



FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER

BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Wednesday 3rd July 2024

Correction to Town Clock Memorial We had an OOPs last week

The date for the 100th Birthday Celebration to commemorate "The Clock" and its importance to our heritage will be held on the **11th November 2024**.

Some ways you can join in are:

1. Joining a band to play music. 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.
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



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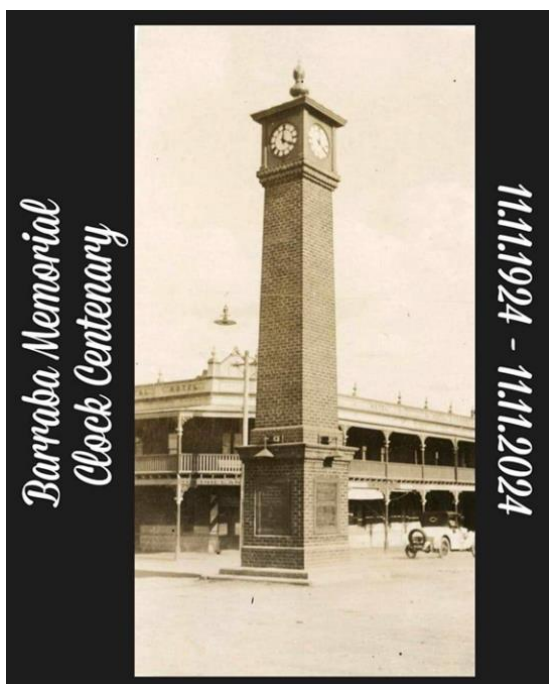
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Retirement

Ian and Vita Arnold after more than 20 years on the mail run.

Jenny York after a lifetime career ___ ? years in hairdressing.

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THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 4th July

Bingo from 6pm

FRIDAY 5th July

MEAT RAFFLES

Tickets on sale from 5.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1400

SUNDAY 7th July

ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES

Raffles on sale from 12pm, drawn 1.30pm

Membership Draw \$1800

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MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY: CLOSED

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

SUNDAY: 12-2pm

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COME CELEBRATE NAIDOC WEEK WITH US

ALL WELCOME.

The Barraba Health Service and Richardson House invite you to join us to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2024.

WHEN: Thursday 15th August 2024 TIME: 10am.

WHERE: Barraba MPS Day Centre.

On the 19th June we included the article *Thieves, needlewomen, Aboriginal warriors and a ten-year-old boy: the free people transported as convicts to Van Diemen's Land* from The Conversation.

Speaking to Muriel Capel during the week she suggested anyone interested could follow up with the book 'A very secret trade' by Cassandra Pybus. It is a story about First Nations Tasmanians and took the author 4 years to write.



Frost Over Barraba Street Stalls

Stall-holders are invited to Queen Street.

Saturday 7th September 2024.

Goods must be homemade and sourced locally.

\$10 per stall. Apply via email asap:

frostoverbarraba@yahoo.com.au

REQUEST FOR TENDER

The Frost Over Barraba Committee invites tenders to cater for a Friday evening event on 6th September 2024 in the Treloar's Building on Queen St, Barraba. If you would like to prepare and serve food and drink on the night please email frostoverbarraba@yahoo.com.au and request a guideline sheet. Not-for-profit groups, as well as commercial operators, are encouraged to tender. Tenders requested by 17th July.



HISTORY NOTES

By Margaret Currell and Julie Williams

Julie writes -

Last week the death occurred in Brisbane of Marie Hall, a long-ago resident of the Barraba district. Not many people in Barraba now would remember her because she left the area when she married Jim Hall in 1967. She died in Brisbane aged 89. Marie was the daughter of Gordon and Stella Williams of “Sadowa”, Rocky Creek – a place more isolated than its 80km from Barraba might suggest. The state of the roads on properties as well as some of the “main roads” in the 1950s and early 1960s in that part of the world made travelling quite a challenge! When Marie acquired her green Morris Isis car she was able to take part in the tennis competitions in Barraba and was thrilled to win the ladies’ singles championship in 1964. Recently a particularly observant visitor to the Nandewar Historical Society Museum noticed that “Miss M Williams” was a frequent champion on the Barraba Tennis Club Honour Board until she became “Mrs B Smith” in 1953. That was Margaret Smith nee Williams. But an observant visitor then pointed out that some years later both Mrs B Smith AND Miss M Williams were named on the board in the same year, so the tennis club must have made a mistake. But no – that was Marie!

Margaret writes (inspired by the recent stories about the Barraba Saleyards) –

Anyone who has owned a dog over the years will be well aware of their brain power or sometimes the lack of brain power. This week we have two stories about sheep dogs with quite a lot of common sense/brain power.

The first is about a truck dog, who often travelled in the truck with his boss. Trips out west to bring sheep into the Saleyards meant a sleep until the sheep property was reached and then he sprang into action helping load the truck. On reaching the Saleyards, all the partition gates on the truck were opened and the dog went to work unloading the truck while the boss spoke to the Agent nearby. With most of the sheep down in the yard the dog started to bark – there was a sheep down and he needed the boss to help get it off the truck!

The second is about one of our own dogs (Ben) who could manage Dorpers in the steep hills away from vehicle tracks.

If the sheep took off along the side of the hill he would stay with them, probably under a tree, until he received further orders. One day all the sheep were down in a paddock on the flat and we drove in to shut the gate, only to find that two had stopped up near the top of the hill. We pointed them out to Ben who stood and looked up the hill, then took off up to get them. Of course, they split when they saw him coming so he stuck to one bringing her down to the gate and then went back and got the other one. Sadly, Ben has passed on to doggy heaven at the relatively young age of eight years.

I’m sure readers would have many a great story about clever dogs – write in to the Editor, Barraba Community News. We would love to hear them.



**Sat 6-7-2024 151 Queen Street, Barraba
Starts 9am to 3pm**

Some furniture, linen, Household items, glassware,
Crockery, odds & ends, Photo frames.

Come and grab a bargain.



Debating at BCS

Our Secondary debaters went up against Farrer in their first debate. They had a tough topic to argue but spoke very well with some well organised debates. They narrowly went down but will prepare for their next debate coming up in Term 3



Barraba July School Holidays

Sand Art	Tuesday 9 July	10:30am - 11:30am	Barraba Library	8+	Indigenous Designed Sand Art
Wooden Board Art	Wednesday 10 July	10:30am - 11:30am	Barraba Library	8+	Indigenous Designed Wooden Board Art



Captains Award - Preston



Reading Awards - Angel-Lee, Felix, Alfie, Georgie, Parker and Walter



Reading Award - Monty



Students of the Week Josh, Stella and Sophie

From the Barraba Museum Facebook page –

The latest posting from Brian Coote:



St. Joseph's Convent circa 1947-48.

Back Row: George? Baker, Frank "Tibby" Baker, Des Kelaher, Brian Coote, Geoff Baker, John Maher, Jim Dowd, John Toogood.

Front Row: Val Swan, Marie Baker, Iris Maloney, June Maloney, Jenny York, Kathleen McRae, Molly Leehy.

From St. Joseph's Barraba circa 1947.

A photo loaned by Val McCusker (Swan) with the names attached.

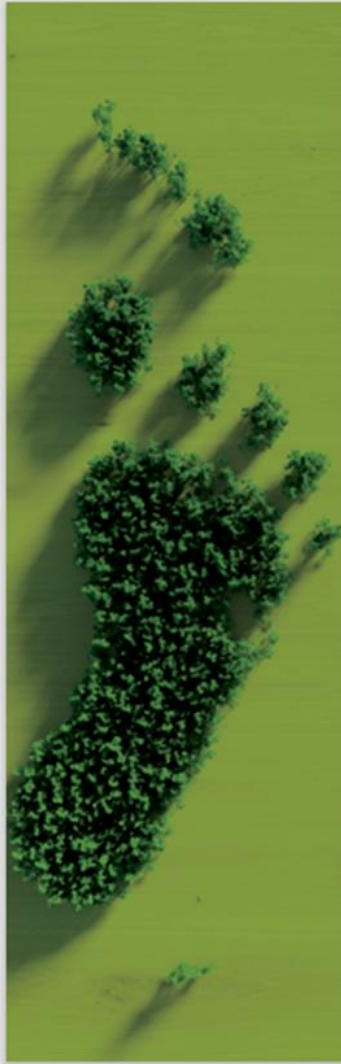
The only name we have queries about is the top left kid. Is that George? Baker.



The
PLAYHOUSE
HOTEL

2.00 pm SUN 7 JULY **NOWHERE SPECIAL** (M, 95 mins)

James Norton plays a terminally ill single father racing time to find new carers for his four-year-old son. A poignant film grappling with big themes of life and death, family and the gift of love. "A rare and distinguished film." (The Observer)



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

We are proud to announce the launch of the Graymont Carbon Reduction Fund, an innovative, grass-roots initiative designed to support the development of carbon-reduction initiatives in the communities across the globe that we call home.

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

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Senior Citizens' Notes

Hi everyone,

Friday's meeting was well attended, with all members having their ideas taken on board.

Our trip to Bingara is being happily anticipated. At the moment there are only a couple of seats left. So, folks, dress warmly - everyone to be at the Seniors' Centre at 8.30am, for an 8.45am departure, the bus will leave to come home at 3pm.

The next date for your diary is Saturday 27th July. Our "Christmas in July" lunch. This will be at the RSL Club. Everyone meet at around 11.30am for lunch at midday. Each person to meet their own expenses.

Further down the track - it was decided to not have a Fete, but we have been given the opportunity to hold a stall at the Auto Fest in October.

In the meantime, members please keep in mind the Street Stall on the 30th of August. A busy time ahead indeed. This is all for now, fingers crossed for a nice day on Saturday. Till then stay warm and safe. If you are on the sick list - get well soon.

Cheers Judy Brady

Pre internet chat room using An old version of windows...



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MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY
Deliver meals to clients straight to their door

GET IN TOUCH AND START VOLUNTEERING TODAY! 6740 2240 OR SEE JODY AT OUR QUEEN ST OFFICE

From Kevin Anderson's fortnightly Newsletter –

BUDGET BLUES FOR REGIONAL ARTS

The NSW budget has thrown the future of regional arts into jeopardy by stripping guaranteed funding to all 15 Regional Arts Development Organisations (RADOs). Under the Minns Labor Government's new Arts and Cultural Funding program, RADOs will no longer receive their \$185,000 in annual support but will be forced to compete with major metropolitan groups. It means they won't be able to advocate for local artists and run programs to attract and develop talent.

Shadow Minister for the Arts Kevin Anderson is calling on the Treasurer to reverse the decision to ensure the \$2.8 million will be allocated to rural and remote communities. "Slashing funding from Regional Arts Development Organisations is a major betrayal by this Government, that promised to support regional arts through its Creative Communities policy just six months ago," Mr Anderson said. "Now we have a situation where RADOs will have to apply for their share in a competitive round, creating widespread distress and uncertainty."

I have real concerns that this decision could lead to creative black holes across NSW, with no outlet or pathway for artists or audiences who choose to live in the regions. This could see the sector return to the dark ages, where only the wealthy, or those who are able to travel, have access to the arts. I'm calling on the Minns Labor Government to give artists in the bush the same opportunities as those in the city by undoing this reckless move."

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ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES
St Laurence's Barraba
Sunday service at 10.00am
Woodsreef – recommence on 14th July then every second Sunday of each month

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES
Sunday 7th July
Service time 8.45am for the next 3 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



Gene Robinson asked we include this letter from TRC in *Barraba Community News* - he has complained to TRC about the state of the toilets at the cemetery and received this reply. Mr Robinson is quite horrified that the toilets aren't cleaned properly more regularly and wants the community to know about it.





Council meeting update

Here is an overview of outcomes from TRC Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 25th June 2024:

➤ Tamworth Regional Council has voted to increase its total ordinary rate income by 18.5 per cent next financial year through implementing the Special Rate Variation approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal. The decision was supported by a majority of the 9 Councillors. Councillors Rodda and Mears formally requested for their names to be recorded as voting against the move.

The decision came after some lengthy discussion about Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting documents for 2024/25 which include Our Delivery Plan 2023-2025 and Our Annual Plan and Budget 2024/25, Statement of Revenue Policy 2024/25 and Fees and Charges 2024/25. These documents set out the service delivery, projects and works council will carry out in the coming year along with the schedule of rates, fees and charges.

For the first time, the draft documents included two scenarios - the Base Case Scenario and the Special Rate Variation Scenario. However, Council agreed to move forward with the Special Rate Variation of an Ordinary Rate increase of 18.5% in year 1 inclusive of a 4.9% Rate Peg increase and 15% in year 2 inclusive of a projected 2.5% Rate Peg increase, as approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.

In addition to the Ordinary Rate rise, there will be an increase of 4.9% per cent to water availability (annual) charges, water consumption (usage) charges and water developer charges and the same increase to waste annual charges.

➤ Community feedback will be sought in July about the draft Tamworth Regional Council On-site Wastewater Management Plan after Councillors tonight gave the go ahead for its public exhibition. The draft plan complements the existing 2014 strategy and aims to minimise environmental, public health and economic risks associated with the assessment and installation of on-site wastewater management systems in the region. Consultation about the draft plan will focus on developers, plumbers and installers of wastewater systems, planning and other technical consultants and also property owners. Community members

will be able to view the draft plan and give feedback through Council's Have Your Say webpage.

➤ Tamworth resident Glenn Inglis has been endorsed to join Council's Audit Risk and Improvement Committee as an external independent member. The move comes after one of the three independent members resigned and an Expression of Interest process was undertaken to fill the vacancy. Mr Inglis has broad experience working in the Local Government Sector and is a past Tamworth Region Councillor. He will take up the appointment in October for a initial term of four years.

➤ Councillors tonight supported a recommendation to allocate Event Support Program funds to 11 events in the 2024/25 financial year. The program provides financial and/or in-kind marketing support to successful applicants who are able to report back on the economic benefit and increase visitation to the Tamworth region, as well as support new event feasibility and the growth of established events. The \$28,000 investment is expected to return an economic benefit of \$8,151,476 with \$5,632,113 generated by estimated external visitation.

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

Tamworth REGIONAL COUNCIL

WELCOME TO HUDSONS CIRCUS -

Australia's Daredevil Circus !!

THE CIRCUS WITH THE PERFORMING ANIMALS!



Hudsons Circus presents a 2 hour traditional style Circus with a modern twist featuring 'Edge of your seat' Daredevils, Hilarious clowns, aerial acrobatics and beautiful animal acts' in a fast paced show for the whole family!

With daily shows from 4th to 21st July at the Tamworth Regional Sporting Complex, there's multiple chances to catch the most extreme circus in Australia!

Tickets \$15 - \$70.

Golf Notes.

No golf locally with the rain and the Manilla Open. At Manilla our Barraba locals Josh Austin and Jack Boyd finished joint runners up with a good score of 44 points. Winners Ed Lockrey and Charlie McLoughlin however carded a phenomenal 52 points to street the Manilla Open field. Barraba's Jesse Phillips and Fermin Allan 41 points along with Neil Smith and Will Sedgwick also 41 points were the better of the Barraba results.

A big congratulations to Manilla on the success of their Open in unpredictable inclement weather.

Next week at Barraba Sunday 7th July is the Men's Foursomes Championships whilst the following Sunday 14th July is the Ladies Foursomes Championships.



Rugby Report

On Saturday the Barraba Rams travelled to Quirindi to verse the Quirindi Lions in what was bound to be an interesting game. Quirindi started strongly with 2 early tries in the first half however this was quickly followed by the Rams making space for Isaac Devine to get through and score a try. Unfortunately, a missed conversion left the boys with only 5 but they had points on the board. Sam Gorton made some hard tackles in the first half but due to missing a few of the usual forwards, the scrums weren't quite as strong as they have been this season, meaning the Rams struggled to maintain possession of the ball, losing it to Quirindi several times in the first half. Cody Townsend showed his pace around the sideline, running around the Quirindi line with some great footwork to get over the line and take the first-half score to 21-10. In the second half, the Rams came out hard, however Quirindi was proving to be even more challenging with the addition of a few well-rested first-grade players, leading to more points on the board for Quirindi. The Rams got some fresh feet on the ground with Sam Nairne, Jaidan Atfield and new addition Will Ledingham taking to the field for the second half giving a few players a spell. Nick Sweeney and Boof Abra used their leadership, skills and vocals in the second half to fire the Rams up, making it a lot harder for Quirindi to break their line from then on. There were some excellent tackles by Jack Kelly, Oisin McKenna and Kane Ward throughout the game as well as some more well-timed hit-ups by Tom Green and Nick Sweeney that cleared the way for Cody Townsend to step his way through the Quirindi defensive line yet again to score another try for Barraba. With Jake Rafter on the field, he lined the conversion up and slotted it over easily taking the score to 28-17. The Rams were able to keep the Quirindi players away from their try line for the remainder of the game, however, the early points from Quirindi left the full-time score at 28-17.

Points for the day went to

3 - Isaac Devine

2 - Kane Ward

1- Boof Abra

PP - Tom Green

Next week our Women will be back on the field as well as the Men. Both grades will be taking Pirates on at home with the Women kicking off at 2:20 followed by the Men at 3:15. Make sure to come along and support our Women and Men.

Carmen Bennett



The weather gods abandoned us on Friday the 14th of June for our annual Athletics Carnival. The day saw an early morning fog, freezing temperatures and did not improve much from there with cool southerly breezes. A huge thankyou to Mr Frost for having the oval in fantastic order. I would like to take this opportunity to give a huge thankyou to all students, parents and staff for their positive attitude and the spirit in which everyone participated and contributed on the day. Everyone rolled-up their sleeves, got in, had-a-go and had a great day. A special mention to Year 12, with an outstanding level of enthusiasm and effort in participation. Well done and thank you again.

Age Champions

Primary

- 6 Years and Under - Boy - Roman Jennar, Girl - Kyra Trainor-Milides
- 7 Years - Boy - Eddie Hartwig, Girl - Sophie Starr
- 8 Years - Boy - Nathaniel Chapman + Maisen Ruttley, Girl - Hayley McIlrick
- 9 Years - Boy - Billy Randall, Girl - Destiny Mayo
- 10 Years - Boy - Noah Lowe, Girl - Annabel Kanno
- 11 Years - Boy - Hugh Crowley, Girl - Laura Russell
- 12 Years - Boy - Xavier Darlington, Girl - Holli Thomson
- 13 Years - Boy - Akira Kanno

Secondary

- 12 Years - Boy - Brax Lowe, Girl - Darci Hunter
- 13 Years - Boy - Leo Lawlor, Girl - Shae Mallise
- 14 Years - Boy - Michael Russell, Girl - Jasmine Coombes
- 15 Years - Boy - Dustin Hiscock, Girl - Charlotte Gillogly
- 16 Years - Boy - Jackson Erenshaw, Girl - Matilda Alderton
- 17 Years + - Boy - Kallem Bullen, Girl - Gemma White



Before declaring House Champions it would be remiss of me to not acknowledge and thank the fantastic efforts of Ally, Frosty and all P&C helpers on the BBQ. The drinks and food were most welcome and greatly appreciated to warm us all on the day.

HOUSE POINTS TOTAL 1ST - Split Rock - 816 2ND - Copeton - 720 3RD - Keepit - 657

Congratulations Split Rock and all Age Champions. Thank you to all students, parents, volunteers and staff for their effort and participation.





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Happy Days Festival

Friday 5 July

11:00am - The Annual Bingara Orange Picking Ceremony and Harvest

Bingara RSL Club, 46 Finch Street

Take part in this much loved Bingara tradition which pays respect to our town's fallen soldiers. All participants and visitors are encouraged to pick a few oranges and take them home

Friday Evening

6:30pm - Roxy Theatre Trivia Night - hosted by the incredible Memphis Moovers - prizes for best dressed and winning table.

Get a table together for a fabulous night of trivia or join one on the night. \$10 per person. BYO nibbles, there will be a bar operating. Order a platter from the Roxy Café or IGA Bingara

4:00pm to late - Sportsman's Hotel - Music by Kevin Spencer

Saturday 6 July

Main Stage Program

10:15am Performance by Bingara Preschool

10:30am Performance by Bingara Central School

11:15am Gwydir Shire Council Mayor John Coulton & Willoughby City Council Mayor Tania Taylor Presentation

11:30am Memphis Moovers Trio and Sydney Swing Katz

2:00pm Orange Festival Grand Parade

3:00pm Close

Saturday 6 July

Festival Attractions

Just Dance Rock n Roll Line Dancing at The Roxy

9:00am - 11:00am Beginner Rock n Roll and Line Dancing Workshop - \$5

2:00pm - 6:00pm Dance Social - \$5

Newcastle DJ Ian Duke, Ukulele Performance, Balloon Bingo and Auntie Violet's Attic as a fundraiser for Bingara Community Op Shop

Kids' Zone 1 - Police Residence Yard - 10:00am to 3:00pm

Jumbo board games and activities - Connect Four, Chess, Dominos, Hula Hoop, Mini Bean Bag Challenge and more! - Free!

Kids' Zone 2 - Bingara Museum - 10:00am to 3:00pm

\$15 pass allows kids to play all day on the amusement rides

Memphis Moovers Roving Duo - a novelty roving car performance

Classic Car Display - between Finch and Keera Streets

Roxy Theatre Tours - 11:30am - 1:00pm running every 30 minutes hosted by the North West Theatre Company (NWTC) - Free!

Best dressed competition - come in your best 50s inspired outfit for your chance to win a \$100 Gwydir Gift Card - announced on stage at 12:00pm

Saturday Evening

7:00pm to late - Bingara RSL - Cover Bandits - dance away with this year's band playing Rock n roll, Country & Modern Music

6:00pm to late - Imperial Hotel - the talented Natalie Baker

Bingara Happenings

Gwydir Oval - Bingara Bullets Old Boys' Day - \$5 entry

Under 18s - Warialda Wombats v Inverell Hawks

Ladies League Tag - Missiles v Warialda

A Grade - Bingara Bullets v Warialda Wombats

Military Museum open from **9:00am to 1:30pm**

Bingara Sporting Club book a game of bowls, tennis or golf or enjoy lunch/dinner

