



# BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Frosts 2024 Update

### When is Frost Over Barraba this year?

The dates for Frost 2024 are Thursday 5 to Sunday 8 September. Frost trialed a Springtime slot last year. It worked well so it's in Spring again this year. The weather is kinder to both volunteers and visitors.

### What's On?

The main **Art Show** will once again be held in the Treloar's Building on the corner of Queen and Alice Streets. It will open at 10am on Thursday 5 September and will close at 1pm on Sunday 8 September. The **'Arty Party'** is a gala evening on Friday 6 September held in the main Art Show.

**Saturday on Queen Street** (7 Sept) will be busy with markets, stalls and live music. A **Workshop Program** will run across the four days with various arts and craft options for beginners to advanced participants. There is another **Jane Stewart Organ Concert** on the beautiful Barraba Anglican Church Pipe Organ on Sunday 8 September at 1pm.

This is an overview of what will be a rich and varied four days of events.

### Entering the Art Show

The centrepiece of Frost is the Art Show. Entries open on Tuesday 23 September. The Entry Guide and Entry form are online on the Frost website. Entering is done online nowadays. Some paper copies of the Entry Guide will be on shop counters around town. A PDF of the Entry Guide is also being emailed by the Barraba Community News team this week.

### Market stalls

On Frost Saturday (7 Sept) locals are invited to hold a market or information stall. This can be to raise funds for a group, sell food, sell items from a local business, or promote awareness of something. Frost wants the stalls to have a local focus but you can run any idea past the team. Frost has an approved DA from Council for these stalls. They cost a nominal fee of \$10. Email [frostoverbarraba.org.au](mailto:frostoverbarraba.org.au) to get started.

### How to sponsor or donate

If you would like to donate towards this great event donations can be made via Direct Deposit to Barraba Community Incorporated, BSB 932 000, account number 100292822, or by mailing a cheque to PO Box 21, BARRABA NSW 2347. If you should require an invoice contact Frost Treasurer Helen Rixon ([w.rixon@bigpond.com](mailto:w.rixon@bigpond.com) or 0412 843 644). All donations and sponsorships are applied to prize monies and running costs of the Frost Over Barraba.

### How to volunteer

Everyone is warmly invited to volunteer. You can join the organising committee and/or the Event team. Email [frostoverbarraba@yahoo.com.au](mailto:frostoverbarraba@yahoo.com.au) to talk over what you'd like to do.

### More info

More information can be found on the Frost website ([frostoverbarraba.org.au](http://frostoverbarraba.org.au)) and on the Frost facebook and instagram pages.



**It's not too late to enrol, give Sonia a call now 1800 952 264**



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## MEET THE AGED CARE TRAINER

### Bernadette Meppem

Bernadette has over 30 years' experience in the nursing industry and more than six years as a trainer and assessor. She has established skills in aged care practice, leadership, communication, planning and coordination. Bernadette transitioned from midwifery to aged care in 2006, when she commenced a Care Manager position with Whiddon Group in Wee Waa. From there, she spent several years as Director of Care at Fairview Retirement Village Moree and obtained her qualification in training and assessment in 2016 so that she could share her knowledge with others.

Bernadette is dedicated to seeing her students succeed in their aged care careers. She views her role as a trainer more as a mentorship role:

*"I want to empower our next generation of workers to become knowledgeable and kind carers who practice mindfulness in their communications and interactions with the elderly, ensuring the best outcomes for everyone."*



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## Provide First Aid



Enrol in this course to learn how to recognise and respond to an emergency situation, assessing the casualty and the need for a first aid response, managing immediate hazards to the health and safety of those present and seeking assistance from emergency response services.

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HLTAID010 Provide basic emergency life support  
HLTAID011 Provide first aid



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**Tel: (02) 6782 1662**

[www.cni.nsw.edu.au/first-aid-courses](http://www.cni.nsw.edu.au/first-aid-courses)



Welcome to

**Barraba RSL**  
and Recreation Club

## BARRABA RSL & RECREATIONAL CLUB LTD

Phone 67821379

For the information of members and guests.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **THURSDAY 25th July**

Bingo from 6pm

#### **FRIDAY 26th July**

MEAT RAFFLES

Tickets on sale from 5.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1700

#### **SUNDAY 28th July**

ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES

**Raffles on sale from 12pm, drawn 1.30pm**

Membership Draw \$2000 (2 Draws)

### BISTRO HOURS

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SUNDAY: 12-2pm



**United Hospital**

**Auxiliaries of NSW Inc.**

*Let us hold high the lamp of service for the welfare of our hospitals*

### **Barraba Branch of the United Hospital Auxiliaries**

General meeting will commence at 10am.

Annual General Meeting will be at 11am

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 at The Day Centre, Barraba Hospital.

New members and visitors are most welcome.

We Fundraise for the hospital to provide additional equipment and services for the benefit of our patients comfort.



## Barraba Men's Shed

Notice of bi-monthly meeting to be followed by the AGM.

Held at the Men's Shed Workshop at 4.00pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

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## History Notes

Yet another busy week for members of the Historical Society with more family history on Saturday morning. This time we welcomed a descendant of one of the policemen - she was researching the name Adams! John Charles Adams and his wife, Mary Adams and family who were living and working in Barraba from 9<sup>th</sup> January, 1891 until March, 1899.

John Adams could well have been mixed up with the Bank Robbery in 1894 as he was out of town attending to an electoral matter that morning. On the way back to town later in the day the two policemen met the bandits travelling west at a great pace but did not have a reason to try and stop the two men. On reaching Barraba, they found that the bank manager had been murdered in a botched robbery and it was very probable that they had met the criminals on the road.

There were three police in Barraba in those days and together with a number of citizens the search for the robbers began. As we know from the newspaper reports the men were captured within a few days and paid a big price for their crime. The story of the whole event is in the museum collection.

Anyway, back to policeman's family. There were three children born to the Adams' family while they were living in Barraba and there is a mention of Mrs. Adams in the hospital history - she was matron for a short time when the board changed the staff format from a married couple, to a matron with a probationary nurse instead of a wardsman in 1899.

Also, this week there has been more research on the Giddens and Stevens families and I have learnt a bit of family history re Stevens - Caroline Maud Stevens married Charles Frederick Mell in 1908. They were married in Upper Bingara and I had not looked there thinking that the Stevens family were more Barraba/Woodsreef/Gulf Creek residents.

William Henry Ponsonby was the only person to lose his life in the mine and it turns out that he is connected to these Gulf Creek families as well. It is all in a tangle at present but not impossible to sort out! Hopefully before next week's notes

This Saturday we have a Ryan descendant coming. He is on his way to Queensland so it should be a short visit. I wonder how many people can remember J.B.Ryan, Barraba's solicitor. His house is on the north side of Orchard Lane and almost opposite the Currell house as he told me - so he remembers the family home quite well.

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## The Playhouse Cinema

2.00 pm SUN 28 JULY  
**FAHRENHEIT 451**

(PG, 112 mins)

In a world where books are being banned and critical

thinking is discouraged, Ray Bradbury's 1953 vision of a dystopian future, filmed in 1966 by Truffaut in a chilling matter-of-fact style, is starting to look disturbingly prescient.

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**Barraba Branch Update:** We would like to inform you that while the building housing of our Barraba branch has been listed for sale, this will have no impact on our operations or our dedication to our members.

### Our Commitment:

- **Continued Service:** The Barraba branch will remain open and fully operational. Our team is here to assist you with all your banking needs, just as we always have.
- **Uninterrupted Access:** There should be no interruption to the services you rely on. You can continue to visit the branch, use our online banking platform, and contact our customer service team without any changes.
- **Future Plans:** We are committed to maintaining a presence in Barraba ensuring we remain conveniently accessible to all our members.

We understand that stability and reliability are crucial, and we want to reassure you that your banking experience will remain seamless and unchanged. Your trust and loyalty are incredibly important to us, and we are dedicated to providing the high level of service you expect.

**Contact Us:** If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us on 13 20 67. We are here to address any inquiries you may have and to provide any assistance you need. Thank you for your continued support and for being a valued member of Regional Australia Bank. We look forward to continuing to serve you and the Barraba community.

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We're  
**HIRING**



## Richardson House Aged Care Barraba

### Kitchen Hand

We are currently seeking a motivated and caring person to join our food services team here at Richardson House. The position would be casual with the view to a transition to permanent part time.

Applicants will need to meet the following criteria:

- Food Safety Supervisor Certificate (or willingness to obtain)
- Understanding of the importance of following dietary directives for vulnerable people
- Ability to follow processes for food safety and cleaning schedules
- Current Police Check (or the ability to obtain)
- Be a team player and be able to understand and comply with written and verbal instructions including policies & procedures
- Knowledge of Workplace Health and Safety requirements
- Basic computer knowledge for online learning purposes
- A commitment to providing exceptional care to the Residents of Richardson House
- Willingness to work a variety of shifts including weekends.

Please forward your written applications to the Facility Manager - Joanna Bridges  
[joanna.bridges@richardsonhouse.com.au](mailto:joanna.bridges@richardsonhouse.com.au) or mailed to PO Box 185, BARRABA  
NSW 2347

MEET YOUR CANDIDATE:

# HEIDI WILLIAMSON



SATURDAY

14TH

SEPTEMBER 2024

A FRESH VOICE FOR OUR FUTURE

Authorised by Ian Foster, 45 Hyman st, North Tamworth, NSW, 2340

I WANT TO HEAR  
FROM YOU

SCAN CODE TO SHARE YOUR VIEWS



## About me:

I am a mum of 2 boys, chase cows and grow flowers on my days off with my family, and spend my working days pursuing my passion of contributing to improving our country. Raised in Glen Innes, with family links to Manilla and live just outside of Tamworth in Calala.

## Experience in:

- **Private Sector** - Remote tourism & hospitality, event management, country music artist management and retail pharmacy
- **Local Government** - Community engagement and political advisor
- **State Government** - Essential services (power, water sewerage) and remote service delivery project management; major economic project engagement and political advisor
- **Federal Government** - VET Sector engagement, Indigenous affairs, political advisor, media advisor
- **Consultancy** - Indigenous education engagement
- **Community Organisations** - Tamworth Show Society & Loomberah Families & Farmers

## Qualifications:

- Post Grad Dip. Indigenous Policy Development
- Bachelor of Science - Psychology (completing 2024)
- Practice Cert. Disaster Management, Preparedness & Recovery
- Facilitator and Conflict Management Certificates
- IAP2 Community Engagement Certificates



Authorised by Heidi Williamson, Calala, NSW, 2340

## To the Barraba Community

If someone was to ask you what you think the Tamworth Regional Council should be doing for the people of Barraba, what would that be?

This was one of the questions that I was asking on the footpath of Barraba back in 2018 when I worked for Council, in a newly created role, community engagement. My guess is that in 2024, some of your answers would likely be the same.

There are some things that have not changed over time, but in the world of representation and engagement, a lot has changed. Since 2018 I have been privileged enough to have been in the front seat of this change, seeing the results of government's not deep listening. I moved back to the Northern Territory to support a Senator to enter into the world of politics, who opened the door to a new chapter of genuine engagement and deep listening. There is something about the Territory that is raw, honest and practical, that resonated with me, because growing up in the New England our community was the same, the Territory just gave me experiences that showed me the difference of a community being involved and having a seat at the table of decision making and not being involved. With experience across three tiers of government and running a business in a community the size of Bundara, I saw the difference between a thriving community and a surviving community. A thriving community has effective Local Government and this, in my experience, is only achieved through genuine engagement and deep listening.

This is why I have decided to stand for the election on September 14th 2024 in the Local Government election for the Tamworth Regional Council. I will bring a fresh, experienced and qualified voice and mind that will apply common sense to decisions made for all communities within the Tamworth, Barraba and Manilla districts, with a key focus on engagement and communication. So, the first step for me to understand what you and our community know about our Council and what your priorities are is to ask the same question,

What do you think the Tamworth Regional Council should be doing for you and your community? To help me understand your views please scan the QR code on my flier, email me at [heidishouse1@gmail.com](mailto:heidishouse1@gmail.com) or find me on Facebook.

## The Late John McCauley

Just a little history about John McCauley.

John and his mate Lyle rode on horseback from Stroud to Barrington Tops then onto Tamworth later proceeding to Somerton then Manilla Showground where they stayed for 2 to 3 days then on to Barraba Showground where he found he was happy to stay. John later moved to the 36 Edward St Barraba. While he was there he made two trips to Boggabri to the Drover's Long Weekend Campfire plus a trip to Horton in a sulky all drawn by Toohey, his horse. John's good mate Gene Robinson accompanied him on these trips. John also loved the odd Toohey's. John and Garry went to the Vic hotel at Christmas for a Tooheys or two then onto the Commercial for a few more. The Esky was always on the back of the sulky.

John passed away on 9 June 2024.

He was buried on 28 June 2024 at the Barraba Lawn Cemetery his service was held at the Catholic Church many thanks from us to the priest for a lovely service



John's good mates drove the sulky with his coffin securely on the back of the buggy 1.6 km to the lawn cemetery this is what John always wanted as he had made the buggy that carried him. Gene Robinson's horse, the magnificent Whitey, was in charge of the day. A big thanks to Joe Jennar for shoeing him. John also made another four sulkies while he lived in Barraba.



We would like to thank his Doctor and staff at Barraba Hospital along with the Ambulance Service and Fire Brigade "who we are sure are still having some laughs over an incident with him "and would also like to mention that Barraba Funerals did a wonderful job.

Possibly many remember him from his early days on TV ringside boxing. John had a very interesting life to say the least, he was a real larrikin. We would also like to thank Harry, John's grandson, with his culinary skills and Helen for her very tasty grandma pie, they did a wonderful job of keeping everyone well fed on the day. Maggie and Julia looked after John very well with his housework and care duties. His friends Ross and Janette often took on helping him.

*From John*

*"See ya' when I see ya' with a Toohey's old friends."*

### ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

**St Laurence's Barraba**

Sunday service at 10.00am

Woodsreef—every second Sunday of each month

### BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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

## 2024 Local Government Elections - Saturday 14 September 2024

Local government elections are held in NSW on the second Saturday in September every four years.

Tamworth Regional Council has engaged the NSW Electoral Commission to conduct the election of nine Councillors to represent the community of the Tamworth Local Government Area on Saturday 14 September 2024. The successful candidates will vote to choose a Tamworth Region Mayor and Deputy Mayor when they meet for the first time in October, 2024. For more information go to the [NSW Electoral Commission website](#). The website has a range of resources for voters and anyone who is considering being a candidate in the elections.

If you have any questions about voting visit the [FAQ page on the Local Government Election](#) website.

- It is compulsory to vote in the election if you are eligible to do so. Information about how to enrol can be found [here](#).
- If you own property in the Tamworth region but do not live here or you are an occupier or rate-paying lessee you can have a say in who is elected to Council by asking to be included on the **Non-residential roll**. **More information about non-residential rolls.**
- Tamworth Regional Council is now updating its non-residential roll. To be included, please use the form for individuals or the form for joint, corporate or trustee owners by **6pm Monday 5 August 2024**. These forms are found on the Electoral Commission Website.

**Early voting** will open on Saturday 6 September, 2024 and CLOSE on Friday 13 September, 2024.

More information can be found here: [Early voting and pre-polling in person - NSW Electoral Commission](#)

If you're considering nominating as a candidate for the 2024 NSW Local Government elections, you should read the candidate information page on the [NSW Electoral Commission website here](#). It provides general guidance about the process of nominating, and candidates' eligibility, obligations and responsibilities.

Prospective candidates should seek their own independent legal advice if they are unsure whether they are eligible to run for public office in a local council or how the law applies to their specific circumstances.

## Expressions of interest are now open to work at the elections in September.

There are positions available during the election period and on election day itself. More information, including position descriptions, pay rates, and the link to apply, can be found on the NSW Electoral Commission Website.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Since returning to Barraba in 2004 I have had Ian and Vita Arnold delivering my mail in north Barraba and have been associated with them at election time as well. They have been a valuable part of the community and always a pleasure to work with. I wish them all the best with their retirement and the next chapter of spending as much time as possible with family, especially the grandchildren. Thank you, Ian and Vita, enjoy the time ahead.

Also, at the same time Jenny York decided to close her hair dressing business – Turning Heads Salon, of which I have been a customer since I returned. I will miss you Jen, as well as a lot of other people in the community. You have been there as a hairdresser, listener, carer, shoulder to cry on, people coming to vent their frustrations, celebrations of weddings, formals, special occasions, involved in families all over the community. Best wishes for the next chapter with you and Jon, travelling to see this vast country, enjoy and hope to see the pictures from time to time on Facebook.

All the best to all,

Andrea Jeffery

## A Winter's Night is coming to Peel Street!



Embrace the magic of winter and join us on Saturday 10 August for a free event held in Peel Street between Bourke and Brisbane Street. Experience the country atmosphere in the heart of the CBD with

live music, dancing and the warm glow of fire pits. Enjoy a range of delicious hot food and beverages, all while possibly being delighted by falling snowflakes. Applications to participate in the event, either as a stallholder or a performer are open and will close Thursday 25 July, 2024. There are no site fees for food or market stall traders. Register now at <https://bko6.short.gy/stallholder> Proudly funded by the SW Governments Vibrant Streets Package in association with Tamworth Regional Council.





**The Fish That Wanted to Fly**  
*Did you ever dream of doing something that seemed impossible?*

The Roxy Theatre, Bingara | 8 August 2024 | 11:00am

Did you ever dream of doing something impossible? A little fish's lagoon is drying up. All the other fish have left for the ocean, and she wants to learn how to fly so she can see them again. But can she make it? This magical performance by Little Wing Puppets is about resilience and sustainability.

Spend the day in Bingara - alternating between a play and having fun at The Living Classroom.

Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRDZX>

\$10 pp

GWYDIR SHELL COUNCIL  
 BINGARA THEATRE  
 Little Wing Puppets

## The Fish That Wanted to Fly

The Fish that Wanted to Fly is about having the courage to pursue something even if it seems likely you will never reach it. Prepare to spend the day in Bingara - alternating between a play and having fun at the Living Classroom.

Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRDZX>



**ASBESTOS TESTING KITS**  
**PLEASE RETURN UNUSED KITS**



Have you collected an Asbestos Testing Kit from your Council but not sent a sample to the lab for testing?

Please return your unused kit to Council for another resident to use.

Or use the test kit ASAP to send a sample for free lab analysis and report.





## 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)

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**Why do dogs have different coats?  
Experts explain – and give  
grooming tips for different types**

*Susan Hazel, Associate Professor, School of Animal and  
Veterinary Science, University of Adelaide*

*Mia Cobb, Research Fellow, Animal Welfare Science Centre,  
The University of Melbourne*

Dog hair comes in many varieties, from shaggy to short, curly to straight. If you live with a dog, you live with their hair – on your couch, in your clothes, it's everywhere!

Beyond colour, have you ever wondered what's behind the differences in coat type? We actually know quite a lot about why dogs have different coats, and it comes down to their genes.

#### **What are the main coat types in dogs?**

The three main features of dog coats are how long the hairs are, whether they are curly or straight, and whether they have extra flourishes. The flourishes are called "furnishings", and can include a hairy moustache and shaggy eyebrows.



*The three main features of a dog's coat (aside from colour) are how long the hairs are, whether they are curly or straight, and whether they have extra 'furnishings' such as moustaches and eyebrows. Laugesen Mateo*

Combinations of these three features result in seven different coat types in dogs: short, wire, wire and curly, long, long with furnishings, curly, and curly with furnishings. We know from a study of more than 1,000 dogs with varying

coats that differences in only three genes are responsible for this variety.

The gene responsible for long hair (called FGF5) is recessive, meaning dogs must have two copies of the mutated gene to have long hair. In humans, the same gene has been identified in families with excessively long eyelashes.

Curly coats in dogs are related to a gene called KRT71, which affects keratin, a protein involved in hair formation. Mutations in this gene in cats result in hairless (Sphynx) or curly-haired (Devon Rex) breeds.

The gene responsible for furnishings (RSPO2) is involved in establishing hair follicles. Hair follicles are small pockets in the skin that grow hair.

Variations in these three genes could explain the coat type in most (but not all!) of the dogs tested. For example, the long coat of the Afghan hound is not explained by these three genes. Further study is needed to identify less common mutations and genes controlling the coat in these dogs.

The earliest dog breeds would have been short-haired, as a result of the "wild-type" genes. Later changes would have arisen through mutation and deliberate selection through modern breeding practices.

If all three mutations are present, the dog has a long, curly coat with furnishings. An example is the Bichon Frisé.



*The Bichon Frisé has the genes for a long, curly coat with furnishings. Voice / Shutterstock*

#### **What else varies in dog coats?**

Dog coat types can also be single or double. In a double-coated breed such as a Labrador, there is a longer coarse layer of hairs and a softer and shorter undercoat. Wolves and ancestral dogs are single-coated, and the double coat is a result of a mutation in chromosome 28. In the Labrador, the mutation was probably selected for as they were bred to retrieve fishing nets in Canada. The double coat is a great insulator and helps them to stay warm, even in icy water.

### Why does it matter what kind of coat a dog has?

We know with climate change our world is going to get hotter. Dogs with a double coat are less able to tolerate heat stress, as their hair prevents heat loss. In a study of dogs suffering heat-related illness, most of the 15 breeds at higher risk had double coats. The death rate in these dogs was 23%. We can only imagine how it must feel going out on a 40 degree day wearing a thick fur coat.



*Dogs with a double coat will appreciate help to stay cool on warm days, like this wading pool. Owen Productions / Shutterstock*

Dogs with a double coat shed more hair than dogs with a single coat. This means even short-haired breeds, like the Labrador retriever, can shed an astonishing amount of hair. If you can't tolerate dog hair, then a dog with a double-coat may not suit you. When we think of wool we think of sheep, but in the past woolly dogs were kept for their wool that was woven by Indigenous groups and used to make blankets.



*A dog's coat affects how much time and effort is needed for grooming. Kathrineva20 / Shutterstock*

A dog's coat also affects how much time and effort is needed for grooming. Dogs with long or curly hair with furnishings are likely to need more time invested in their care, or visits to a professional groomer.

Designer dogs (cross-bred dogs often crossed with a poodle, such as groodles), are likely to be curly with furnishings. In a US study, people with designer dogs reported meeting their dogs' maintenance and grooming requirements was much harder than they expected.

It's not just bank balances and the time needed that can suffer. If people are unable to cope with the demands of grooming long-haired dogs, lack of grooming can cause welfare problems. A study of animal cruelty cases in New York found 13% involved hair matting, with some hair mats causing strangulation wounds and 93% of affected dogs having long hair.

### How can you prevent problems?

If you have a curly- or long-haired breed of dog, it will help to train them to like being brushed from an early age. You can do this by counter-conditioning so they have a positive emotional response to being groomed, rather than feeling anxious. First show the brush or lightly brush them, then give them a treat. They learn to associate being brushed with something positive.

If you take your dog to the groomer, it's very important their first experience is positive. A scary or painful incident will make it much more difficult for future grooming.

Is your dog difficult to groom or hard to get out of the car at the groomers? It's likely grooming is scary for them. Consulting a dog trainer or animal behaviourist who focuses on positive training methods can help a lot.

Keeping your dog well groomed, no matter their hair type, will keep them comfortable. More important than looking great, feeling good is an essential part of dogs living their best lives with us.



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### Golf Notes

On Sunday a good field of players contested the third round of the Club Championships for a trophy donated by Sam Faint. The winner was Chris Oxford with a net 69 and runner up was Mandy Koopman net 70. Balls went to visitor Katie Creighton 71, George Sedgwick 72 and Firmen Allan 73. There were no NTPs claimed.

The Club Championship format now allows players to take their 2 best scores over the first 3 rounds whilst the 4th and final round must be played and counted in the overall 54 hole result. After three rounds and taking the players two best scores our Men's Championship leader is Chris Sweeney on 147 followed by Peter York on 153. It all points to an exciting final round on Sunday August 25th. In the Men's Championships net event Davo York with his two best net scores total of 136 sits 8 shots ahead of Daniel Andersen on 144 and Will Sedgwick 145 and Ian Cabot and Dan Lott both 148.

After the third round of our Ladies Championships Amanda Koopman on 167 sits ahead of Ally Smith on 188 whilst the net event leader Stacey Sedgwick on 145 is just ahead of Ally Smith on 151.

Players please note we now have a number of small yellow sand bins located around the course. Can we be vigilant in filling in our divots both on the tees and on the fairways please.

Next week Sunday 28th July we play a 4BBB Multiplier for David Kelly and Bill McKid's trophy. The following week Sunday 4th August is an Individual Stableford for Dave McMurtrie's trophy.

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