



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Wednesday 17th July 2024



Rotary Club of Barraba Inc.

PO Box 103, Barraba NSW 2347

The Rotary Club of Barraba Inc held its 69th Club Changeover Dinner on the 10th July at the Commercial Hotel



Over 40 guests attended the dinner, including Rotary members, local and from the wider region, Lions Club members and community representatives.



President, Meredyth Bell, welcomed everyone to the dinner and provided an overview of the Rotary activities for the past 12 months. Rotary donated to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, Zahlie Cabot, Hessie Clarke, St Joseph's School, Barraba central School and the North West Auto Fest. A total of \$11,235 in donations to local projects.

Meredyth thanked the various local people and organisations who support Rotary in their fundraising activities to enable donations to be made to local worthy projects.

Incoming President, Ian Cabot, was inducted for the 2024-25 year, supported by Dave Penna, Secretary and Ian McColl, Treasurer.



Barraba Branch of the United Hospital Auxiliaries

Annual General Meeting

Friday 2nd August 2024 11.00am at The Day Centre, Barraba Hospital. Visitors are most welcome.



BARRABA RSL & RECREATIONAL CLUB LTD

Phone 67821379

For the information of members and guests.

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 18th July

Bingo from 6pm

FRIDAY 19th July

MEAT RAFFLES

Tickets on sale from 5.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1600

SUNDAY 21st July

ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES

Raffles on sale from 12pm, drawn 1.30pm

Membership Draw \$2000

BISTRO HOURS

Phone 0427330808

DINE IN OR TAKEAWAY

DAILY BLACKBOARD SPECIALS AVAILABLE

ALSO PIZZAS MADE TO ORDER

MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY: CLOSED

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

SUNDAY: 12-2pm



2025 BARRABA YOUNG WOMAN

The search is on for Barraba Shows next Young Woman (18yrs - 25yrs) to represent our beautiful town and area at the 2025 zone finals to be held here in Barraba.

This is a wonderful opportunity to make life long friends, gain new skills and knowledge as well as make amazing contacts for different industries all over NSW.

You never know where this opportunity could lead you!

Please contact Carmen via email barrabapah@hotmail.com or by calling 0419446648 for more info or to register your interest.



Reviving the Tourism Spirit of Tamworth Region – Tourism Focus Groups

We are excited to restart our regional tourism efforts after a several-year break. We are seeking enthusiastic and engaged community members to join our **Tourism Focus Groups**. The Barraba meeting will be at **The Playhouse Hotel, 123 Queen St, Barraba on Tuesday 23 July 2024 – 10am to 11am**

This is an initial meeting to share ideas and discuss goals for revitalising your tourism initiatives. Your involvement is crucial, whether you're a long-time resident, business owner, festival participator, or a newcomer with fresh perspectives. For those that are unable to make these sessions, we will be sharing minutes and information shared, and we will endeavour to established future **Tourism Focus Groups** at times that will suit majority of the communities. To help us prepare for these meetings, please rsvp to one of the following Tourism Focus Groups by Sunday 21st July. Let's work together to showcase the best of the Tamworth Region!

RSVP form

<https://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/about/forms/rsvp-to-our-tourism-focus-group>

Please join us in celebrating **50**
Fr. John Curran's
GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ORDINATION
AUGUST | 25 | 2024
10.30am Mass at St John's Catholic Church Barraba
followed by
lunch at The Playhouse, Queen St Barraba
RSVP 31st July 2024
St Joseph's School Barraba
Ph: (02) 6782 1685
baradmin@arm.catholic.edu.au

Another busy week for the society particularly on Friday morning when we welcomed two family history researchers to the Dean Room to search for some of their ancestors.

Brian and Marianne were searching for history of the Gulf Creek mine as well as some of their ancestors who lived at Gulf Creek early in the 20th Century. William Stevens came to Gulf Creek probably in the 1880's and his son-in-law, Michael Barrett Dower, worked at the mine for some years.

Two sons of William Stevens, Henry Martin (Harry) Stevens and John James Lachlan (Loch) Stevens also accompanied their father, sister and brother-in-law. Loch enlisted in the Sixth Light Horse in Egypt. He apparently wore outstanding head gear and there is a photo of him dressed in his uniform.

Loch Stevens named his brother, Harry, as next of kin, as his father died in Barraba a few months later on 16th May, 1918 aged 85 years. He is buried in the Barraba Cemetery.

Brian was particularly searching for family connections to the sons and turned to Minnie Michell's book and her connections to the Bell's Mountain family. Fortunately, the Gidden's family who also lived at Gulf Creek revealed that Henry Martin Stevens married Mabel Ann Giddens in 1902. They lived in Bundarra for a while where they ran a hotel before moving to Barraba to run the Royal Hotel.

The other person was researching for a number of families and she actually claimed one of the Myers families, Henry Myers, who also came from the UK but not the building /post office /hotel family.

This Henry had a son Henry born 1843, married Elizabeth Alcorn in 1866 and fathered about ten children between 1863 and 1881. The family lived at Menedebri, near Somerton, where he worked as a stockman. Sadly, he was drowned in the flooded Peel River when he was attempting to ride across to his home.

The connection to Barraba with this Henry is through his eldest son and eighth child, Henry Hunter, born in 1876, and aged about 5 years when his Father died. He grew up to marry Emily Faulkner, about 1900.

If anyone can add to either of these family researches, the local researchers will be glad to hear from them - particularly if you know who Lillian May and Ethel Maude Giddens married.



The Playhouse Cinema

2.00 pm SUN 21 JULY
A HAUNTING IN VENICE
 (PG, 103 mins)

Murder ensues when Inspector Hercule Poirot reluctantly attends a Venetian séance. The

latest lavish Agatha Christie screen adaptation is directed by and stars Kenneth Branagh as the celebrated sleuth.



19 July - 21 July

Come and party in Tamworth for the 2024 Hats Off to Country Festival!

Featuring a big line-up of free and ticketed events across multiple venues including the infamous [Cowboy Crawl](#), lovers of country music and good times alike will soak up the electric atmosphere of this annual long weekend in July.



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.

Thursday 15th August 2024, 10am at Barraba MPS Day Centre.

There will be a Welcome to Country, presentations from the local school children and Story Telling followed by morning tea. Join the Elders to celebrate the rich history of the First Nations people in our district.

If possible, a call to the Administration Office at the Barraba Health Service, **02 67822500** for catering purposes.

Join us

IN REVITALISING REGIONAL TOURISM!

Are you ready to help showcase the incredible experiences in the Tamworth Region? We are seeking enthusiastic and engaged community members to join our **Tourism Focus Groups**.

From historical landmarks and breathtaking natural landscapes, to vibrant cultural festivals and delightful family activities, there's something for everyone.

Find out how to get involved at

<https://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/about/forms/rsvp-to-our-tourism-focus-group>



Senior Citizens' Notes

Hello Everyone,

Our venture up to the Bingara Orange Festival proved to be a great day out. Tired Feet and lighter pockets told the story.

A reminder to all members – our “Christmas in July” lunch is just around the corner. The RSL is the place to be, on Saturday 27th of July. Everyone gather up at around 11:30am, for midday meal. Each person to meet their own expenses.

Something else to keep in mind is our stall at the end of August. In September our AGM is due. Following on for the October long weekend, hopefully there will be a BIG trading table at the Auto Fest. For that weekend, it will be “all hands-on deck”. No doubt the finer details will be nussed out beforehand. After that, I hope we can all relax for a while.

This is all for now, except to wish those who are not so well, a speedy recovery. Till next time – stay safe and stay warm.

Cheers, Judy Brady

[Mark Rodda - YOUR voice on Tamworth Regional Council](#)

Dear Fellow Residents and Ratepayers

I have been asked by many concerned people about the matter of the \$650,000 write off. At the Council meeting of Tuesday 25/06/2024, councillors were asked to write off a bad debt of a staggering \$650,000. This is equivalent to the annual rate revenue of around 215 residences. Imagine what that could have been spent on?

The bad debtor's details were not divulged in the Council report and I did comment that we should be able to publicly name and shame the company, particularly as the parent company is still trading. I have also since asked the question about why the bad debtor's anonymity is being protected and most importantly how the debt was permitted to blow out to the staggering \$650,000 without any stop credit order being placed on the company earlier and I continue to wait for a response. There is evidently a fundamental failing that a company can amass such a large debt and not be accountable when there have been properties accrue significantly less unpaid rates debt and be sold off to satisfy those debts. I know the confidence of fellow resident's in our council about matters such as this, has been sorely tested. I'll let you know when I have more answers. Please don't hold your breath.

From the TRC official Facebook page.

July 5, 2024

The Editor
 Northern Daily Leader
 27 Bourke Street
 Tamworth NSW 2340
 Via email: mail@northerndailyleader.com.au

Dear Editor

Ray Walsh House

The TRRRA is a non-profit association whose charter is to represent to Tamworth Regional Council (TRC) and other government bodies on behalf of the TRC residents on matters that affect their interests by any person, organisation, or government body.

The below comments are made as a matter of public interest to assist the TRC in its decision making.

Reference is made to the EnviroScience Solutions Report titled "Asbestos Register and Management Plan version 5" that appears to be dated 29 February 2022 and most contents dated 24 March 2020 obtained under freedom of information on or about 28 June 2024.

The Categories of asbestos risk action range from A1 to A5.

A5	No Action Required – No Hazardous Building Materials Identified.
A4	No Remedial Action – Reinspect Periodically.
A3	Remove During Refurbishment or Maintenance. Enclose, Encapsulate or Seal By General Maintenance Contractors. Reinspect Periodically
A2	Enclose, Encapsulate or Seal by Licenced Contractors – Reinspect Periodically.
A1	Restrict Access & Remove.

Most of the asbestos register report that Ray Walsh House is almost entirely categorised **A5 NO ACTION REQUIRED-NO HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS IDENTIFIED.**

GROUND FLOOR	
The ground floor records room is categorised	A4
The ground floor air conditioning room gasket is categorised	A4
The ground floor fire panel room is categorised	A3
The ground floor air conditioning room is categorised	A3
The ground floor air conditioning plant room is categorised.	A3
The ground floor electrical room is categorised	A3
The ground floor telecom room is categorised	A3
Ground Floor Ceiling Space Vermiculite Coating on Beams Metal Ceiling categorised	A3
FIRST FLOOR	
The first floor electrical backing board is categorised	A4
The first floor Ceiling Space Vermiculite Structural Coating is categorised	A2

SECOND FLOOR	
The second floor electrical backing board is categorised	A4
The second floor Ceiling Space Vermiculite Structural Coating is categorised	A3
THIRD FLOOR	
The third floor Ceiling Space Vermiculite Structural Coating is categorised	A2
FOURTH FLOOR	
The fourth floor steel safe possible millboard lining in the door board is categorised	A4
The fourth floor electrical backing board is categorised	A4
The fourth floor mayoral bathroom room is categorised	A4
The fourth floor Ceiling Space Vermiculite Structural Coating is categorised	A3
FIFTH FLOOR	
The fifth floor cool room is categorised	A4
The fifth floor plant room is categorised	A3
The fifth floor filter room is categorised	A3
The fifth floor filter room 4 is categorised	A3
SIXTH FLOOR	
The sixth floor plant room Lebah Brand backing board is categorised	A4
BASEMENT	
The basement store 2 is categorised	A4
The basement car park fibre cement along northern wall categorised	A3
EXTERIOR	
West Aspect Fibre Cement Soffit on Ground and First Floor Fibre Cement - Eave	A4
South Aspect Fibre Cement Soffit on Ground and First Floor Fibre Cement - Eave	A4
North East Aspect Fibre Cement Soffit on Ground and First Floor Fibre Cement - Eave	A4

The recommendation of the report is that if the building is to be demolished or refurbished the asbestos is likely to be disturbed and should be removed by a licensed asbestos removal contractor (Class B Bonded removalist) or (Class a Friable removalist).

The report concludes that:

'... The materials identified in this report were in good, fair or poor condition and can be managed effectively according to the Asbestos Management Plan.

- Provided the Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) assessed as being in a good condition and are undisturbed they pose minimal risk if left in situ.
- If the ACM is in fair condition it should be scheduled to be removed under controlled conditions and replaced, during routine maintenance works.
- If the ACM is in a poor condition it should be removed under controlled conditions as soon as practicable.
- When renovation or demolition works are to occur, the ACM which are likely to be disturbed should be removed prior to works commencing.

If asbestos based products are accidentally disturbed, the area should be isolated and an independent assessment by an Occupational Hygienist should be undertaken coupled with airborne asbestos air monitoring...'

An airborne and adhesive tape sampling conducted by EnviroScience solutions on 23 December 2021 found zero for the adhesive tape samples and normal range for asbestos in the air of less than 0.01 fibres per millilitre of air.

The EnviroScience Solutions Report titled *Asbestos Register and Management Plan version 5* seems at odds with the decisions made by Council to vacate the building and undertake wholesale gutting of the

internal structures. In fact, the report states that a programmed process of removal and remediation would address the issue unless complete remediation of identified asbestos is undertaken.

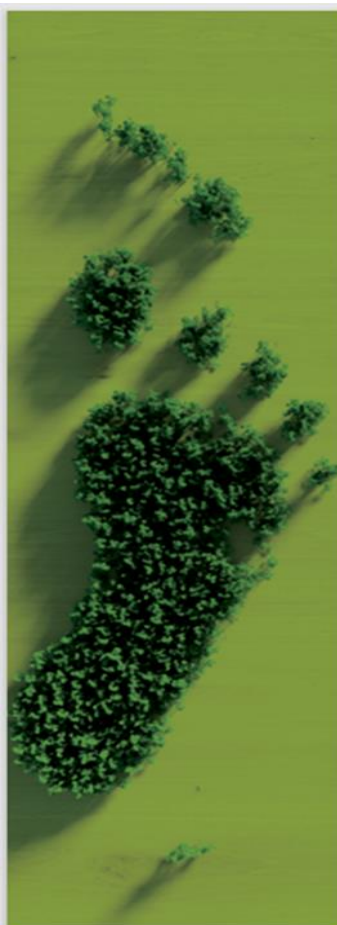
The report also states that if any renovation or demolition works are to occur, the asbestos containing materials are likely to be disturbed and should be removed prior to works commencing. It is unclear to the public what works the contractors undertook when they gutted the internal structures of Ray Walsh House. NSW Work Health and Safety Regulations 2017 require a management plan for the works and it should be made public.

TRC has on a number of occasions stated that it will release all of the documents previously requested in relation to the asbestos issue and Ray Walsh House. Yet the documents we are referencing have all been obtained under freedom of information legislation.

What is contained in the Asbestos Register and Management Plan does not support the actions undertaken by Council or the destruction in value of the community asset and local amenity that has resulted. Why were ground floor tiles jackhammered up, why were walls removed or destroyed, why were the Council Chambers completely gutted? There is nothing in the report that would substantiate those actions.

Yours faithfully

Tamworth Regional Residents and Ratepayers Association Limited



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](mailto:Lizz.Norvill@graymont.com)

GRAYMONT 
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Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council on Tuesday 9th July 2024:

- Councillors tonight supported a recommendation to allocate \$216,128.30 from the Waste Reserve to pay for credits to property owners incorrectly charged annual waste charges for green waste kerbside collection services they did not receive. A report to the meeting noted during a recent review of annual waste charges some property owners had been paying for services not received since the change of kerbside collection areas prior to the start of the 2022/2023 financial year. Property owners incorrectly charged will receive a letter and a credit on their rates notice against their waste charges.
- Councillors adopted the Tamworth Region Creative Communities Plan 2024-2029 which provides a clear framework for strengthening the region as a “thriving creative ecosystem” over the next 5 years. The draft document was on 28 days public exhibition from 29 May until 26 June 2024 and received no public submissions.
- Tamworth Region Public Art Strategy 2024/2025 to 2028/2029 was endorsed after Councillors reviewed feedback received during the 28-day public exhibition. Community feedback was positive with 15 comments received. The plan refers to the public art collection as an ‘outdoor gallery’ and aims to connect public art to our region and identity, create engagement with public art leading to community pride, history and storytelling.
- Councillors have endorsed a recommendation from the Tamworth Regional Council Heritage Working Group to investigate the possibility of issuing a clean-up and/or repair order to the owners of the former Regent Cinema building on the corner of Kable Avenue and Brisbane Street, Tamworth. The minutes of the working group’s June meeting revealed the owner of the building has been in contact with Council and advised that a builder has been engaged to complete some repairs to the building’s exterior and options to address problems related to pigeons roosting are being investigated. A report to tonight’s meeting said the Heritage Working Group agrees the building is “a significant heritage listed building” which needs to be preserved.
- A draft Tamworth Region Museum and Archive Strategy will go on public exhibition later this week to seek community feedback. The draft strategy outlines a framework for the support of 10 public museum, archive and

social history collections in the Tamworth region. It is intended to guide the development of each unique collection and to identify the most effective way for Council to support and resource the preservation of the region’s heritage.

AMA calls for toddler milk marketing revamp

The Australian Medical Association is calling for the government’s marketing guidelines on infant formula and toddler drinks to be scrapped and brought into line with international best practice. The call is one of the AMA’s recommendations in a submission to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s (ACCC) consultation on reauthorising the current voluntary and self-regulated code — ‘Marketing in Australia of Infant Formulas: Manufacturers and Importers (MAIF) Agreement’ for another five years.

The submission says Australia needs a marketing code of practice for breastmilk substitutes that mirrors the World Health Organization’s (WHO) international code. “We need to scrap this voluntary code and replace it with the evidence-based best practice code. The good news is this code already exists in the WHO’s Code,” AMA President Professor Steve Robson said.

The AMA is concerned the current code allows unnecessary and potentially unhealthy products to be marketed to parents under the guise of infant formula. “We want to help parents and carers make informed decisions about their babies by having an evidence-based approach to health,” Professor Robson said.

The current agreement only covers infant formulas to 12 months of age, which means that “unnecessary” products marketed at parents, such as toddler milks, are excluded. The WHO’s code of practice extends to 36 months and classifies toddler milk as a breastmilk substitute.

“Toddler milks are unnecessary, unhealthy and deceptively marketed as beneficial — they are a milk myth that needs to be busted,” Professor Robson said. “Manufacturers and retailers who market infant toddler milks need to be held accountable and we know the current framework is not protecting our children’s health and wellbeing. This leaves the door wide open to invite inappropriate products in at a young age.” Research shows milk marketed for toddlers does not provide value for money and is often packed with harmful sugars. The WHO’s marketing code provides comprehensive protection from irresponsible and manipulative industry marketing practices which we know are evolving to new online tactics,” Professor Robson said.

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ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef –every second Sunday of each month

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 21st July

Service time 8.45am

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

Got up at 5 am, ran 4 miles,
came back, made a vegetable
smoothie for breakfast, did 2
loads of laundry, mopped and
vacuumed floors, and that's all
I remember about my dream.



Save the date

2024 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday,
14 September

Voting is compulsory

Visit elections.nsw.gov.au/lge24
or call 1300 135 736



COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES ON OFFER

Local not-for-profits, community groups and organisations are being encouraged to apply for the NSW Government's Infrastructure Grants program (Clubgrants Category 3).

Mr Anderson said the program had already invested significant funds into local community projects, but he wanted to see more. "The NSW Government's Infrastructure Grants Program has delivered great outcomes in the Tamworth electorate over a number of years," Mr Anderson said. "Projects like the Quirindi Silo Art and the Courts at East have both benefitted from an injection of infrastructure grants funding, helping get those projects off the ground and underway. The program is designed to fund community infrastructure and I know there are several good projects in the region waiting for an injection of funding. Projects funded can include new or upgraded sporting infrastructure, museums, theatres, recreational spaces, swimming pools, disaster readiness infrastructure and more."

The objective of the Clubgrants Category 3 Infrastructure Grants program is to fund the costs of construction, alteration, renovation, completion and fit-out of buildings and community infrastructure to deliver outcomes for disadvantaged NSW communities including regional, remote and drought-affected areas.

Applications for this round of funding close on the 22nd of July. For more information,

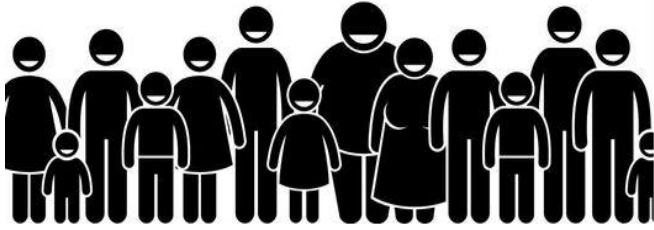
visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/clubgrants-category-3-fund>



Community Election Information Nights

Tuesday 6 August 2024 | 7:00pm | The Living Classroom, Bingara

Tuesday 13 August 2024 | 7:00pm | Warialda Memorial Hall



CAMPDRAFT CENTRAL | ABCRA AFFILIATED | FULL POINTS | UPPER HORTON SPORTS GROUND

UPPER HORTON CAMPDRAFT

FRIDAY 19TH & SATURDAY 20TH JULY 2024

ENTRIES OPEN MONDAY 1ST JULY 2024 FOR 24HRS WITH CAMPDRAFT CENTRAL
Entries to be paid by 12th July 2024 at 6pm. If not paid they will be scratched. Strictly no late entries will be accepted.

FRIDAY 6:30AM

JACKPOT 60/40 SPLIT MAIDEN DRAFT
Entry Fee: \$44, Round & Final

\$500 LADIES OF THE VALLEY LADIES DRAFT
Entry Fee: \$35, 17 Years and Over, 1 Run Limit

\$1,000 PETER TURNER MEMORIAL OPEN CAMPDRAFT
SPONSORED BY IAN MORGAN LIVESTOCK
Entry Fee: \$55, Round & Final, Novice/Open Horses Only

MAIDEN FINAL OPEN FINAL

SATURDAY 6:30AM

JACKPOT 60/40 SPLIT NOVICE DRAFT
Entry Fee: \$55, Round & Final

\$200 JUNIOR DRAFT 8-U13
Entry Fee: \$22, 2 Run Limit

\$200 JUVENILE DRAFT 13-U17
Entry Fee: \$22, 2 Run Limit

\$500 PIPPYS PARTY MUSIC ENCOURAGEMENT DRAFT
Entry Fee: \$35, 2 Run Limit

NOVICE FINAL

CONTACT

DAVID KELLY
 0428 827 240

SHELLY STEIGER
 0428 832 242

6 first round runs. Stallions must be collared and yarded. No glass. No BYO. Dogs must be leashed, Committee registered for GST. All prizemoney inclusive of GST where applicable. Riders under the age of 18 must wear a helmet at all times whilst mounted. Encouragement riders must wear a helmet whilst competing. Paid out 1st to 5th. Payouts via Campdraft Central. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any nomination for any event or to alter the programme. Failure to notify of scratching's 7 days prior to event commencement will forfeit entire entry fee. Entry fee includes \$22 stock levy, \$2 trophy levy, \$2.75 first aid levy & \$1.10 cattle reserve fund levy.

BAR AND FOOD AVAILABLE

FREE Planning Workshop for Farmers and Rural Businesses

FREE WORKSHOP | BINGARA

In farming, good years can quickly turn into challenging ones, at the mercy of climate, interest rates and market factors out of our control.

But planning can help!

Join Simon Groth from Gwydir Chartered Accountants for a free workshop to help you plan and manage your farm business.

You will learn:

- The importance of a cashflow forecast
- How to prepare a forecast
- Managing debt, loan repayments
- ATO obligations
- Planning for flood, drought and the unplanned
- Building wealth.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 24, 6-8pm
WHERE: The Living Classroom, Bingara
CONTACT: Janelle Schafer on 0408 659 587.

The workshop is an initiative of the Bingara Node of the Southern Queensland and Northern NSW Innovation Hub. The Hub receives funding from the Federal Government's Future Drought Fund.

From Barraba Friends Facebook page

A commemorative bell has been installed on the Memorial Clock and testing of the chime has been attended. The chime has been turned off until the Clock Centenary Celebrations on the 11th of November 2024.





Farmers urged to reach out for help

For our mates in the bush

Australia’s most trusted rural charity is encouraging farmers to reach out for assistance this Farm Safety Week.

“This year’s Farm Safety Week theme is 'in safe hands',” Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said. “Rural Aid’s mission is to stand with farmers when they need it most. We’re encouraging farmers to register with Rural Aid, so that our organisation and its passionate donors, can support farmers’ wellbeing and safety with a hand-up.”


Rural Aid’s range of assistance measures help farmers improve their lives and businesses before, during and after disaster events – be it drought, bushfire or flood.

“Rural Aid’s mental health and wellbeing team do a fantastic job of heading on-farm to chat with primary producers, at no cost to the farmer. Our financial, water and fodder assistance provides urgent relief for farmers in need. And our Farm Recovery Events supply farmers with a team of volunteers, ready to tackle farming jobs post-disaster,” Mr Warlters said.

Rural Aid’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Manager, Myf Pitcher, said it takes strength to reach out for help. “We want farmers to treat themselves as their most precious business asset and be open to receiving help with their busy workload. One conversation at the right time with the right person can change everything. “More than 18,000 primary producers are “in safe hands”, already registered with Rural Aid,” Ms Pitcher said. “Registering with Rural Aid means we can support farmers when they need it, now or in the future, and it helps us support rural communities as well. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch with us to see how we can help.”

To register with Rural Aid, visit www.ruralaid.org.au or call 1300 327 624.

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Golf Notes

The Ladies Foursomes Championships were played on Sunday with Mandy Koopman and Stacey Sedgwick taking out the gross with a score of 89. The overall net winners were Kerrie and Ali Smith. Kerrie took out an NTP on the 6th.

The men played an individual stroke event for Kerrie Smith's trophy and the winner was Gary Allen with a net 71. Runner up was Sam Knight 72 with balls going to Sam Faint 73 and Ian Cabot 74.

In singles match play, Ian Cabot just got over Will Sedgwick 2 up. Bill Simpson picked up another NTP with a good shot into the 3rd.

Next week is the 3rd round of our Club Championships for Sam Faint's trophy whilst the week later, Sunday 28th, is a 4BBB Stableford Multiplier for Dave Kelly and Billy McKid's trophy.



The New England Garden Trail.

We hope many gardeners in your community might like to attend a Garden Festival in northern NSW.

We are a group of community volunteers with a love of gardening and desire to do something positive for our town, our community and our region. The New England Garden Festival Inc. is a not-for-profit organisation hosting a feature event for the New England region to showcase the beautiful gardening potential plentiful in our area, whilst supporting Can Assist by raising funds for local patients, and their families, suffering from a cancer diagnosis.

We aim to bring together gardeners, experts and the community for fun and educational activities, along with a great range of market stalls selling garden-related products. A number of inspirational gardens will be open, along with winning gardens in the Armidale Garden Competition.

The inaugural New England Garden Trail, organised by the New England Garden Festival team, will travel across 6 country towns in the beautiful New England region in 7 days, opening approx. 18+ cold

climate gardens to visitors. Each town will open their 3 gardens between 9am-2pm and Walcha is the first date on Thursday 31st October, 2024. Visitors are encouraged to stay in each town the night before to make most use of the gardens' opening hours. When the gardens close, visitors are encouraged to visit the locally recommended 'hot spots' from each town before moving on to the next town. It will be every gardeners favourite pastime over 7 days in the glorious New England. Disneyland for gardeners!

Specific garden details will be published closer to the event.

Dates of the Garden Trail:

31st Oct Walcha,
1st Nov Uralla,
2/3rd Nov Armidale - New England Garden Festival,
4th Nov Guyra,
5th Nov Glen Innes and finishing on
6th Nov in Tenterfield.

With best wishes from

Lou Forsythe 0431 711 100 and

The New England Garden Festival Inc. Committee

Susie Coventry, Lesley Nies, Kay Endres, Kathryn Hogan, Megan Sutherland, Nikki Barnett, Cary and Phill Roberts.

We're hoping to entice more people to the New England region this year, and your help in promoting the Festival through your contacts would be appreciated.

W: <https://negf.com.au>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/NewEnglandGardenFestival>

Insta: #negfestival