

From The Conversation

Thieves, needlewomen, Aboriginal warriors and a ten-year-old boy: the free people transported as convicts to Van Diemen's Land.

Kristyn Harman, Associate Professor in History, University of Tasmania

Victoria Nagy, Lecturer in Criminology, University of Tasmania

Emma Cotton (or Cotterell) sailed into Sydney harbour on the Rubicon in 1833 as a free immigrant. A 32-year-old woman of independent means, she took on needlework in the colony. Emma's genteel life unravelled four years later when she appeared before a Sydney court charged with stealing a bundle of "wearing apparel".

Emma was transported to Van Diemen's Land (Iutruwita or Tasmania) for seven years, then spent the rest of her life in Hobart. After her sudden death in February 1863, a local newspaper reported she was "better known as old Emma the fortune teller". If Emma had been able to foretell her own future, she may have chosen to stay in London.

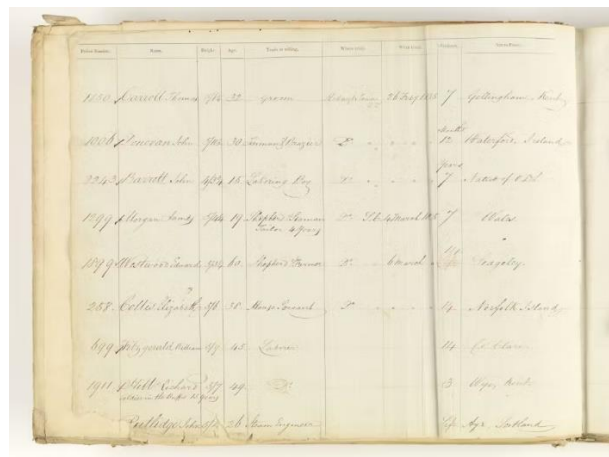
Conditions for convicts in Van Diemen's Land were tough. Food was rationed. Many prisoners spent time in penal stations such as Port Arthur, female houses of correction known as "female factories", probation stations, where convicts were required to serve the initial period of their sentences, or asylums. A prison for boys, Point Puer, was built next to Port Arthur. Some men laboured on road gangs.

Women often worked in colonists' homes as domestic servants. Emma was assigned to work at the Police Magistrate's office. She also did time, probably at the infamous wash tubs at the Cascades Female Factory in South Hobart.

Details of Emma's case were carefully captured in a convict indent register. Now known as CON16, five of these rectangular registers with their spidery handwriting and tatty bindings survive. Among the many named in them are 627 men, women and children who arrived free or were born free in the Australian colonies but became convicts in Van Diemen's Land.

Their stories have, until now, mostly been forgotten. They challenge popular narratives of Australian history suggesting only convicts from Britain and Ireland were transported to Van Diemen's Land.

The youngest prisoner, a boy called Joseph Levy, was just ten when transported for perjury. The oldest was a 75-year-old man who laboured on a road gang.



A page from the registers. Tasmanian Archives

As well as Indigenous convicts from the Cape colony (now part of South Africa) and New Zealand, more than 60 Aboriginal men from mainland Australia were transported as convicts during the 19th-century frontier wars.

In the Port Phillip District of New South Wales (now Victoria), some Aboriginal warriors engaged in economic sabotage. Yanem Goona, also known as "Old Man Billy Billy", was thought to be a ringleader. When a large flock of sheep was driven off a station near Mt Arapiles in 1845, a white-led Native Police contingent tracked the missing animals, locating around 200 sheep in a "bush yard" built by local Aboriginal people.

Yanem Goona was arrested, tried and sentenced to ten years' transportation to Van Diemen's Land. When serving his initial probationary period at Norfolk Island, a visitor noted how the old man cried whenever he thought of home.

After being shipped to Van Diemen's Land, Yanem Goona died in custody at the Impression Bay probation station on October 31 1848.

'A good riddance'

Of these 627 people named and detailed in the register, 276 were sentenced in NSW. Forty-five went through the South Australian law courts, 29 were shipped from Victoria, and 19 from Western Australia. Within Van Diemen's Land itself, 247 free people were sentenced to transportation and sent to Port Arthur and other convict establishments. The overwhelming majority, more than 88%, were male.

The first entry in the register is for Thomas Carroll, an Englishman who arrived free in Launceston in November 1831. Carroll opened a livery stables, advertising horses and gigs for hire, and his services breaking in fillies and colts. After moving to Hobart and working as a groom, Carroll was found guilty of stealing a saddle and sentenced to

transportation for seven years. He was sent to work on a road gang a few miles from Hobart.

Peter Haley (or Caley) was a groom in Adelaide before being sentenced to transportation for ten years for horse stealing.

Born near Cape Town, Haley was a Khoisan man who arrived free in Sydney in 1839. By 1850 he had become a notorious horse thief. The following year he was transported to Van Diemen's Land where he served 15 months at Cascades probation station before being sent into service at New Norfolk, a rural area located inland from Hobart. As a convict labourer, he continued to steal horses. His sentence was extended to transportation for life.

Ultimately, Haley absconded, joined a gang of bush-rangers, and was nicknamed "Black Peter". Eventually the gang was captured, tried and executed. Haley was hanged in Hobart in February 1859 alongside one of his friends.

Not all formerly free people who became convicts in Van Diemen's Land were sentenced to transportation. Occasionally their sentence was "death recorded", meaning they were sentenced to death with an immediate reprieve, then transported instead.

Such was the case for Dola, a southeast Asian sailor found guilty in Adelaide of attempted murder on the high seas. When he and seven other convicts were sent to Hobart in June 1851 on the brig Union, the Adelaide Observer announced their departure under the headline "A Good Riddance".



The female factory from Proctors Quarry by John Skinner Prout, 1844. Allport Library and Museum, State Library of Tasmania

83 'stripes on the breech'

The median age of these convicts was 42.5 years – much higher than today's median age of 31 years for offenders.

Only 10% were under the age of 20. However, there were some outliers.

Joseph Levy appeared before the Berrima Circuit Court in NSW in September 1841, aged ten. One of six children from a Catholic family living at Blacktown, Joseph was a key witness in a case involving an alleged horse-stabbing. Levy told the court the horse's owner had promised him a cow and a calf if the boy said he had witnessed the attack. However, he hadn't seen anything.

Levy was charged with perjury then transported to Van Diemen's Land for seven years. While incarcerated at Point Puer, a facility for boys, Levy was punished many times. He received a total of 83 "stripes on the breech" and spent 61 days in solitary confinement. When his sentence expired in 1848, Levy was sent back to NSW.

Michael Caffray, meanwhile, was a carpenter from Dublin who came out to Van Diemen's Land as a free migrant. He was 75 when tried in Hobart in 1836 for receiving 40 pounds of stolen mutton and sentenced to transportation for 14 years.

Caffray laboured on the Grass Tree Hill road gang on the outskirts of Hobart while under sentence. He died in 1854 from paralysis at Impression Bay on the Tasman Peninsula.

Violent interpersonal crimes (murder, manslaughter, rape and assault) account for only 8% of cases resulting in transportation to Van Diemen's Land. Some crimes, such as larceny, burglary, housebreaking, robbery and stealing from a person (49.5% of cases), are not unexpected. Stealing animals (cattle, horses and sheep) also figure frequently (12.3% of cases).

However, offences we view as white collar crimes, which don't attract lengthy prison sentences today, figure quite often. These include forgery, embezzlement, and fraud and false pretences.

Various bigamists, arsonists, military absconders and offenders, perjurers and those convicted of "unnatural offences" also lost their freedom. Convicts who offended while serving their sentences received further punishments.

All the free people who became convicts in Van Diemen's Land had something in common. The activities they engaged in were criminalised, and they were seen as bad characters. Those who survived the system were viewed as "tainted" within their own lifetimes.

But the criminal deportation of these formerly free people tells us more about colonial Australian attitudes and values than it does about the individuals themselves.

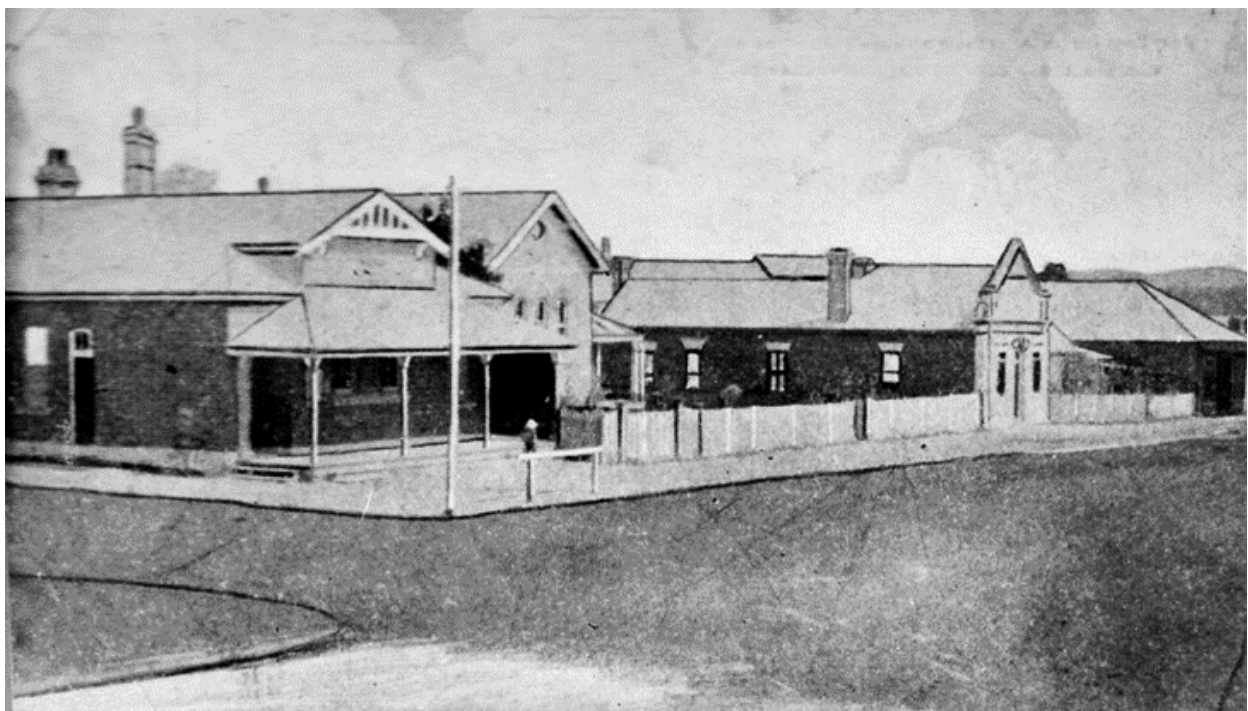
The Barraba Post Office in it's earlier form.

From the Nandewar Historical Society Museum files scanned by Adrian Hagan.

The 1st photo is from the early Cobb & Co mail delivery days with a hitching rail in front and only 3 Telegraph lines to the Post Office.

The 2nd. photo is a postcard produced by Otto Rabe from a photo by J C L Veness. Not sure what photographic process used for this as it appears almost posterised.

None the less a very clear history record with the slightly later Post Office, the Courthouse back from the footpath, the original single story CBC (NAB) Bank and Morrow's Store down about where Charlie Hart's is now. Posted by Brian Coote.



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