



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Changes at Richardson House

After 5 years, as Richardson House Manager, Jo Bridges was given a farewell morning tea on the 24th September. Residents, family members, staff and Board members gathered at Richardson House to wish Jo well in her new position with McLean Care.

A delicious cake made by Craig Jenner was cut and speeches made acknowledging Jo's hard work over the years ensuring the health and well being of the residents and managing the constant changes and legislative requirements of the aged care sector.



Vicki Simpson, Chair of the Board said "In her time at Richardson House Jo took on finalising all the redevelopment projects, Covid challenges, all the issues relating to the various accreditation processes involved in aged care and all those day to day problems involved in managing a service such as this. Jo's approach has been focussed on doing the best possible for Richardson House residents, their families and staff, while making sure clinical care was always a high priority.

We, on the Board, have always been confident that Jo has had the interest of the home and the community driving her approach and we will be looking for someone with this level of commitment to keep Richardson House as a home of choice as we move forward."

Vicki went on to say "We wish you all the best in your new role just don't let it burn you out as we need to keep good people in the world of aged care to face the future for all of us."



On the 15th October the Board announced the appointment of Hellan Philps as Facility Manager commencing immediately. Hellan has been at Richardson House for approximately two years as a Registered Nurse and has made a substantial contribution to the high standards expected in the aged care sector. In recent months Hellan has been Acting Manager for two periods of time and has demonstrated to the Board she has the skills and personal qualities that we believe are required for the position.

After the resignation of Jo Bridges the Board undertook an open recruitment process and received a number of applications including from interstate and overseas. The interview process was conducted by two Board members and one person who is not associated with Richardson House but has knowledge of the health and aged care sectors. Their decision was unanimous that Hellan was the best candidate.

Vicki Simpson said "The Board looks forward to working with Hellan to maintain the high standards expected of Richardson House and its staff by the Barraba community and we anticipate many happy years ahead for the residents."



Barraba Memorial Clock Centenary Inc
11.11.1924 ~ 11.11.2024

Poppy Project

We are encouraging the community to decorate their frontage and encourage the poppy theme. Residents can decorate their mailbox or front window or even front gate. Businesses can do their counter, front window or door.

Crochet, knit, cut and paste poppies to help commemorate the occasion. Photos of the clock could also be added.

Want to make poppies but not use them? Send them or drop them into :-

Ally Denyer at the garage

73 Queen Street, Barraba NSW 2347

And they will be given out to the community



QR code will take you to written and video instructions for crochet and knitted pattern.



Back to Barraba Dinner at the RSL Club on Sunday 10th Nov. RSVP by the 2nd Nov with the RSL Club 67821379. Limit of 100 people?

Reminder – The closing date for Poetry Competition is 5th Nov.



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Phone 67821379

For the information of members and guests.

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 31st October

Bingo from 6pm

FRIDAY 1st November

RAFFLES Tickets on sale from 5.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1400

SUNDAY 3rd November

ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES

Raffles on sale from 12pm, drawn 1.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1100

MELBOURNE CUP

BISTRO OPEN FROM 12MD

CLUB OPEN 10AM

BISTRO HOURS

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DINE IN OR TAKEAWAY

DAILY BLACKBOARD SPECIALS AVAILABLE

ALSO PIZZAS MADE TO ORDER

MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY: CLOSED

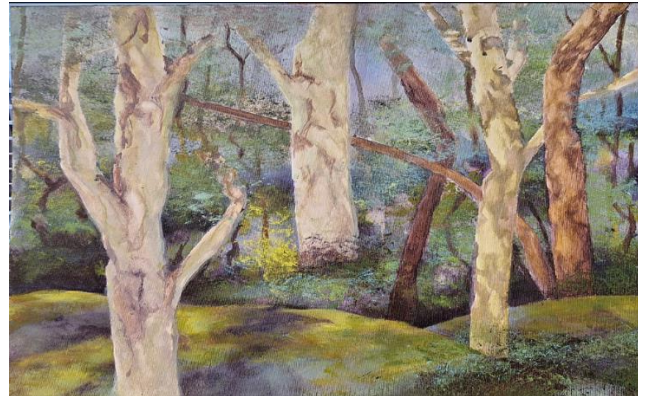
THURS/FRI/SAT: Lunch 12-2pm. Dinner from 6pm

SUNDAY: 12-2pm

CALLING ALL LOCAL ARTISTS

Andrea Horwood from Life Art Studio, Inverell will be conducting a 2 day Landscape Painting Workshop at the Claypan Gallery on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November 2024.

Andrea said there *"will be teaching fun techniques achieving a realist and an abstract landscape acrylic painting. The workshop can be for beginners or experienced painters"*. She said *"I know all who have attended my previous workshops will love this technique as much as I do"*.



Included in the \$160 cost of the 2 day workshop are; paints, brushes, pallets and 2 x A2 canvas's to work on.

HURRY as there only a few places left in this workshop.

If you have any questions or would like to book a spot, please contact Mandy Cabot on 0429 941978 **by 9th Nov.**



The Vic

- * Imported and craft beer
- * Wine and cocktails.
- * Finger food available
- * Wednesday to Sunday
- * 11am to 9pm

Cnr Queen and Alice Streets
Barraba Phone 02 67825375



Jill Rosemary Turland, homeopath and herbalist, passed away on Monday 21 October 2024 at the Wauchope Palliative Care Unit after a short but aggressive illness.

Jill will be sadly missed by her partner Bryan, her family, friends and patients.

Her cremation and celebration of life will take place on Monday 4 November 2024 at the Port Macquarie Crematorium at 10am.

A further celebration of her life will be held on Wednesday 13 November 2024 at 10.00am at the Manilla Masonic Centre, Court Street, Manilla.





Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

NOMINATIONS OPEN

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2025

TAMWORTH, NUNDLE, BARRABA AND MANILLA

Tamworth Regional Council's Australia Day Awards acknowledge and celebrate the contributions and success of individuals and groups within the Tamworth Region.

To find out more or nominate someone go to www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/australiaday

Nominations close Thursday 21 November 2024 and will be presented at events across the region on Australia Day January 2025.



Scan for more information



Gwydir Shire Council would like to advise the community that there is currently an outbreak of the Calicivirus affecting the Bingara area. Council has received several reports of wild rabbit fatalities in the Bingara township. Please be aware that these casualties are not a result of baiting and these rabbits have contracted the Calicivirus.

Pet owners are encouraged to vaccinate domestic rabbits against the virus and avoid contact with other rabbits outside the household. If you would like further information, please contact Council's Environmental Department on (02) 6724 2000.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Calicivirus Outbreak, Bingara



GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL 

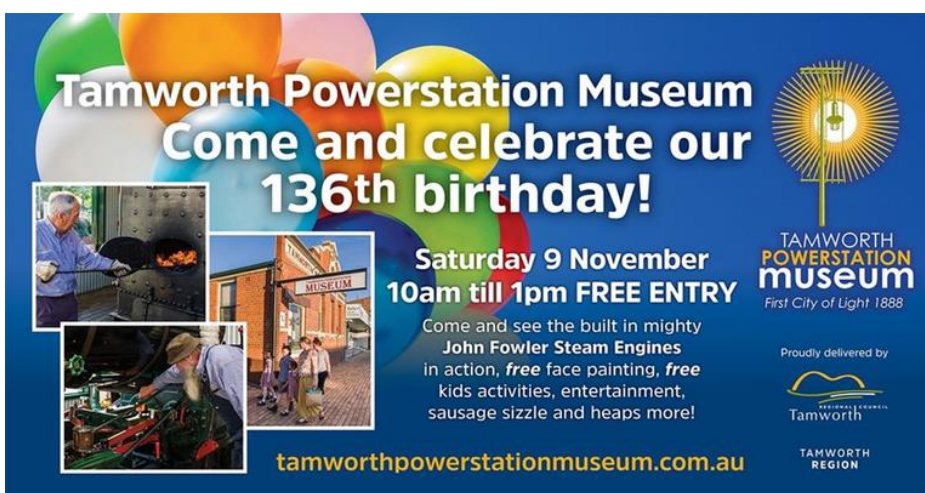
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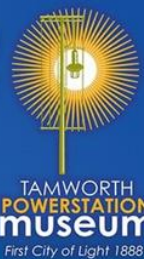
Tamworth Powerstation Museum


Come and celebrate our 136th birthday!

Saturday 9 November
10am till 1pm FREE ENTRY

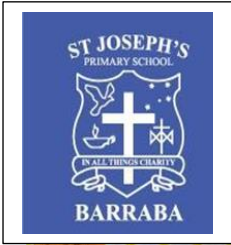
Come and see the built in mighty **John Fowler Steam Engines** in action, **free** face painting, **free** kids activities, entertainment, sausage sizzle and heaps more!

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History Notes



Reading Award - Ruby



*Students of the Week Benitto, Lucas and Millah.
Captains Award Ava-Jane*

Just one more History Notes before the clock celebrations - are we ready? The Historical members are busy tracking down soldier photos and their stories to exhibit during the weekend. At this stage there are a number of items missing but they are likely to be in storage. The markets are also on the "Clock Weekend" so a busy time for everyone in the next few weeks.

Quite a lot of Barraba district families had more than one family member serving in World War One - names such as Blackall, Booth, Cheesbrough, Faddy, Hagan, Halloran, Jones, Myers, Newton, Sherwood, Spencer, Tempest, and Wallace appear more than once on the Honour Roll at the Church of England as serving and returning home at the end of the war. Some of these names also appear in the 30 names listed in the Lives Laid Down column. Those who did not return have their names on the clock.

There were three Spencer sons from Nangarah in France. Harold paid the supreme price and his brothers came home although Les could easily have become a casualty. A newspaper report relates his story as he told in a letter to his mother- "one night while I was off duty and sound asleep in the reserve trench, the side of the trench fell in on top of me, completely covering me - I could not move a muscle, and it took two or three minutes to dig me out".

When the men got him out, he could not move his lower body and they had to carry him down to the doctor and he was evacuated to Egypt. Fortunately, he recovered and returned to Nangarah and later ran his own property.

Another soldier, Sidney Witten, was in charge of a Lewis Gun towards the end of the war. Sadly, he was gassed and the family were at the time told that he was taken to casualty but it was six long weeks before they were told that he had died the next day.

Among the soldiers enlisting for the 1914/18 World War in the Barraba district were men working in the district- Private Ashby for instance was born at Walgett, and Private Bloxham was working at the Horton when he enlisted. Then there were some that went to Sydney to enlist and they had a chance of being missed on Memorials in later years.

Anyway, we remember them all on 11th November, 2024.



Community College Northern Inland Inc.

Annual General Meeting

4pm Friday 15 November 2024

47 Fitzroy Street, Barraba NSW 2347

At the last Historical Society Markets Bill Robb called in for a rest and drink with the dogs, none of whom are his. He does an excellent community service by walking dogs for people who would probably be at risk of falling over if they tried to do it themselves.



Here is an overview of outcomes from the Ordinary Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council on Tuesday 22 October, 2024:

* In an effort to allow more direct and accountable communication between Councillors and residents in towns and villages outside of Tamworth, Councillors supported a Notice of Motion from Deputy Mayor Jeff Budd to form a working group that would facilitate the creation of precinct committees in Barraba, Manilla, Kootingal, Bendemeer and Nundle.

* Tonight, Councillors agreed to renew the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Council and the University of New England (UNE). The initial MoU was signed in June 2021 as an agreement to promote a climate of open exchange and cooperation in areas of mutual interest. Whilst not legally binding, the MoU will provide a solid basis that will see continued collaboration across a range of areas, such as working together on projects to fit UNE's Future Fit Strategy and Council's Blueprint 100 and establish English Language training for the immigrant workforce. Once signed by the Mayor, this MoU will be valid for two years.

* Councillors made the following appointments to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee as part of the new Council term: Mr Ron Gillard as Chair, and Dr Meredith Caelli and Mr Glenn Inglis as external independent members. Councillor Matt Sharpham was appointed as the Councillor representative to the committee for a 12-month term.

* In line with the community's request, the proposed boundary adjustment involving the locality of Woolbrook to Walcha Council was tonight approved. The next step is to make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to alter the boundaries of Walcha Council and Tamworth Regional Council.

* Councillors agreed not to renew its Regional Capitals Australia membership held since 2013, delivering a saving of \$10,000. The decision was made due to declining membership and a reduction in benefits received, along with the ability to achieve similar outcomes through other organisations at no additional cost.

A festive poster for "Gingerbread Decorating Fun". The top features a decorative border with gingerbread houses, cookies, and a gingerbread man. The title "Gingerbread Decorating Fun" is written in a large, elegant script. Below the title, it says "Come and decorate gingerbread, eat delicious food, and hear a short talk reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas". There are two boxes for event details: "House Decorating For Ages 12+ Friday November 29th 7-9:00pm Barraba Anglican Youth Centre \$35 for Gingerbread House Kits RSVP NOVEMBER 2ND" and "Gingerbread Cookie Decorating Sunday December 1st 3-4:30pm Barraba Anglican Youth Centre \$5 per cookie box RSVP NOVEMBER 17th*". At the bottom, it says "Hosted By Barraba Anglican Church RSVP by above dates to Chloe Hearne 0427045172 or chloehearne92@gmail.com" and includes a small gingerbread house icon with the note "*If your family would like to decorate a gingerbread house at the kids event please rsvp by Nov 2nd".

CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday
evening Mass 6pm
All other Sundays 9am

ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am
Woodsreef service 2nd Sunday of the month,
11:30am

BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 3rd November 2024 at Barraba

Return to 10:45am for all services.

All Welcome.



Phone 02 67 821 107



Senior Citizen's Notes

Hello everyone,

Our AGM was held on Friday. Whacko, new blood into the Committee. Most of the positions were filled unopposed, with the exception of President. A ballot was conducted, resulting in a new President. The committee is as follows:

President – Kelly Flanagan

1st Vice President – Beryle Jobson

2nd Vice President – Carole Thomson

Secretary – Carole Lewis

Treasurer – Trevor Mullins

Assistant Treasurer – Debbie Mullins

Publicity/Entertainment – yet to be appointed

The outgoing President did not have a report to present. The Treasurer gave a verbal report. The outgoing Secretary read her final report, congratulating all of those members who have worked so hard to make 2024 a social and financial success. Bring on 2025.

At the monthly meeting, held prior to the AGM, members were informed that the roof repairs are soon to take place. This means that the building will be closed for 1 week. During that time the cleaning of the ceiling will take place. As soon as dates are confirmed, members and Housie players will be notified.

It is with a bit of sadness that I write these notes, as this is my last time to do so. Thank you to all who have given me the good feedback and comments for quite a few years.

To those folks on the sick list, I wish you a speedy recovery.

Take care one and all.

Cheers Judy Brady.



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Around 4:30pm,
on Monday 28
October, a
Westpac Rescue
Helicopter was

tasked by NSW Ambulance to a reported accident involving a firearm at a property in Bingara, north of Tamworth. A man in his 20s was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics at the scene for an arm injury before being transported by road to meet the helicopter's critical care medical team at Barraba. The man was further treated before being airlifted to Tamworth Hospital.

Garden Ramble 2024

What a lovely day it was.....the weather was perfect for this year's Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising Group Inc. (BCPFRG) Garden Ramble. All of the open gardens presented beautifully, and the day out was enjoyed by all who attended. The success of the day saw funds raised that will be donated to the various Australian Cancer related and research Organizations via the BCPFRG.

A sincere thank you to all of those involved in the day, namely; contributing gardens and their gardeners, visitors to the gardens, committee volunteers, sundry contributors and importantly Barraba Rotary Club Inc., who kindly supported the day as well. Thanks to the local eateries too for feeding and watering the community as they made their way around the trees, plants and flowers in the gardens.

Thank you all once again. A few photos of the day for those who were unable to make the day.

Guessing Competition winners were:

1st Maddie Frost

2nd Brenda McColl

3rd Marg Joyce

Thank you to the donors of the prizes

Thank you to Julie Williams and Terry Threlfall for the Garden Ramble photos

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CLARENDON



Check out the photos of Chris Jeffery's model train set on page 12



HELEN HISCOCK'S GARDEN



From The Conversation

I think my child might need a tutor. What do I need to consider first?

Matthew White, Lecturer and Researcher Australian Catholic University.

School tutoring is a huge business. Australian estimates suggest it was worth more than of A\$1.5 billion as of 2021. In Australia, we see frequent media reports of parents using tutors to help their children through school. How can you tell if tutoring is right for your child?

What is tutoring?

Private tutoring can be take many forms, but involves parents paying for additional lessons outside of schools hours. These are either one-to-one or in small groups. There are services available for students in primary school through to senior high school.

Some tutoring services target specific skills, such as literacy or numeracy. Others offer support for young people with organisation skills and homework or preparation for certain exams. Tutoring can go for a short burst over a few weeks to prepare for an exam or it may be regular and ongoing to maintain learning.



Why do people get tutoring?

Families can get tutoring for a student for a wide range of reasons.

A child may be struggling with certain elements of schooling – such as reading, writing, or maths. Tutoring can provide an opportunity to catch-up with tailored support. Tutoring can also help children prepare for tests and exams, such as NAPLAN or Year 12. Tutoring is used to prepare students for government selective school programs or private school scholarship exams.

Researchers have highlighted some cultural backgrounds see investing in tutoring as an essential part of educating their children and helping them reach their full potential.

The tutoring debate.

Tutoring can be expensive and time consuming for families. Families may pay between \$30 and \$200 a session, depending on the subject and qualifications of the tutor.

Some argue this gives some children an unfair advantage and students should instead rely on their natural ability. Despite the criticism, there are benefits to tutoring. This includes giving students extra opportunities to consolidate their knowledge – we know this can help students learn. It can also help build their confidence if a tutor can step through learning in a less pressured environment. As my research has shown, academic progress relies heavily on a students' belief in their capacity to succeed.

Does my child need a tutor?

All students can benefit from personalised support and coaching in whatever they wish to peruse. However, all students do not need a tutor. The choice to engage a tutor should be attached to a goal that you and your child agree on.

If the young person does not want to engage in tutoring having a tutor is not going to help. Rather, it is more likely to lead to stress and arguments.

It may help to talk to your child's teacher and review school reports before starting with a tutor to work out which particular areas need extra attention.



If your shared goal is to catch up or help with certain academic skills, it is important to find a tutor who is experienced and can explain the approach they take and what evidence it is based on.

If the goal is organisation, homework or even just to improve confidence, you could at first try a university student who has past success themselves or with other students. For more specialised goals, seek out tutors who are open about their qualifications, experience and past success.

Child safety should also be a consideration. The Australian Tutoring Association provides practical advice for parents choosing a tutor and a code of conduct for tutors.

There is no requirement for tutors to be a member of the association. So, parents should make sure any tutor has a current Working with Children check. You can of course also talk to other parents and teachers for recommendations.

OUTSTANDING MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY

As part of last Saturday's Garden Ramble, visitors could visit and wonder at Chris Jeffery's detailed and complex display of model trains, set in community and industrial landscapes, and backed by spectacular local landscape photography. A work of forty plus years, the photos below capture only a glimpse of this amazing project.

