



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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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

Funding on offer for heritage buildings

Owners of buildings in the region that are heritage listed, or located in a heritage precinct are encouraged to apply for Council's Heritage Assistance Fund 2024 -2025.

Tamworth Regional Council Heritage Working Group chair, Councillor Helen Tickle said successful applicants are eligible to share in over \$50,000 in funding to improve the overall appearance and structure of their heritage buildings.

"The Heritage Assistance Fund is a Council initiative to assist owners of historically significant properties to make improvements to their buildings. Funding covers works such as external paint, repairs and replacement of certain features like verandas, roofs and fences." Cr Tickle said.

The Fund, which was established by Tamworth Regional Council with the aid of grant funding from the NSW Heritage Office, is not just open to residential heritage buildings but commercial as well, with Cr Tickle urging these owners to apply.

"I would encourage owners of properties in commercial precincts across our region to consider seeking funding this year. Property owners will not only be investing in their business, but also the preservation of our regions history." Cr Tickle said

Wayne Mauger and Marianne Buchan have been successful applicants in previous rounds of funding and have had a wonderful experience restoring the cottage and out buildings on their farm in Woolomin, not just for themselves but the entire community.

"We have loved seeing the excitement of people that live near us and those who actually lived in the cottage nearly 100 years ago. Two sisters who are now in their late 90's have visited and told us of their fond memories. The family now even hold their annual get togethers here on our farm" Ms Buchan said.

They encourage other locals with heritage properties to apply for the up to dollar-for-dollar funding, as it helped give them a push to continue their restoration works. "The Heritage assistance program has given us the incentive both financially and personally to complete this project, it has been a real project of love for my husband."

Applications for the Fund close on Friday July 12 at 5:00pm. To submit yours or to find out more head to - <https://trcnews.au/heritage>

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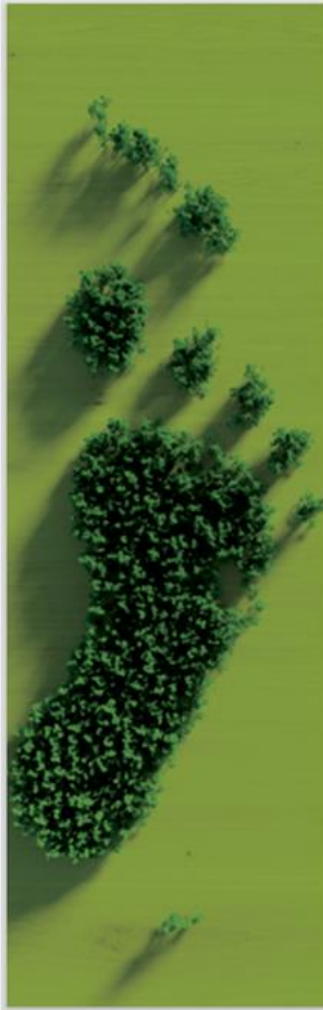
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Graymont announces launch of community-focused Carbon Reduction Fund and invites applications for 2024 initiatives

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The fund's role is to support projects focused on:

- Protecting the environment by the responsible use of resources
- Reducing our carbon footprint through increased energy efficiency
- Developing and maintaining natural, biological 'carbon sinks' such as agricultural land, forests or peat bogs that act as a natural offset for carbon

If you have a project idea that relates to any of these topics, the GCRF is looking for you!

For additional information, please contact [Lizz Norvill - 0428 450 171 or lizz.norvill@graymont.com](mailto:lizz.norvill@graymont.com)

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Reading Awards - Elkie, Fletcher, Willow, Jack and Grace P



Students of the Week - Kevin, Caspian and Myles. Kevin also received the Captains award for the week.

Barraba Memorial Clock Centenary

Planning for the 100th Birthday Celebrations are under way to commemorate "The Clock" and its importance to our heritage. An enthusiastic committee has been meeting to organise activities to be held on the 24th November 2024.

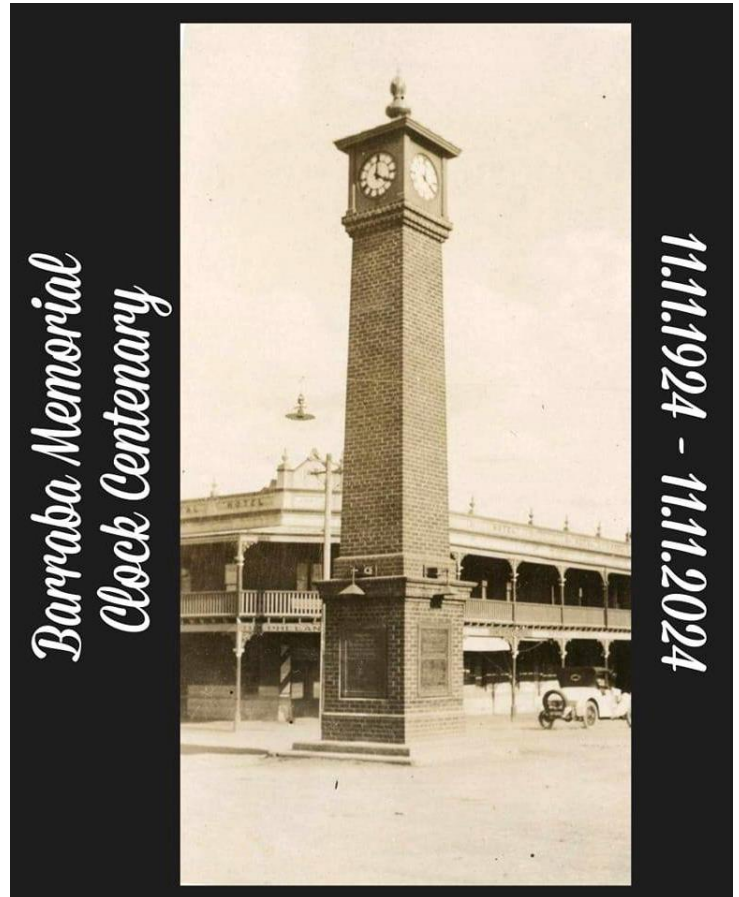
The committee are asking community members to save the date and to invite your family and friends to attend, to help celebrate and to get involved by either:

1. Joining a band to play music. If you play an instrument of any kind and would like to join the band contact David Witten on 67821248 to express your interest.
2. Start a Poppy Project to help decorate shop windows, street facing windows of your home, your mailbox or property entrance. Contact Ally Denyer on 0458448325 for links to a free knit or crochet poppy pattern. Poppys are not limited to knit or crochet, any medium of your choice will be fantastic!
3. Sharing any history/photos/stories that you are aware of that reflects "The Clock" from 1924 to 2024. Contact Adrian Hagan on 0427112631
4. Write a poem competition- about the clock is also being organized. Categories are for:
 - a) Adults
 - b) Secondary Students
 - c) Primary/Infants Students

Contact Patti Crowley on 0459608486

For future information regarding this event keep an eye on the Barraba Community News or follow us on Facebook at Barraba Memorial Clock Centenary

Let's make this a day to remember, for it is 'Right to Remember'.



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HISTORY NOTES

By Julie Williams and Terry Threlfall

Are you related to these families?

A few weeks ago the following query appeared on the Barraba Historical Museum Facebook page:

Good morning

This is my first attempt to make contact with the Barraba Historical group. We are digging into the family history of the Stevens and Dower families who had strong connections to Barraba and Gulf Creek Mine over the late 1890s to early 1920s. These were Copper mining families from Cornwall. William Stevens died and was buried in Barraba in 1918. His son in law Michael Barnett Dower was Mine manager at Gulf Creek around the 1900 period. His sons Henry Martin (Harry) Stevens and John James Lachlan (Loch) Stevens were living in Barraba over this period perhaps with a connection to the Royal Hotel. Loch Stevens enlisted in the AIF in Barraba in January 1918. He served in the 6th Light Horse in Egypt. He gave his brother Harry as his next of kin and the military notes on the record suggest his address might have been the Royal Hotel Barraba. William Stevens' daughter was Frances Jane Stevens and she is my wife's great grandmother. She died in 1960 and was known to my wife. She married Michael Dower and moved to Barraba in 1900. Her first son William Frances Barnett Dower was born in Barraba in 1901.

Two questions.....

Is any of this ringing any bells for anyone?

Is the Barraba Museum open on Friday 12th July? We are planning a trip to Barraba on that day.

Thanks for reading this far and for any leads you can provide.

Brian and Marianne Keating

Then a post a while later:

Yes we will definitely plan to be in Barraba on Friday 12th July and find our way to the Museum at 10 am. We'd love to chat with anyone who is interested in Barraba at the start of the 20th century. Anyone with some insights into the Stevens or Dower families and the links to the Gulf Creek mine at that time would be great to meet.

Best regards Brian and Marianne Keating, Tatiara Farm, Duranbah NSW.

If you could help Brian and Marianne Keating with their quest to find out more about their relatives, please call/text

Julie Williams 0412 603 831, or write to The Editor, Barraba Community News.

The Barraba Saleyards – a social centre of town?

When I wrote about the Barraba Saleyards in last week's "History Notes" (later published on the Facebook page), I didn't think about the social aspect of that regular gathering of locals. I was reminded of this by two local farmers who came up to me, and by numerous responses that appeared on the Facebook page.

Two examples from the Facebook page:

From Chris Hagan –

I loved helping dad up at the saleyards, pre and post sales day. The day following the sales, some cattle and sheep would be kept over and need feed and water. These were mostly cattle, taken down to the trucking yards to be sent by rail. They were good days being around Lloyd Perry, Trevor Perry, Billy and Jim McKid, Mrs White, Jimmy Dunn, Mr Cameron, Mrs Wilson. Some great people.

From Fay Corin –

On sale days, the shops in town were booming with business..every second Wednesday I believe.

Thanks everybody.

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef – No service in June

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 30th June

This Sunday only 10:30am service at Barraba combined with Manilla, lunch to follow.

ALL WELCOME.

From Sunday 7th July all services return to 8:45am.

CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday evening Mass 5pm
All other Sundays 9am

LOCAL PROJECTS STILL ON TRACK IN BUDGET

The 2024/25 NSW Budget has delivered important funding to ensure local projects will stay on track however this is despite a skin and bones budget that delivered little else for new projects.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said it was disappointing to see the Labor Government had pulled the handbrake on any significant investment in the regions such as planning and development of a new school for Tamworth. "I've been working hard to ensure our local projects get the funding they need to stay on track and are delivered for our people. Major projects like Gunnedah Hospital, the Tamworth Mental Health Unit, Goonoo Goonoo Road, the PET scan for Tamworth, Port Stephens Cutting all received funding in this budget which is good news, and I'll continue to work with the government to get them across the line."

Funding items identified in the NSW Budget include:

- \$53m Gunnedah Hospital
- \$58 Tamworth Mental Health Unit
- \$2 million for the PET scan at the cancer centre
- \$4.5m Werris Creek Industrial Precinct
- \$20.5m to upgrade Port Stephens Cutting
- \$2.5m Gunnedah TAFE
- \$40m Goonoo Goonoo Road redevelopment
- \$26m UNE Tamworth
- Funding to upgrade Tamworth High, Woolomin Public School and Niangala Public School

"I am concerned that Labor doesn't seem to have a vision for our region, and are only investing in projects that were created, planned and funding locked away previously." Mr Anderson added. "We need a greater focus on what's next for the region to ensure that we are building the infrastructure we need for the future, not just for now. One of the biggest disappointments in this budget is that there has been little reprieve for community groups and not-for-profits who rely on government grants to offer programs and upgrade their facilities. The former government offered a range of grant opportunities such as the Stronger Country Communities Fund which empowered local groups, allowing them to grow and give back to the community. That's all ended under Labor with the government keeping the money in Macquarie Street, consolidating their coffers, and robbing the regions of opportunities to invest in public amenities and infrastructure. That needs to change and I'll continue to call out the government for cutting funding programs that allowed our local grassroots organisations to grow."

Thank you to Bill McKid

Bill very generously gave the Barraba Potters and Craft Guild a donation in recognition of the 'Yarn Bombing' of the tree outside his office. As an all-volunteer group we appreciate the donation to help us stay active and the gallery open.



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THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 27th June

Bingo from 6pm

FRIDAY 28th June

MEAT RAFFLES

Tickets on sale from 5.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1400

SUNDAY 30th June

ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES

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SUNDAY: 12-2pm

2024 New England Outdoor Adventure Show

Saturday 29 June @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



The New England Outdoor Adventure Show offers a huge range of caravans, camper trailers, 4WD accessories, camping and adventure gear and loads of new-release products as well as expert advice. Enjoy a fun-filled day out for the whole family, with more than 100 exhibitors, stocking all the latest products and services, you are guaranteed to leave prepared for your next trip. There is plenty of entertainment in store for the 2024 show! From jumping castles to 4WD demos, fishing shows and Freestyle Action Sports, you are sure to be in for an action-packed weekend. Tickets are available at the gate.

Gates open at 9am till 4pm daily.

16 years & over \$15

Children 15 & under are FREE if accompanied by an adult.

Venue [Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre \(AELEC\)](#)

503 Goonoo Goonoo Road Tamworth



Orange Festival

Stall Holders Welcome!

If you would like to have a stall at this year's Orange Festival, please email btourism@gwydir.nsw.gov.au to request an application.

Applications close one (1) week prior to the event.

Hope to see you there!

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NEW MEMBER FOR NORTHERN TABLELANDS



CONGRATULATIONS BRENDAN MOYLAN MP

While the final result of yesterday's by-election won't be formally declared until 10 July, the outcome is clear and I want to offer a massive congratulations to my friend [Brendan Moylan for Northern Tablelands](#), who I am now so proud to call my local Member of Parliament!

Having worked incredibly hard during the by-election campaign, covering thousands of kilometres visiting communities large and small and meeting with countless locals, he thoroughly deserves this result and confidence placed in him by the voters.

I know he'll continue how he has started and always do his best for the Northern Tablelands.

Congratulations and good luck Brendan!



Answers on page 9

1. Which nut is named for a South American country?
2. The *Proboscidea* order is commonly known as what type of extant animal?
3. Discovered in 1994, which tree is an Australian living fossil?
4. Which independent European state was established with the 1929 Lateran Treaty?
5. In which year in the 1980s, was the Falklands War?
6. Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney comprise which indie rock duo?
7. Who coined the term "metaverse": Ursula K. Le Guin, Neal Stephenson or Mark Zuckerberg?

A GREAT NIGHT!

Matt Arthur and The Lazy Bones played to a full house at The Playhouse Hotel on last Friday night. And what a night it was! Four brilliant musicians delighted the audience with great songs from the best of Eric Clapton, interspersed with some of Matt Arthur's own compositions.

The night was then rounded off with a superb dinner, where the guests could meet the artists and buy their CDs or LPs.

Congratulations Andrew Sharp on organising such a great evening.



The Playhouse Hotel THE SWEARING JAR

(M, 111 mins)

2 pm Sunday 30 June

A highly praised new Canadian movie, described by critics as "brilliantly conceived" and "a truthful, complex study of mourning, moving on and the enduring quality of love." All tkts \$10. Enquiries 6782 1109

Attention

Changes regarding the Barraba Waste Facility

Opening days will change to Tuesday, Friday and Sunday as of Tuesday 2 July 2024

(Previously Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Tamworth Regional Council is changing the operating hours to make it more accessible to residents spread more equally across the week.



Barraba

Tuesday 8.30 - 11.30am

Friday 8.30 - 11:30am

Sunday 1.00 - 4:00pm

FYI

The Barraba landfill will change to a **Waste Transfer Station** later this year meaning that waste from this landfill will be transported into Tamworth Landfill instead of being landfilled here.

The main difference to residents will be the way rubbish is unloaded. Instead of being able to push rubbish out of a ute or trailer straight onto the ground, users will have to lift and place all rubbish into a skip bin. These changes come into effect later this year.

The changes from a Landfill to a **Waste Transfer Station** is for improved environmental outcomes, safety improvements and operational efficiencies.

Tamworth Regional Council is open to any feedback on these changes by emailing trc@tamworth.nsw.gov.au or calling 02 6767 5555





Key messages - Our Annual Plan & Budget and Special Variation

Speaking Points In relation to AOP and The Special Variation will get us:

Continuation of existing service levels with the addition of-

In year 1:

- \$4 million additional expenditure on roads
- Increase to pensioner rebates of \$222,000
- \$1,5M on assets such as buildings, stormwater, recreational assets (includes parks, TRECC and the Town Hall)

From year 2 onwards:

- \$8.5 million dollars being spent on Council roads
- Increase to pensioner rebate of \$443,200 (note this includes the \$222,000 mentioned above)
- Over \$3.3 million being spent on Council's assets such as buildings, stormwater, recreational assets

If we do not implement the SV then Councillors will need to look at decreasing non infrastructure services by considering options such as:

- Libraries - shut at least one library
- Art Galleries - maintenance of current assets only, no new acquisitions
- Entertainment venues - sell assets (TRECC or AELEC) and potentially cease Capital Theatre tenancy • Scale back the Country Music Festival - less events, less days
- Reduced hours of operations of facilities such as pools, including the potential closure of pools
- Increase fees and charges on sporting fields to ensure that users are covering full costs (or at least reduce the level of subsidy)
- Close non-essential community buildings and halls
- Scale back road and infrastructure repairs and maintenance, however this would not be recommended due to the increased risk to human life
- Elimination of subsidisation of sporting events and the cessation of community grants programs
- Acknowledging that the above will result in the loss of staff

Importantly, most of the above are directly related to our Community Service Obligations levels which are currently at 80-90%. These would need to be significantly reduced.

Councillors would also need to consider situations where community and sporting groups have peppercorn lease agreements (eg \$500 a year) for multimillion dollar assets e.g. hockey and most of the football codes. These rents may need to increase closer to market rates to help cover shortfalls or consider the sale of these assets in order to minimise Council's future maintenance and replacement costs.

While not all actions or decisions would be required at once, Councillors would need to start prioritising with the community which of the above they are happy to see scaled back or ceased or sold for the next year's budget.

Average increase on residential rates across the region

Residential	2023-2024 (annual rates average)	2024-2025	2025-2026	Total average Increase	Total average weekly Increase
Ordinary	\$924.41	\$1,095.43	\$1,259.74	\$335.33	\$3.22
Barraba	\$627.14	\$743.16	\$854.64	\$227.50	\$2.19
Manilla	\$617.45	\$731.68	\$841.43	\$223.98	\$2.15
Kootingal and Moonbi	\$515.76	\$611.17	\$702.85	\$187.09	\$1.80
(Attunga, Bendemeer & Nundle)	\$603.14	\$714.72	\$821.93	\$218.79	\$2.10
Tamworth (Urban Only)	\$1,337.61	\$1,585.06	\$1,822.82	\$485.21	\$4.67

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Golf Notes.



On Sunday a very good field of 33 players contested the second round of our Club Championships, playing for

Campbell Tonkin’s trophy. The winner with the very good nett score of 62 was Stacey Sedgwick. Runner up with a net 65 was Davo York who again shot below his age and continues his good run of form. Balls went to Tom Mellor 68, Chris Sweeney 68, Daniel Anderson 70, Mike Artis 70, Mandy Koopman 71, Billy Simpson 71, Peter Summerell, 72, Dan Lott 73, Jesse Phillips 73 and Will Sedgwick 73.

NTPs went to Stacey Sedgwick on the 3rd, Kieran Darlington on the 6th, Peter Summerell on the 16th and Shane Middlemiss on the 18th.

With our Club Championship format now allowing players to take their 2 best scores over the first 3 rounds of play it is a bit early to get a true gauge as to who is leading. Fair to say however that Chris Sweeney’s par round 71 today coupled with his 76 in round one positions him as the leader to chase down. In the Ladies Championships Mandy Koopman’s second round 84 on Sunday helped her quest for another Championship win.

Next Sunday 30th June is the annual Manilla Men’s Open. For those players not travelling to Manilla there will be an Individual Stableford for a club trophy.

The following Sunday 7th July is the Men’s Foursomes Championships whilst the following Sunday 14th July is the Ladies Foursomes Championships.

Don’t forget Tuesday is ladies golf commencing at 9am for nine holes. All are welcome and beginners are encouraged to join in with coffee afterwards.

Trivia Answers

1. Brazil nuts
2. Elephant
3. Wollemi Pine.
4. Vatican City.
5. 1982.
6. The Black Keys.
7. Neal Stephenson in his novel Snow Crash (1992).



BARRABA PONY CLUB INCORPORATED
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Barraba Pony Club 2024

Barraba Pony Club (Established 1957) is gearing up for a busy end to 2024. The Jamboree Cycle for Zone 5 means that Barraba will be hosting the event on 8th and 9th October. Whilst the numbers of riders have reduced in recent years it is still a big event for a small Club such as Barraba to facilitate.

We are currently auditing our equipment that we need to run the events on the program. We plan to run a major raffle which will help offset the costs of running the event. Costs include judges (up to 8-10 over the 2 days) travel, accommodation and meals, Zone executive accommodation and meals, equipment upgrades, office/administration expenses associated with the preparation and running of the event.

There may be opportunities for Community Groups/Sporting Groups to run or help run a Canteen/BBQ either to benefit their own group or for a small donation from Pony Club if only time can be provided. We also need to provide a number of meals, and morning/afternoon teas for judges and officials over the 2 ½ day event.

Some of the things we need include: Marquees for judges (x 3), Hand held 2 ways for use over the 2 days. Unwanted (empty) 200 litre steel drums (900mm height) and smaller drums (600mm height) are also items that would be very useful. Donations of goods suitable for a raffle would be gratefully accepted.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact Diane Etheridge (0419 844109) or email barrabaponyclub@gmail.com



Rugby Report:

On Saturday the Inverell Highlanders travelled to Barraba where the Rams were ready to make a comeback. The game started strong with some good plays from Nick Sweeney and Sam Gorton. The Rams got the first lot of points on the board with Nick Sweeney barging over the line and a conversion by Luke White - we are lucky he has come out of retirement! 22 minutes to go in the first half allowed for the Rams to gain some extra points for a penalty but the celebration was short lived when Luke White was given a yellow card for a dangerous tackle which put the Rams one player down until 3.42 seconds to go in the first half. Luke ran back on with determination and in his effectiveness managed to accidentally run over the ref - no-one was harmed. The Rams finished the second half leading 10-0.

The second half saw the Highlanders put some points on the board without a successful conversion. The Rams soon fought back with Isaac Devine scoring and Luke White once again coming through with a successful conversion. Not long after this, the Highlanders received a yellow card however they managed to get in again with another try with 15 minutes to go taking the score to 17-10. The Rams seemed to struggle to gain momentum but continued to push on with some great forward hit ups, trying to make some space for the back three to show their speed in the second half. Defending a team like Inverell proves hard with their quick offloads and pace but there was some excellent tackling from Isaac Devine, Harrison Davies and Tom Green throughout the game. In the last minute of the game Inverell managed to score a try in the corner, taking the score to 17-15 with a kick to come. The Inverell player lined the kick up and the entire team charged it down, with the game thought to be over with a 17-15 win to Barraba however the boys were sent back to the try line due to noise being made during the kick. A controversial finish saw the ref move the mark directly in front of the sticks, much to the players and crowd's displeasure, giving Inverell an easy slot over due to no charge down being allowed. A unfortunate way to lose a win however a 17 all draw is a better result than a loss.

Points for the day went to:

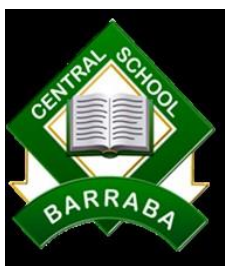
3- Nick Sweeney

2- Harrison Davies

1- Tom Green

Players player - Luke White

Our women will have another bye next week but the men will travel to Quirindi to take on the Lions.



Across the Desk From the Principal, Patrick Sullivan

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students
and Staff,

As we approach the end of Term 2, I am delighted to share some fantastic news and updates from Barraba Central School. It's been a busy and rewarding few weeks filled with remarkable achievements and events that highlight the vibrant spirit of our school community.

Roofing Work Completed I am pleased to announce that the roofing work on E-Block has been completed. This marks a significant milestone in our efforts to improve the school's infrastructure. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Crawford Construction for their exceptional work and to our students and staff for their patience and cooperation during the construction period.

Sporting Achievements Our students continue to excel in various sports:

- Congratulations to Hugh Crowley, Jock Cabot, and Xavier Darlington on their selection for the Zone Rugby Union Team. This is a wonderful accomplishment and we are incredibly proud of them.

- **In Netball**, a big congratulations to Holli Thomson for being selected for the regional team. Your hard work and talent are truly inspiring.

- **The regional cross-country event** in Coolah saw outstanding performances from Annabel Kanno, Holli Thomson, Lachie Rodgers and Lilly Groth. Despite the cooler weather, they all acquitted themselves admirably, representing our school with pride.

School Athletics Carnival The school athletics carnival was a huge success, with Splitrock emerging as the winning house. We witnessed some incredible performances, with several records being broken. A special congratulations to our age champions and a noteworthy mention to Billy Randall, who broke all records in his age group. Well done to everyone who participated and made the day memorable!

School Photos It was wonderful to see everyone's smiling faces for the school photos on Monday. A big thank you to Damian and MSP Photography for capturing such wonderful moments. We look forward to seeing the final photos and cherishing these memories.

Primary Open Soccer Match There was a fantastic display of school spirit during the Primary Open Soccer match against Boggabri. The game was played in great spirit

and while Boggabri came away with a 5-3 win, our students demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done to all who participated!

Debating Success Words have been flying at Barraba Central School with some impressive debating performances:

- Our secondary students had a spirited debate against Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School. Although Farrer won, our students showcased their debating skills admirably.

- In the Primary division, our debaters secured a victory over Bingara Central School. Congratulations on this excellent achievement!

Primary Public Speaking Competition This year's Primary Public Speaking Competition focused on multiculturalism and I am thrilled to announce that Noah Lowe, Isaac Gadd, Ali Coombes, and Laura Russell have been selected to compete in the local finals at Delungra. Best of luck to all of you in the finals!

Upcoming Reports As we near the end of the term, I want to remind everyone that student reports will be distributed on Wednesday, Week 10. These reports will provide a comprehensive overview of your child's progress and achievements over the term. Please take the time to review them and discuss any areas for improvement or celebration with your child.

As we wrap up this term, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the collective efforts of our students, staff, and parents. Your dedication and enthusiasm make Barraba Central School a nurturing and inspiring place for learning and growth. Enjoy the remaining weeks of the term, and I look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 3!

Warm regards, Patrick Sullivan

Public Speaking

Earlier this week our Primary students took part in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Well done to all of our students for their amazing efforts in presenting such well organised speeches in an engaging manner!

The following students have been selected to compete at the Local Finals in Delungra next week:

Year 3/4: Noah Lowe & Isaac Gadd

Year 5/6: Ali Coombes & Laura Russell

Congratulations! We wish you the best of luck!





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- Hydraulic Quick Hitch



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NICKNAMES FOR WORKMATES IN AUSTRALIA

Wicket keeper - puts on gloves and stands back

Harvey Norman - 3 years no interest

Sensor light - only works if someone walks past

Noodles - thinks all jobs take 2 minutes

Blister - appears when the hard work is done

Showbag - full of shit

Lantern - not very bright and has to be carried

Deck chair - always folds under pressure

Perth - 3 hours behind everyone else

G-spot - you can never find him

Bushranger - holds everyone up

Wheelbarrow - only works when he's pushed

Limo - carries about 8 people

Cordless - charges all night but only works for 2 hours