



BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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Wednesday 6th November 2024

Celebrate

National Ag Day

Wednesday 13th November

12 Midday Barraba Golf Club

for BBQ Lunch

followed by 9 Hole / 4 Person Ambrose

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**Richardson House
Aged Care Barraba**

Board Members Wanted

In order to continue our 40 year tradition of providing Aged Care to our elderly, and employment opportunities to the people of Barraba we need motivated and caring individuals to join our Board.

If you are keen to see Richardson House continue providing exceptional service to the Barraba community and would like to find out further information about becoming a Board member please contact Bronwyn Clinch on 0447 165 008.

***Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 21st
November 2023 at 4pm at the Barraba Day
Centre.***



The Vic

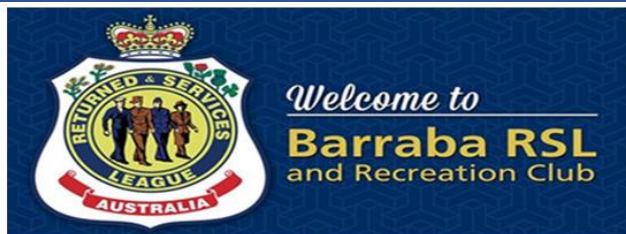
- * Imported and craft beer
- * Wine and cocktails.
- * Finger food available
- * Wednesday to Sunday
- * 11am to 9pm

Cnr Queen and Alice Streets
Barraba Phone 02 67825375



**Barraba High
Country Music
Musta**

**Sunday 10th
November 2024.
12 to 4pm.
FREE ENTRY.
Walk-up artists
welcome.
Barraba Bowling
Club**



BARRABA RSL & RECREATIONAL CLUB LTD

Phone 67821379

For the information of members and guests.

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY 7th November

Bingo from 6pm

FRIDAY 8th November

RAFFLES Tickets on sale from 5.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1500

SUNDAY 10th November

ANGLER CLUB RAFFLES

Raffles on sale from 12pm, drawn 1.30pm

MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1200

MONDAY 11th November

Club will be open after Centenary Ceremony

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

Barraba United Hospital Auxiliary Happenings

The Hospital Auxiliary held a general meeting on the 1st of November at the Day Centre. At the meeting discussions were held to organise the Street stall on the 8th of November from 9am. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

The lamington drive to have **orders in by the 8th November**. \$12 for pack of 6 lamingtons. Pick up on the 15th of November at the Hospital Day Centre. Order forms can be obtained from an Auxiliary member, Polkadot Coffee Room, at the street stall or with the Health Service office staff.

Jenny Simpson recently attended the State UHA conference in Sydney and gave a very comprehensive report on state wide activities, resolutions, guest speakers and topics that they spoke on. Jenny enjoyed her time at conference and stated that she learnt a great deal.

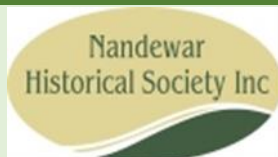
The Barraba Hospital Auxiliary is currently helping to purchase new items of furniture and garden equipment for the Quiet Room and adjoining court yard. A lounge and 2 reclining chairs have already arrived. A coffee table, standard light and large pot planters are still to be purchased in the near future.

Comfort packs for patients admitted to hospital were also discussed. Thank you to Linda for obtaining a very generous donations from Elizabeth King to go into these packs.

Linda also cooked scones that were enjoyed by all after the meeting.

If you would like to join the Auxiliary and help raise funds for our local Health Service patients and staff the next meeting is on the 6th December, 10am at the Day Centre.

Thank you for supporting the auxiliary, and the people of Barraba and wider community who access the Health Service



Nandewar Historical Society Markets

Saturday, 9th December 9 am to 12 noon

Lovely jams, homemade food.

Christmas gifts, plaques, books, handicrafts, barbeque and coffee. Local history books.

STOP PRESS

Historical Society 2025 calendars will be available at the Markets for \$15.00 each



Hospital Auxiliary committee members at the November meeting.

The centenary of the clock is upon us. This week there are lots of different people and happenings to remember and celebrate. I wonder if anyone has thought about those left behind when our soldiers enlisted and went off to war. How sad was the crowd who saw the train leave the station taking so many of their family members and residents off to war?

Before leaving this paragraph I must mention the wives, children and girlfriends of some of these soldiers, I know of a couple, who did not know if they would ever see their loved ones again and in one case did not.

We pause to remember great grandfathers and great uncles who did not return to their home country and families. Their names are listed on the clock for posterity as well as on several Memorial Boards such as the one in the Church of England. Sometimes of course there is a name missing all together as the body was never found.

Clive Crowley's mother wrote to him often and some of the letters were returned with his belongings after his demise. She filled him in on happenings on Cobbadah Station and ended each one wishing he would be home soon.

The Witten family were told that Sid had been injured on 1st April with no follow up communication about his condition for six weeks. A letter then arrived to say that he had passed away the day after his injury - how sad that must have been for the whole family.

We must spare a moment to remember both the soldier and his family when this happened - if you count the names on the clock, it concerned a large number of people.

Returning to the clock itself - a credit to those locals who worked out how best to build a clock in 1924 and then did such a good job, that after a hundred years it still seems to be in perfect order. I wonder why there was no plaque to note the date of erection and the builders in 1924.

Now on a more cheerful note this weekend is the second weekend in the month and so it is Market Day. I am told there are great stalls including sewing, hand-made dolls, Christmas gifts and a lovely hat rack raffle which will be drawn on Saturday - just the thing to hang on the back verandah for the boss's hat.

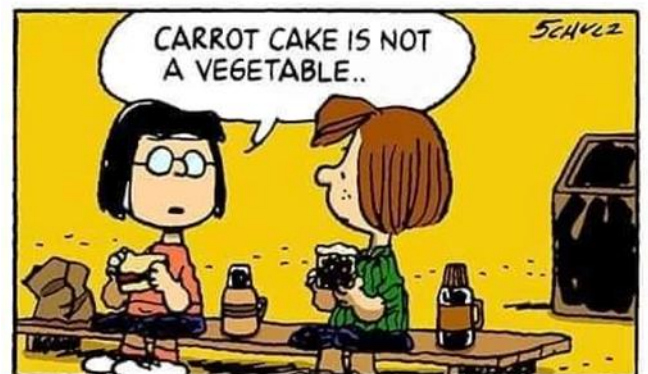
SHOP LOCAL

Andrew Farriss, world renown Singer/songwriter, INXS member, and Barraba district local, was photographed recently at his local greengrocer, Saunders Fruit and Vege, with proprietors Toni and John.



Andrew later wrote:

"One of the many joys of regional living is how personal even a trip to the grocery store can be. You don't just pick up your essentials; you catch up with familiar faces and share a great yarn or two. Life here is more than just shopping – it's community!"



BARRABA MEMORIAL SWIMMING COMPLEX

Barraba Memorial Swimming Pool Complex is an outdoor aquatic centre.

Location	Corner of Queen and Savoy Street, Barraba
Phone	(02) 6782 1038
Facilities	Indoor 12.5 metre heated pool (open during winter), Outdoor 33 metre (6 lane pool). Shade covered infant's wading pool, Kiosk offering cold food and beverages, Spacious grassed areas, BBQ Facilities
Disabled Access	Main pool – portable stairway. Heated Pool – disabled access, changerooms. Main pavilion – access via ramp.

Season started Tuesday October 29, 2024 (subject to staff availability).

Season ends Friday April 11, 2025.

Closures and changed times as below:

- Christmas Eve - Close 5pm
- Christmas Day - Closed
- New Years Eve - Close 5pm

Fees:

Adult:	\$5.50
Child/Student/Concession/ Children (2 years and under)	\$4.00 Free

Opening hours	
Monday	Closed
Tuesday - Sunday	12pm to 6pm

Barraba Heated Pool

Barraba Heated Pool (previously known as the Hydrotherapy Pool) is a 12.5 metre heated indoor pool. The facility is open to the public.

Opening Hours	
Monday	Closed
Tuesday - Sunday	12pm to 6pm

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

The Barraba Memorial Clock Centenary Committee would like to notify the community that on Monday 11th November 2024 the main street will be closed between the intersections of Alice & Queen and Maude & Queen from 9.30am – 12.30pm. This is to hold Remembrance Day celebrations that included the Centenary of our war memorial clock. See the Order of Service in this edition of the Community News.

It would be appreciated if vehicles could be removed prior to 9.30am.

Barraba Memorial Clock Centenary 11-11-1924 to 11-11-2024

This coming Monday 11th November 2024 marks Remembrance Day, and our Memorial Clock Centenary. It is believed that the erection of the Memorial Clock which was funded by donations from the Barraba Community could be one of the first memorials to be erected and funded in this manner. Another example of the community spirit and resilience the Barraba people had 100 years ago, and still do to this day.

On Monday, Queen Street will be closed between Alice and Maude Street intersections so that we can commemorate the centenary of our Memorial Clock along with the Remembrance Day Service, music in the mall, a march (all welcome) and window displays which include information posters and poppies. All welcome to lay a wreath if they wish to do so.

We remind the community is not too late to decorate your mailbox, window, veranda, shop counter and/or window will poppies etc to help mark and celebrate the occasion.

Sunday 10th November is the Back to Barraba dinner at the Barraba RSL. Thank you all for making it a sell out! The Poem Competition will be announced at the dinner, thank you for all the entries! (please see the Dinner Program below). If you have booked a seat and are no longer able to attend or have reserved spots for people who are no longer coming, please let the RSL know as they have a waiting list. (02) 67 821 379.

DINNER PROGRAM

BACK TO BARRABA DINNER SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024 BARRABA RSL CLUB

- 6.00pm Drinks and catch up with new and old friends
- 7.00pm Take your seats & meal to be served
- 7.30pm Welcome and apologies
- 7.35pm Announcement of "The Clock" poetry competition. Reading of winning entries
- 7.50pm Presentation by Ian Small. Author of the Kurrajongs.
- 8.10pm Cutting of Centennial Cake
- 8.15pm Thank you

Booked a seat and unable to attend?

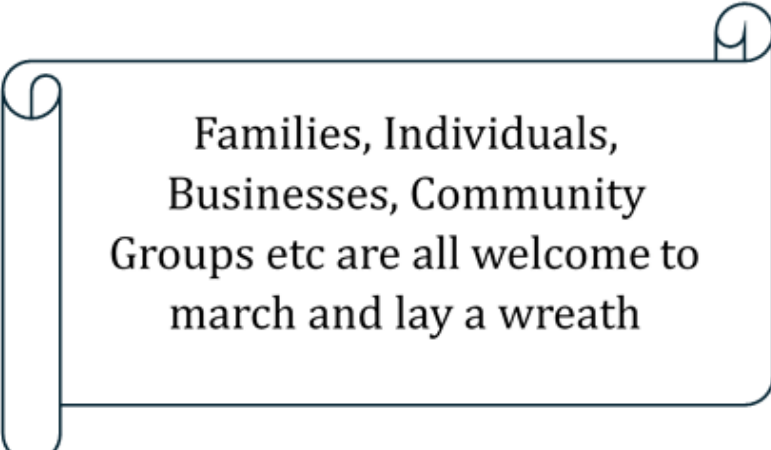
Please call the Barraba RSL on 0267821379 or 0427330808 as there is a waiting list

Poppy Project



**ORDER OF SERVICE - CENTENARY CEREMONY
MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2024
AT THE CLOCK**

<u>9.45am</u>	Music in the Mall
<u>10.20am</u>	March Assembly
<u>10.30am</u>	March to commence
<u>10.35am</u>	Take Positions/Seating
<u>10.40am</u>	Official Welcome / Welcome the Country
<u>10.43am</u>	Opening Prayer
<u>10.47am</u>	Hymn – Recessional (2 verses)
<u>10.55am</u>	Service Commences
<u>10.57am</u>	“The Ode”
<u>11.00am</u>	The Last Post
	One Minutes Silence
	Rouse
<u>11.15am</u>	Prayer/Reflection
<u>11.20am</u>	Laying of Wreathes (includes general public)
	Piper – Dr Robert Lawrence
	National Anthem
	Address – History of Clock/Service
	Poem
	Conclusion & Thank You



Families, Individuals,
Businesses, Community
Groups etc are all welcome to
march and lay a wreath

Volunteer Connect Expo 2024



Volunteer Connect Expo



24 November @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Free

Join us at the **MyTRC Volunteer Connect Expo**, where community-minded individuals come together to explore a wide range of volunteer opportunities in the Tamworth region! Whether you're passionate about the environment, healthcare, youth programs, or social services, this event is the perfect place to discover how you can make a difference.

Hosted at the historic **Tamworth Town Hall**, the expo will bring together local organisations, charities, and initiatives looking for passionate volunteers. You'll have the chance to connect with these groups, learn more about their causes, and find the perfect volunteer role that matches your skills and interests.

Highlights include:

- Opportunities to meet representatives from various community organisations.
- Learn how volunteering can enhance your skills, network, and sense of fulfillment.
- Information on different ways you can support local projects.

This event is free and open to all ages. Whether you're a seasoned

volunteer or looking to get started, the **MyTRC Volunteer Connect Expo** is your gateway to making a real impact in our community.

For more information or to register, visit tamworth.nsw.gov.au/volunteer-connect or contact our Volunteer Services Officer, Luke Macdonald, 02 6767 5572

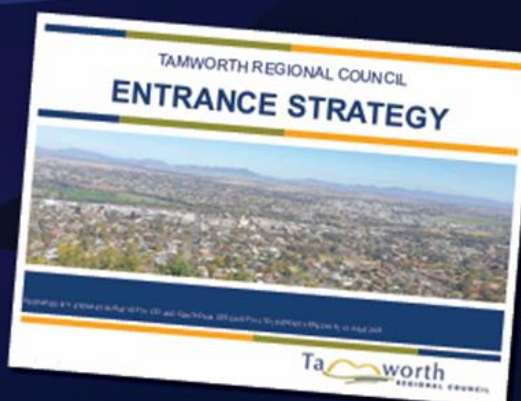
l.macdonald@tamworth.nsw.gov.au.

Come along and be inspired to volunteer in your community!

NEW WELCOME SIGNS COMING SOON!

Join us for a community meeting to learn more about new entrance signage being installed as part of the Tamworth Regional Council's Entrance Strategy.

Location	Date & time	Venue
Barraba	Tuesday 12 November 5.30pm – 6.30pm	Barraba Bowling Club
Manilla	Tuesday 12 November 7pm-8pm	Manilla Small Town Hall



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REGIONAL COUNCIL



ORGANISATIONS ENCOURAGED TO TAP INTO GRANT OPPORTUNITY

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

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the Clubgrants program had been delivering significant funds for important community projects across the region and encouraged organisations to get an application in before the 25th of November.

"Clubgrants invests in the projects that matter and I want our community to take advantage of this program which is delivering grants of between \$50,000 and \$250,000," Mr Anderson said. "I know there are some outstanding community infrastructure projects on the radar right across the electorate and this is an opportunity to get them funded and underway. Projects funded in the past include shade sails at the athletics facility, water tanks at Yarowitch Public Hall, and the Quirindi Silo Art which are all projects that have benefited for our community."

"Funding can be used for a range of projects from upgrading local halls, to lighting for sporting grounds, art exhibits, community transport, or infrastructure that supports youth and more. This program is about investing in our community, connecting us and growing participation in sport, recreation and the arts."

These grants are made possible by the Clubgrants Category 3 Fund which re-invests profits from registered clubs' gaming machines into community projects. Funding is available for infrastructure projects in four areas:

- Arts & Culture
- Community Infrastructure
- Disaster Readiness
- Sport & Recreation

Applications open from Monday, 4th of November now and close on 25 November. For more information, please visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/responsible-gambling-grants>

CROWN LANDS VITAL COMMUNITY ASSETS

Crown reserves are incredibly important assets for communities across our region, and across regional NSW. They serve as recreational spaces, green spaces, public commons, public meeting spaces, and land for community-based organisations like bowling clubs and community halls. For many of our communities, particularly our smaller communities, crown land assets are the most important public asset in the area.

That's why I always thank and congratulate those who take up the mantle of caring for our crown land assets. Crown land managers, trustees and volunteers do an outstanding job caring for and maintaining public land for the benefit of their communities. It can be a difficult and time-consuming job for volunteers, but I know that those who look after crown land across our region take a lot of pride in providing an asset and a service to their community. That's why it's so important that the government, who manage crown land, provide these hard-working volunteers with grant opportunities to upgrade and maintain local facilities.

The way the government does this is through the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund, which opened again for applications this week. This fund has done good things for our communities, and it's been incredibly rewarding to see this government funding roll out.

The Curlewis Common would not be the facility it is today without the \$40,000 in funding it received in 2021 to repair boundary fencing and cattle yards. Similarly, an asset like the Kootingal Community Hall would not be the outstanding facility it is today without this grant program. I also know there have been transformational grants for Gunnedah's showground, helping build that facility into the outstanding, all access grounds it is today. These projects are a snapshot of why this program is so vitally important for the region, and I'm glad to see it finally return.

This year, \$10 million is available to local Crown Land managers and trustees and I look forward to supporting several applications this year. If any crown land managers or trustees need any more information or assistance. Please contact me.

Picked up a hitchhiker last night. He asked, "How do you know I'm not a serial killer?"

I replied, "The chances of two serial killers in one car is astronomical."

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 10th November 2024 at Barraba
Return to 10:45am for all services.
All Welcome.



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GARDENERS - GET YOUR SUMMER SEEDLINGS!

Be early to the Barraba Hospital Auxiliary Street Stall (opens 9 am Friday 8 November) so you can pick up some locally grown seedlings. Plants for sale will include zinnia, pumpkin, and tomato seedlings.



STALLHOLDERS WANTED!

If you would like to be a part of the Bingara Christmas Concert this year by having a market or food stall, please email gmc@gwydir.nsw.gov.au and request a stallholder application.




GONE FISHING DAY 2024

COME ALONG AND LEARN SOME TIPS AND TRICKS AT OUR FISHING WORKSHOPS HOSTED BY OZFISH

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
09.00 AM - 03.00 PM

PRIZES FOR THE KIDS **FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**



BINGARA ANGLERS CLUB HATCHERY
10 BANDALONG STREET, BINGARA, NSW, 2404



Golf Notes



With the drier conditions allowing plenty of run there were some good scores amongst the 60 players on Friday. Kieren

Darlington with an excellent 25 points won the chook from Cooper Chapman on 23, Jesse Phillips 22, Liam Johnston 22, Ally Smith 22, Rhonda Mellor 21, Sam Knight 21, Lachie Smith 20, Helen Kelly 20, David Kelly 20, Morgan Phillips 20 and Thabiso Mzisa also on 20.

In our 5 hole comp Penny Blomfield won with 10 points just ahead of Lanie Hartwig 9, Mandy Koopman 6 and Ben Freeman 6.

Team Table

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 83- Young Generation | 80- Over the Hill |
| 78- Stock and Crop | 77- The Wouldbes, 6666 |
| 76- Family Affair, Who Gives a Putt | |
| 71- Eagle Hunters | 70- The Forgettables |
| 69- No Names | 68- Ruttleys Earthmoving, No Hoppers |
| 63- New and Old | 62- Geriatrics |
| 50- Vintage | 37- Hackers |
| 35- The Bogey Men | 30- Worm Burners |



Monday 11 November

Following Remembrance Day Services, the Commercial Hotel will be open for:

Lunch 12 til 2.00pm

An afternoon of 2UP in the Beer Garden!

A sing a long with Gayle!

TELEPHONE: 02 67 821 023



Where did all these dragonflies come from?

Caitlyn Forster, Associate Lecturer, School of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Sydney

If you've spent much time outdoors along the east coast of Australia in the past week, particularly near waterways, you've probably seen something quite interesting emerging: dragonflies, whether in ones and twos or what feel like clouds and swarms.

Where did they come from? What are they up to? And why are there so many dragonflies all of a sudden?

Why are there so many dragonflies around?

The short answer is the weather. A warm start to spring has meant a lot of dragonfly nymphs have decided it's a good time to take the leap into adulthood. Adult dragonflies are the highly visible winged predators we see buzzing around everywhere at the moment.

In cities, where bodies of water may be relatively small – think ponds and creeks rather than lakes and rivers – water temperatures rise more quickly as winter ends. When the weather is warmer, dragonflies may emerge earlier in the year.

But where did they come from?

These dragonflies have been hiding in local waterways, in nymph form. Dragonflies begin their lives as eggs then hatch into an aquatic nymph stage, and finally an adult flying form.

The wingless, water-dwelling nymphs don't look much like the familiar adults. However, dragonflies are nymphs for most of their lives.

Some species live as nymphs for up to two years, though this may be less depending on weather and light conditions.

Dragonfly nymphs are fantastic predators. They have a kind of hinged jaw that can be extended like an arm to grab food – sometimes including small fish – at high speeds.

The nymphs are also fantastic swimmers, using an unusual technique first described in 1975:

Jet-propulsion in dragonfly larvae is achieved by the rapid ejection of water from a specialised rectal chamber via the anus.

With this method, nymphs can swim at speeds up to ten centimetres per second.

Why are dragonflies such fierce predators?



A freshly moulted adult dragonfly with the empty husk it just crawled out of. L.B. Tettenborn / Wikimedia, CC BY-SA

When days get longer, the nymphs begin to emerge as adults. When a nymph is ready to emerge she will crawl out of the water and hang around on the surface, waiting to moult. Once the adult has moulted, it will wait for its wings to inflate, before taking off on a single, short flight.

Once the young adult has grown used to its wings, it will continue being a menace to surrounding wildlife – only now in the air. Adult dragonflies have a knack for high-speed aerobatics, and they feed on even the fastest of flying insects.

Dragonflies can reach speeds of up to 55 kilometres per hour. Relative to the dragonfly's size, that's like a human moving at close to 900km an hour.

They can also fly backwards and even do flips in the sky. Some species also have impressive long-distance flight capabilities, with the common green darner undertaking a cycle of multigenerational migration in which individuals travel almost 700km.



Dragonflies' large compound eyes give them powerful vision to track prey. Dustin Iskandar / Wikimedia, CC BY-SA

Dragonflies' aerial acrobatics, combined with amazing vision, make them powerful predators.

One study found dragonflies can catch prey from about half a metre away in half a second. They are also clever enough to attack prey from behind, so even fast-reacting flies don't stand a chance. Some species also use what is called "motion camouflage", approaching a target along a path that disguises the fact they are getting closer and closer.

What does climate change mean for dragonflies?

Much of the dragonfly's life cycle is linked to changes in weather, so there's little doubt climate change will affect them. One UK study looking at when dragonflies emerged from 1960 to 2004 found this event was becoming earlier in the year, likely due to warming temperatures.

Changes in length and timing of life cycles isn't the only effect climate change has had on dragonflies. Another recent study found they are also changing colour as temperatures rise.

It's not yet clear what the knock-on effects of this earlier emergence will be. However, dragonflies are not alone among insects in this new behaviour – so the premature predators will at least have something to eat.

Should we get rid of dragonflies?

Sometimes people complain about dragonflies in their yards, and even take steps to get rid of them. That's a big mistake.

Not only are these beautiful creatures harmless to humans, their aerobatics are also very fun to watch. And if you want a more direct reason not drive dragonflies away, their diet is a good one. The average dragonfly nymph eats around 40 mosquito larvae a day, and adult dragonflies also love to chow down on adult mosquitoes.

So, keeping dragonflies around – and even encouraging them – can have plenty of benefits.

Smoked Chicken Linguine

From The Freerange Butcher

Ingredients:

- 2 smoked chicken breast fillets, thinly sliced
- 250g fresh linguine (freeze the other half of the packet for another meal)
- 1 leek, thinly sliced
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped
- 300g mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 300ml thick cream
- 2 tsps fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 tbsp olive oil

Method:

- Heat the olive oil in a saucepan. Add the leek and cook over low heat until soft. Add the garlic and cook for one minute. Pour in the wine and simmer for 2-3 minutes or until the liquid has reduced by half.
- Increase the heat to medium, add the mushrooms and thyme and cook for 5 minutes for until any excess liquid has been absorbed. Add the cream and sliced chicken. Reduce the heat and simmer for 4-5 minutes, or until the sauce has thickened slightly.
- Cook the pasta in a large pot of boiling water. Drain and divide among serving plates. Spoon on the sauce and serve with garlic bread for a real carb fix.

