



# BARRABA COMMUNITY NEWS

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## **Final Barraba Community News for 2024**

Thank you to our contributors, advertisers, readers and the volunteers who ensure the 'Barraba Community News' is published each week.

**The next edition will be Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

Send any articles, news, pictures and reports to  
[news@barrabacommunitynews.org.au](mailto:news@barrabacommunitynews.org.au)

Have a Merry Christmas and as the holiday season is imminent for most of us, PLEASE drive safely for you, your passengers, your family & friends.

Let's not be a statistic this Christmas.

## **UPPER HORTON RODEO & CAMPDRAFT**

**Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st December 2024**

**Wednesday 1st January 2025**

The Annual Upper Horton Camp draft will commence on Monday the 30th of December 2024 at 1pm with the Gwydir Shire Council Encouragement Camp draft, followed by the Stephen King Memorial Open Camp draft and the start of the Hart Rural Agencies Maiden Camp draft with the first one hundred runs to be completed.

There will also be a Novice and Junior Rodeo held on Monday the 30th of December 2024 commencing in the Rodeo Arena at 4pm with Barrel Races, Steer Rides, and Junior Bull Ride.

Tuesday the 31st of December will commence at 6am with the competition of the Hart Rural Agencies Maiden draft followed by the Cavanagh's Stockmaster Juvenile Draft, The Warren Richards Junior Draft, Pollock & Cummins Open Draft, and the Finals of The Maiden & Open Drafts will complete the day's action in the Camp draft arena.

New Year's Eve celebrations at Upper Horton will commence in the Rodeo arena with an Open Rodeo at 7pm including the following events: \$500.00 Morgan Thoroughbreds Novice Saddle Bronc Ride, F Gaukroger & Sons Inverell Jackpot Novice Bull Ride \$3000.00. Pip Kelly Memorial Saddle Bronc Ride featuring top riders from around the country and Upper

Horton Horses from Gill Bros Rodeo stock and conclude with the \$500.00 R 2 A Leather Poly Buckjump.

Pippy's Party music will be seen in the New Year at the Upper Horton Sports Ground with Canteen, BBQ and bar operating.

New Year's Day will commence at 6am with the Stock & Crop Barraba Jackpot Novice Draft followed by The Jody Turnbull Memorial Ladies Draft sponsored by Elders Tamworth and the Final of the Jackpot Novice draft.

Entry to the Rodeo will be CASH ONLY \$15.00 per adult & \$5.00 per child. There will be no eftpos facilities with cash out available at the gates or on the grounds.

Please come and support the Upper Horton Rodeo and Camp draft and see in the New Year.

**Ruby Mae's Wish Christmas MOVIE NIGHT**

**When:** Saturday 21st December 2024  
**Time:** from 5pm (games etc. movie starting at 8pm)  
**Where:** Barraba RSL & Recreational Club  
**Cost:** \$10pp (inc. drink, popcorn & lollybag)  
**Dinner:** Full dinner menu available with "movie" specials via the RSL kitchen

**Purchase your tickets via the Ruby Mae's Wish website!**  
[www.rubymaeswish.com.au](http://www.rubymaeswish.com.au)

Gather up your family and friends, along with your favorite picnic rug and camp chair and join us for a heartwarming Christmas Movie Night. All proceeds from the night will be going directly to our Coastrek fundraising efforts for Beyond Blue & Ruby Mae's Wish.



*Community Carols*

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER 2024

ON THE GRASS AT BARRABA ANGLICAN CHURCH

BBQ & KIDS ACTIVITIES FROM 5PM  
CAROLS FROM 6PM

HOSTED BY BARRABA ANGLICAN CHURCH



**Safety first around Christmas lights this season**

We all love the colour and spectacle of Christmas lights, so it's important that we connect our festive fun in an electricity-safe way.

With the safety of our communities and our people being Essential Energy's number one priority, here are a few handy tips for power safety in the home.

- Inspect old Christmas lights and electrical wires for any sign of damage or wear and tear before installing.
- Check that all globes are properly fitted and don't use light sets with missing globes, to prevent other conductive items being placed inside the socket.
- Read the light manufacturers' safety and installation instructions and follow these carefully.
- Only purchase lights that meet Australian safety standards.
- Position your Christmas lights away from flammable materials such as curtains and sofas.
- If not LED, do not place lights close to tinsel and flammable decorations as the heat from lights could start a fire if they are left on for a long time.
- When decorating the outside of your house choose lights and light fittings designed for external use.
- Turn off your Christmas tree lights overnight and avoid piggybacking plugs.
- Never attach outdoor Christmas lights or electrical leads to power poles or streetlights. Not only is it dangerous, it's illegal.
- Look up and live. With your outside lights, make sure you are clear of the service main where the electricity connects to your house and avoid installing lights or other decorations near overhead powerlines.

Essential Energy encourages customers to have a safety switch within their meter box and ensure that any electrical work needed around the home is undertaken by a licensed electrician.

If you do feel a shock or tingle when touching a tap, showerhead or any appliance in your home, call Essential Energy straight away on 13 20 80 and stay clear of those appliances until it is safe.

Essential Energy has crews on call over the Christmas period, so please do not hesitate to contact us. For more information, visit the Essential Energy website – Christmas Lights Safety and Shocks and Tingles.



**BARRABA RSL & RECREATIONAL CLUB LTD**

Phone 67821379  
For the information of members and guests.

**THIS WEEK**

**FRIDAY 20th December**  
**MEAT RAFFLES Tickets on sale from 5.30pm**  
MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1500

**SATURDAY 21st December**  
**Ruby Mae's Movie Night**

**SUNDAY 22nd December**  
AIRCOOLED ASSEMBLY RAFFLES  
**Raffles on sale from 12pm, drawn 1.30pm**  
MEMBERSHIP DRAW \$1000

**Club will be closed Christmas day,  
Boxing Day, New Year's Day**

**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

**Bistro will be closed from 23rd December,  
reopen 9th January.**

# Get involved with Community Committees

Tamworth Regional Council has opportunities for interested locals to give their time and have their voices heard as part of our community committees.

These groups provide strategic advice and support to Council across a wide variety of specialty areas which help shape our community plans.

*Expressions of interest are now open to join:*

- The Disability Access Working Group
- Tamworth Regional Council Heritage Working Group
- Tamworth Region Arts Advisory Committee
- Tamworth Region Inclusive Culture Advisory Committee
- Tamworth City Centre Working Group
- Tamworth Regional Community Safety Working Group
- Urban Street Tree Advisory Group



Scan the QR code



## Here is an overview of outcomes from Tamworth Regional Council Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024:

In a move aimed to support families and youth, Councillors tonight endorsed a Notice of Motion from Councillor Jeff Budd to trial free access to pools across the region during this summer. Cr Budd said in his motion that “access to and cost of access...is a big issue”. He advocated that the “social capital and community engagement” benefits of the initiative would outweigh any loss of income. The motion also requested a report be presented to future Council meeting after the end of the trial.

As the region continues to experience a shortage of childcare options, Councillors tonight took a step towards helping meet demand by granting development consent for a new 122-place childcare centre in Moore Creek. The development consent is subject to a range of conditions that will go towards alleviating the traffic and noise concerns of some nearby residents. The scope of works includes the consolidation of three lots into one and the construction and landscaping of the facility in Eagle View Estate, Moore Creek. The proposed centre will operate Monday to Friday, 6:30am to 6pm and will include seven separate playrooms, various administration, staff and meeting areas, kitchen and laundry spaces, as well as two outdoor play areas and a carpark with 25 spaces.

In alignment with Local Traffic Committee recommendations, tonight Council voted to approve the proposed signage and line marking plan for the Carthage Street Pavement Rehabilitation project. This includes edge lines, centre lines and barrier lines, a righthand turn lane at the White Street and Carthage Street intersection, a change in parking configuration on the southern side of Carthage Street between Fitzroy Street and White Street (to remove a deviation in the road and improve sight distance for drivers), repositioning of disabled parking bays in front of North West Eyes (for easier access) and pedestrian safety improvements. Council has secured funding for pedestrian safety upgrades through the NSW Government’s Road Safety Program.

Councillors tonight agreed to request the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to amend the Dwelling Density Map associated with Arcadia Estate, Hillvue, in response to a minor boundary adjustment proposed by the developer. The proposed adjustment will result in a minor change to the boundaries of the two major lots that comprise the eastern section of the Arcadia precinct to align with the future residential subdivision layout. The adjustment will only affect the shape of two lots, with the area of both lots remaining unchanged. As a result of this proposed change, the Dwelling Density Map in the Tamworth Regional Local Environmental Plan 2010 (TRLEP 2010) needs to be updated to reflect the new lot boundaries. These changes are administrative only and will have no effect on land use planning controls within the TRLEP 2010.

## PFAS test results for Tamworth

Tamworth Regional Council has received the results from recent PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) testing in the local drinking water supply and is pleased to advise that all water systems across the region meet all guideline limits based on the tests conducted, offering assurances to residents.

Council recently participated in a state-wide drinking water PFAS testing program coordinated by NSW Health. In late November 2024, sampling for PFAS was undertaken for Council's six treated water supplies with all results received being below current Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, as well as proposed future limits.

Council understands that the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is conducting an independent review of the health-based guideline values for PFAS which is expected to be completed in late 2024 early 2025.

The current health-based guideline values for PFAS in the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines are:

- less than 0.07 micrograms per litre for the sum of PFOS and PFHxS (combined)
- less than 0.56 micrograms per litre for PFOA

As per the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, Tamworth Regional Council undertakes raw water source or catchment risk assessments to consider water quality risks for all of its water supplies in consultation with NSW Health and other NSW Government Agencies. There have been no identified source risks for historical use of PFAS within Council's water catchments.

Director of Water and Waste Bruce Logan said "These are pleasing though not unexpected results, in line with Council's regular monitoring schedule."

Council undertakes annual monitoring of all raw water supply sources in accordance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. All sampling undertaken by Council has not detected any PFAS compounds in any of Council's raw water supplies above current or proposed Australian Drinking Water Guideline limits. The annual raw water sampling and testing were most recently undertaken in June/July 2024.

More information about water supplies can be found on Council's website or on NSW Health's website available at [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)



## History Notes

What a wonderful market the Society had to finish up the year. A big thank you to those who came to help set up the markets and then put everything away at lunchtime. There are still calendars for sale from the museum on Friday and Saturday mornings.

Next weekend we have visitors coming to research the McKid/Sinclair family on Friday and then on Saturday a Central Hotel descendant looking into the 1940s. I doubt there is anyone here in Barraba who remembers Bill Webster – we will be happy to hear from them especially if they have a late 1940s Barraba Chronicle to show him. The best I could do was find a December 1945 extract which showed Bill Webster as the new management of the Central Hotel, and he was still there in March 1949.

No doubt our readers have or will have to go through a relative's belongings in the future. It is not an easy job but there is sometimes a birthday book or an autograph book. My grandmother's birthday book is also a poetry book with a verse for every day of the year eg *to be wroth with one we love, doth work like madness in the brain* by Coleridge. This kind of book has sadly died out, but the autograph book followed the birthday book and there are a few samples of these around with a few nice lines of poetry. These little books can give one an idea of her friends and family and for one who knew the person they can be a small memory of a friend, mother or grandmother.

To finish the last notes for 2024 I have come across a couple of Recreation Time magazines, published some 50 years ago by the local printers so everyone had access to the local TV program. There are lots of advertisements in them, but I could not pass the advertisement for the Christmas Tree held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December in Maude Street. Santa arrived at 7pm sharp. He brought popcorn, drinks and balloons. There were presents for children up to 11 years and senior citizens.

There were 23 patients in the local hospital – all named which would not be allowed today. The church services were listed including the Salvation Army, Presbyterian, Methodist and Church of England. The Post Office holiday arrangements, the Bowling and Golf Clubs, the Railway Information, Swimming Club results and much more, all in a free magazine. There was even the story of a snake in the bedroom which turned out to be a plastic snake.

This is the last notes for the year. May everyone have a Happy Christmas and New Year and look after your history if it's available.

## BARRABA CENTRAL SCHOOL AWARDS NIGHT

Dux of 2023 - Michala Princic



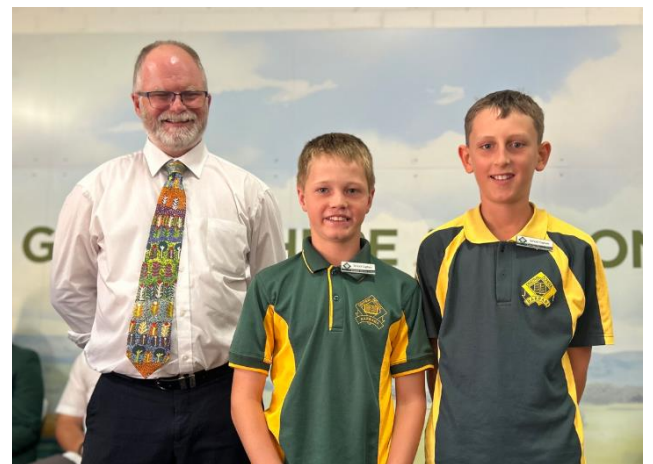
Pictured L-R: Michala Princic and Mr Sullivan (Principal)



Pictured L-R: Mr Greenwood (Secondary Sports Teacher) and Dustin Hiscock.



Pictured L-R: Hannah Walker and Mr Sullivan (Principal)



Pictured L-R: Mr Sullivan (Principal) and the 2025 Primary Leadership Team Hugh Crowley and Lachlan Hands.

SEE PAGES 17 TO 19 FOR A FULL LIST OF STUDENT AWARDS



### **Barraba High Country Music Musta**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025. 12 to 4pm.

FREE ENTRY.

Walk-up artists welcome. Barraba Bowling Club.

Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and looking forward to our visits to Barraba in 2025.



### **WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER RAFFLE WINNERS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Bruce McNeil - \$300.00 IGA Voucher

2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey Sedgwick - \$150.00 Inland Petroleum Voucher

3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Robb – Ham donated by Barraba Beef

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Trent,  
Lanie and staff at

## Barraba Rural Traders

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your business and support over the past 12 months.

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

**Christmas Trading Hours:**

**Closed from 5pm Tuesday 24th December**

**Trading resumes Thursday 2nd January 2025 9am.**



## The Barraba Caravan Park

Phone 0435357331, the lady to talk to is Shanon  
Cameron

But if you're going past – don't!

[barrabacaravanpark.com.au](http://barrabacaravanpark.com.au)

***Thanking all guests and friends for their patronage and support in the last 12 months and extend best wishes to all for 2025.***

# Merry Christmas



## COMMERCIAL HOTEL



### Barraba Cancer Patients Fund Raising Group Inc.

Wishes everybody a very Merry  
Christmas and Happy New year.

We thank the community for their wonderful support of our fund raising efforts during 2024.



### Barraba Pony Club

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year ahead in 2025.

New members always welcome at Barraba Pony Club.



*C. W. Jeffery Bus Service & Charter*

Servicing Barraba & District

0267821767 0427254385

Chris, Andrea and staff wishing all friends, family and clients a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### CATERING TO BARRABA AND DISTRICT





## BARRABA MOTORS

Mark, Rachel, Amy and Max wish all customers a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year and thank them for their patronage during 2024.

We will be closed during the holiday period, reopening on 3rd February 2025.



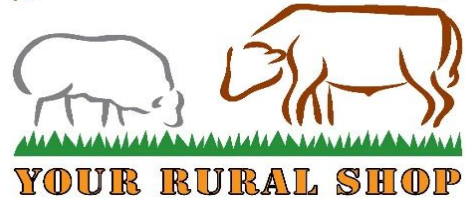
## Barraba Pharmacy & Newsagency

Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years from all the staff.

### Christmas Trading Hours

Tues 24/12/24 – Open, regular trading hours  
 Wed 25/12/24 – CLOSED  
 Thurs 26/12/24 – CLOSED  
 Fri 27/12/24 – Open, regular trading hours  
 Sat 28/12/24 – Open regular trading hours 9am to 12pm  
 Sun 29/12/24 - CLOSED  
 Mon 30/12/24 - Open regular trading hours  
 Tues 31/12/24 – Open regular trading hours  
 Wed 1/1/25 – CLOSED  
 Thurs 2/1/25 – Open regular trading hours  
 Mon 27/1/25 – CLOSED (Australia Day Public Holiday)

## STOCK & CROP



*Wish all our customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you for your patronage throughout the year.*



### Christmas Drinks

Please come and join us for Christmas drinks on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 12 midday.

### Christmas/New Year closure

Last trading day for 2024 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024.  
 Reopen on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025.



We would like to thank the community for their generosity and support this year, wishing everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and happy new year – love Kim & Nick 'Ruby Mae's Wish'



## Queen Street Cafe

Phone 67822106

Wish one and all a very Merry Christmas  
and a Joyous New Year.



Closed on 29<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January.



### Community College Northern Inland Inc.

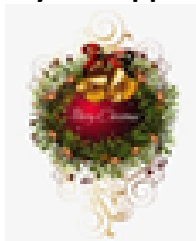
*The team at your local Community College  
wish you all a Happy and Safe Christmas and  
all the best in 2025.*

The office will be closed from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024  
to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025.



Shop 117-119 Queen St - Barraba  
P. (0)2 6782 1585

**Kylie wishes all Universal customers a Happy  
Christmas and prosperous New Year and thank you  
for your support.**



Closed from 22<sup>nd</sup> December 12md  
Reopen on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025



**Phill, Marilou and Romy wish all a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.**

PJK Law will close at 5pm on Friday, 20 December 2024 and  
reopen at 9am on Monday, 6 January 2025.

149 Queen Street, Barraba NSW 2347  
Telephone: (02) 6782 1103  
Email: [admin@piklaw.com.au](mailto:admin@piklaw.com.au)



### THE CORNER STORE

21 Queen St Barraba 0267821058

Rakesh, Raji, Dinesh, Indu and Leah wish all  
customers a MERRY CHRISTMAS and  
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR and thanks all for  
your patronage.

**OPEN Christmas Day and Boxing Day.**

## Merlene's Fine Fibres Studio

86 Queen St Barraba  
Phone 02 67821838

*Merlene and Laurie wish all a Merry  
Christmas and Happy New Year*





**Barraba RSL and Recreation  
Amateur Anglers Club**

Wish all members and friends a  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW  
YEAR.**  
Hope the fish are biting in 2025!



**BARRABA SHIRE BAND**

The Bandmaster and Band  
Members wish all a very Merry  
Christmas and a happy New  
Year.

Thank you for your support  
during 2024.  
We're always looking for new  
members.



**D.J. Kelly & Co.**

Chartered Accountants  
122 Queen St Barraba.  
Phone 67821403



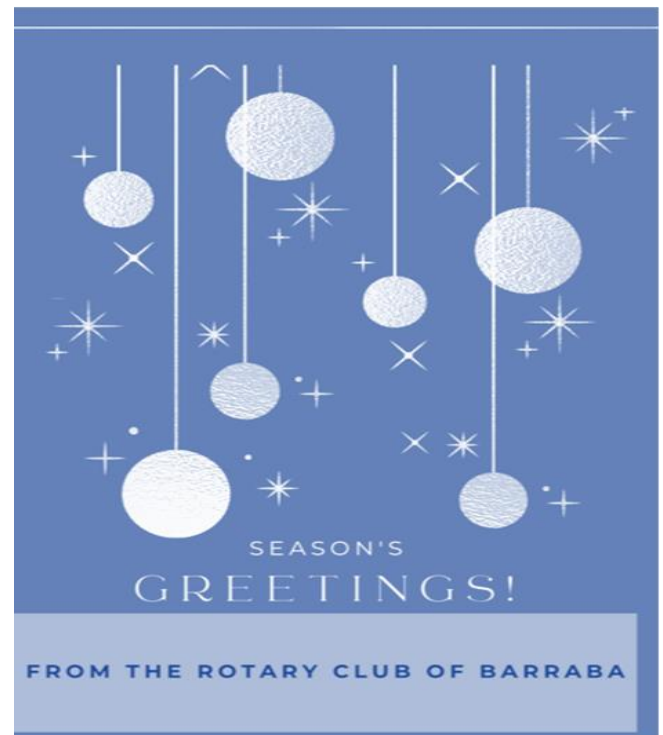
Wish their clients and friends a very Merry  
Christmas and prosperous New Year.  
Closed 23rd December to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**BARRABA MEN'S SHED**



Members of the Barraba Men's Shed wish all a very  
Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and would  
like to thank everyone for their support throughout  
the year.

Shed will be closed from 20<sup>th</sup> December and open up  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> January, the shop however will be open on  
the 23, 27, 28, 31 Dec and 2 and 4 of Jan then back  
to normal trading.



**Christmas Rules:**

Don't go into debt with trying to  
show people how much you love them.

Don't go visit your family if  
it compromises your mental health.

If someone comments on your  
weight...eat them.

**TJ and WA ENDACOTT  
PLUMBING**

Phone Tim 0428852054  
AH 02 67852054

Tim and Wendy wish all a Very Merry  
Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**NORTH BARRABA DIESEL**

Adam Russell phone 02 67821485

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a  
happy New Year.

Thank you for your support in 2024.



Closed during the Christmas break.



**Members of the Barraba Potters and Craft  
Guild and Fuller Gallery wish everyone a  
Happy Christmas and a wonderful, safe and  
healthy New Year**

*MERRY  
CHRISTMAS*

John, Robyn, Ben, Josh and Kahlee of

**Barraba Beef**

Wish all customers and friends Peace and  
Happiness at Christmas and all through 2025

*Merry  
Christmas*

**THE NANDEWAR  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY INC.**



*Wishes you a Merry  
Christmas and a*

*Happy New Year*

*Thank you for supporting Barraba's  
Museum so we can continue to  
preserve our local history for future  
generations to come.*

The President and Members of the  
**Barraba Lions Club**

Take this opportunity to wish the people of  
Barraba a happy and prosperous Christmas  
and New Year and thank all for your  
generous support in the past.



*The Board, Staff and Residents of  
Richardson House  
Send wishes for a season of gladness,  
A season of cheer,  
And to top it all off, a wonderful year!*



*Merry  
Christmas*



Phone 0408117358

Steve, Alison, Jack and Kane wish all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you all for your generous support in the past.

Closed Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, reopen Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025



The management and staff would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.



Club Closed –Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year’s Day  
Bistro Closed 23<sup>rd</sup> December Reopen 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Thank you to all our loyal customers for their patronage throughout the past year.

## Barraba Senior Citizens

Wish all their members and Housie Players a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
See you all in 2025.



All new members are welcome  
phone Debbie on 0428617417



## Saunders Fruit and Vegetable Supplies

Merry Christmas and thank you for your support throughout 2024. Best wishes for 2025.  
John and Toni



## Barraba Bakery

Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



We will be closed from 4pm on 24th December and reopen on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025.



## Babes in the Bush

Phone 67821303

Ally wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Polkadot & The Coffee Room

85-87 Queen St  
Phone 67821717



*Sandra and staff would like to wish all their customers and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New year and thank all for their support during 2024.*



## Barraba Medical Centre

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Dr Hein and Staff

### Closure Dates Barraba Medical Centre

The surgery will be closed from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December

Reopening Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.00am

If you require scripts for the closure period please phone the surgery to make an appointment.

If you require medical attention please phone 000 for an emergency or present to the Barraba Hospital.

Medical Centre Staff

Merry Christmas

## Frocks 'N' Locks

107-109 Queen St Barraba

Wishing all our clients and friends a happy and healthy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and look forward to continuing to enjoy your company in 2025.

Rhonda, Kelly, Penny and Nicole

For trading hours and hair dressing with Rhonda phone 67822111.



Thank you to everyone who supported and helped to make the **Memorial Clock Centenary and Remembrance Day Service** a resounding success and a very memorable occasion.

**Merry Christmas from the Barraba Memorial Clock Centenary Committee Members.**



Wishing everyone, friends and guests a  
very Merry Christmas and a Fabulous  
New Year.

**Andy and Miro**

Andy's Guest House is open right through the  
holidays.

Very comfortable accommodation, in the heart  
of town.

0428 821 880

[www.andysguesthouse.com.au](http://www.andysguesthouse.com.au)



Our trading will close on the afternoon of  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and re-open on the  
morning of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**Phone 02 67 821 107**



## 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



**Closed 25th and 26th Dec, open 27th Dec.**

**Closed 1st January, reopen 2nd Jan 2025**

## Rod Bonner

**Your local Plumber, Drainer, Gasfitter  
and Handyman**

**Lic No. L8791**

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Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank  
the Barraba community and  
businesses for their support during  
2024 and wish everyone a very merry  
Christmas and a healthy 2025.

### **A conversation with the Editor**

**The Community News team had a call from  
Maree Tamburini this week concerned about  
speeding cars in the 50km town area. Do  
people need to be told? Really!**

## ANGLICAN CHURCH TIMES

### St Laurence's Barraba

Sunday service at 10.00am

#### Christmas Services:

##### St Laurence's:

Sunday 22nd December, 5pm, Carols on the church lawn (including BBQ and kids activities). There will be no service at 10am.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 8pm, Traditional Communion Service.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December, 9am All ages Christmas Service.

#### A special announcement.

Earlier this year my wife and I welcomed our little boy Andy into this world. And when he arrived, we told everyone the good news. We called our friends and family, we told our church, and we put a post on Facebook for those far and wide to know he was here.

2000 years ago, when Jesus was born, his announcement was a little different. Initially it seemed like there was no announcement at all. Mary and Joseph had travelled to Bethlehem, there was no room for them to stay at the inn, and so Jesus is born in obscurity, in a manger, surrounded by animals instead of people.

Which is all the stranger given that Mary had been told that this baby would be a saving king! It doesn't seem like a kingly birth at all.

But even if Mary and Joseph had no one to announce the birth to, that doesn't mean God didn't want to make it known!

In Luke 2:9 as some shepherds are minding their business in a field outside Bethlehem we read: **An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.**

But these angels had not come to strike fear, they had come to bring joy. Luke 2:10-11: **But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.**

This is the announcement worthy of the king! A whole company of angels praising God and letting people know that this special baby had arrived! It is hard to imagine how spectacular and awe inspiring this would have been.

Thousands of angels shining bright with the glory of God – a bit better than a post on social media!

So why this sort of announcement? What is it that the angels are declaring, why are they praising God together?

Firstly, this is news of great joy, for all people. The coming of Jesus is the greatest news that has ever been announced. There is a reason the message of Jesus is called the gospel - which means good news.

Why is that? It is because of who Jesus is. The angels gave the baby Jesus 3 titles. Firstly, saviour, secondly, Christ, and thirdly, the Lord.

Jesus is firstly the saviour of all people. The bible is very clear that every person's greatest need is forgiveness for our sin, forgiveness for the way we've treated God and treated one another. Our sin has meant we are separated from God, it means we all face death and then God's judgement. It means we all need saving.

Well Jesus came to bring that salvation, to bring that forgiveness, to save us from our sin, to save us from our guilt, and ultimately from the judgement of God.

And of course, if we read on in the story, we know that he saves us through his death, where he took the punishment that we deserved on himself.

Secondly it says Jesus is the Christ – and that word means the anointed one, the king. For over 1000 years before this, the Old Testament had talked about how God would send an anointed one who would rule forever, how God would send a king who would fulfil all his promises, the one called the Christ. The angels are saying this is him, this is the one you have been waiting for.

Thirdly the angels say Jesus is the Lord, this is the Son of God, who has come into the world, this is God himself in the flesh.

What an announcement right! This news changes everything, because for those who believe and trust this news, Jesus offers the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. My prayer this Christmas is that you will truly know the wonderful news and accept Jesus as your saviour and king.

Matthew Hearne, Minister of Barraba Anglican.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH TIMES

Barraba 1st Sunday of the month, Saturday  
evening Mass 6pm  
All other Sundays 9am  
Mass on Christmas Eve 8.30pm

### Fr John Curran

In the field of music arguably 3 of the greatest composers would include *Beethoven* (1770-1827), *Mozart* (1756-1791) and more recently *Leonard Bernstein* (1918-1990). I'd also add the Beatles, but not the song "Imagine" by John Lennon, who wrote it as an ex Beatle. Then in the field of Christian theology in our Catholic tradition 2 greatest scholars would include *Thomas Aquinas* (1225-1274), and more recently *Karl Rahner* (1904-1984).

Towards the end of his distinguished career Doctor Rahner was interviewed and was asked this question; "Why does he believe in God?" The interviewer probably was surprised when he simply said; "Because I make sure I keep the habit of praying every day." This great scholar has written enormous books on the nature and the qualities of God, but this is a "different" answer.

As soon as I heard this answer, I realised the important link there is between knowing about someone and then knowing them. We only know people after taking the time to spend quality time with them amidst our busy routines. To know someone is a constant decision in keeping the relationship alive and viable. Like a religious belief if it's not regularly fed and sustained then it can incrementally weaken and be lost.

In the electronic age that we are living in, so many people to their detriment have many *contacts* but very few people who are actually friends.

This is why for any Christian, it's not only saying "I believe in God because there must be someone who made it all" to me, that is not enough, because it's just a philosophical idea. It's empty of relationship. Best real friends meet regularly and spend time together. We need to do that with God; come to church, open the Bible maybe at the Psalms and don't just read it; pray it.

Jesus of Nazareth makes this point; "I no longer call you servants anymore but friends as I have shared with you all I have learnt from my father." (John Chapter 15, verse 15) These thoughts were offered to me by *Martin Maunsell* and I've added to them.

A wonderful way to prepare for Christmas is to get to know the Child born for us on Christmas Day.

Greetings from Fr John Curran

## BARRABA UNITING CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 22nd December 2024 at Barraba 10:45am.  
December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day - Service at 10am  
Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup> – Combined Service with Manilla at Barraba 10:30am followed by a light lunch. All welcome.

From Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January time for services will change to 8:45am. Please note new time.

All Welcome.

### The Barraba Clock

#### 1st Verse

The Barraba clock keeps ticking, Right there in queen street,  
Seen many, many happy years, Weathered cold and blazing heat,

It was built in 1924,  
It's been keeping time since then, And it will keep on  
keeping time, For those rough and rugged men.

#### 2nd Verse

And forever we'll remember,  
Why that clock stands in the street,  
And the men that built the Barraba Clock,  
And built it Oh so neat,  
The returned service men built the clock, In nineteen twenty four,  
In memory of the local men, Killed in the first world war.

#### 3rd Verse

They will never forget their fallen ones,  
Their names are there to see,  
On the clock, there in the main street, Forever they will be,  
The monument that stands so tall, Above the streets below,  
And keeps the time for endless folk, And travelers on the go.

#### 4th Verse

The mighty clock that keeps the time, And never ever stops,  
Without a sound the hands go round, On that Barraba clock,  
And the hands will keep on turning, Forever and a day,  
And the Soldiers names there on the clock, Are the ones that  
passed away,  
But the clock is here to do its job,  
And its done it all this time,  
And forever it will tick away, Until the end of time.

Written by Johnny Grills 22/10/2024

75 Dennison Street, West Tamworth 2340.

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I've bin stuck 'ere in Palestine since... well now, 'eaven knows when.

I'm 87 years old next June, I draw me pension then!  
I've 'ad it up to 'ere wi' sheep, but credit where it's due,  
Without them soppo ruminants I'd 'ave no tale for you.

Now I'm a British lad by birth, the Romans brought me over.  
They marched me down from Lancashire to ferry boat at Dover.

They said: 'There's work abroad for thee, and though tha's not a big 'un, Thee'll make a champlon shepherd lad, the first to come from Wigan!'

So that is 'ow I landed up out 'ere in old Judea  
And 'ow I saw this 'andsome star mysteriously appear.  
The night were bitter cold, the sheep were piteously bleating,  
I wished I'd been a Roman in an 'ouse with central 'eating.

Now star was streaking 'cross the sky, intemp'rately proceeding;  
I saw a flash. "Ello," said I, "Yon star's been copped for speeding!"

But no, it warn't a camera, cos they 'adn't been invented,  
A brighter light 'ad flared and left me shepherd pals demented.

An awesome noise then filled the skies. Bang, bang, bang, bang me 'eart went,  
It were the angelic SAS — the musical department.  
Me mates all acted thunderstruck, immobilised by shock,  
But I were more concerned about the welfare of me flock!

'Peace on earth, goodwill to men,' so sang the 'eavenly choir.  
Yet none of 'em could 'old a tune — they sounded pretty dire.  
And as for the accompaniment I know I shouldn't carp,

But trumpeters were even worse than them as played the 'arp!

I thought I'd 'ave to 'ave a word — wi' all that noise and light  
They might attract them wolves wot chewed up sheep the other night.  
So, looking up, I caught the eye of an angel singing bass,  
I bellowed out: 'Now listen, flower, this ain't the time or place!'

'Is thou addressing me, old son?' he spluttered in surprise.  
'Dost thou not know the Son of Man in Bethlehem now lies?  
He's sleeping in a manger where the cattle eat and sup.'  
I said: 'Thou'd best be quiet then, tha's sure to wake 'im up.'

'E looked at me indignant like, but I returned 'is glare,  
'Ow very dare you!' he exclaimed, 'Ah'll thank thee not to stare!  
We're taking shepherds wi' us now...' I said: 'Don't waste tha breath.  
Can'st thou not see the state they're in? Thee've scared 'em 'alf to death.'

But nowt deterred, 'e shouts aloud: 'Get oop, tha big girl's blouses,'  
And every shepherd to a man immediately arouses.  
So off they went in 'ot pursuit of star of which I've spoken,  
Intrigued at what this baby's birth could possibly betoken.

'To Bethlehem, to Bethlehem,' they sang, 'Give thanks to God,'  
But I was sick to death with them — they'd left me on me tod!  
They'd not been gone an hour 'afore the wolves commenced their 'owling.  
A little after midnight fell, the 'ole darn pack came prowling.

I built up fire as best I could, but 'unger makes 'em bold,  
I raised me crook as leading

wolf were lopin' up t'fold.  
'Ey oop, now wolf,' I muttered, tryin' 'ard to show no fear.  
'Where would thou like this stick o' mine? On't nose or up the rear?'  
'E sized me up with baleful eyes — ah brought me crook down 'ard.  
But then 'is mates leapt in from flank and caught me off me guard.  
They tore me flesh wi' drooling fangs, I thought me days were done.  
Until I 'eard a voice I knew say: 'Summat up, old son?'

'Tha shouldn't mess with wolves tha knows, they're not fit pals for thee.'  
I said: 'I'm none too sure of that — they're 'aving me for teal!  
'Away with thee, thou mangy curs,' the angel thundered out.  
And off they went at blinding speed, except for one wi' gout.

Yon angel fluttered down to earth and soothed me dreadful pain.  
And blood that gushed reet out me wounds just flowed back in again.  
'I'm much obliged to thee,' I said, now humbled in my mind.  
'No problem, son,' he laughed, 'but did we leave a lamb be'ind?'

'Thou did indeed — that plumpish one that's traipsing round forlorn;  
I'll come with thee and give it to yon lad that's just been born.'  
So off I went to Bethlehem with lamb upon me back.  
I found 'im in that stable, little better than a shack.

But when I looked at Jesus — 'ere's the strangest thing by far:  
The lovellight on 'is little face were brighter than that star!

*Paul Weston,  
Brighton, E. Sussex.*





**BARRABA  
CENTRAL  
SCHOOL  
AWARDS**

**Award Winners for Presentation Day  
2024**

**Kindergarten Academic Awards**

Academic Excellence – Chelsea Evans  
High Achievement – Memphis Jennar  
Encouragement Award – Zarhleigh-  
May Ibrahim  
PBL Award – Kyra-Louise Trainor-  
Milides

**Year 1 Academic Awards**

Academic Excellence – Sophie Starr  
High Achievement – Ruby Whelan  
Encouragement Award – Chase  
Mitiau  
PBL Award – Charlotte-Rose Self

**Year 2 Academic Awards**

Academic Excellence – Ellie Jobson  
High Achievement – Eddie Hartwig  
Encouragement Award – Nathaniel  
Chapman  
PBL Award – Hayley McIlrick

**Year 3 Academic Awards**

Academic Excellence – Edward  
Brewer  
High Achievement – Maisen Ruttley  
Encouragement Award – Michael  
Hierzer  
PBL Award – Chelsea Hands

**Year 4 Academic Awards**

Academic Excellence – Joseph  
Johnson  
High Achievement – Annabel Kanno  
High Achievement – Charlie Denyer  
Encouragement Award – Noah Lowe  
PBL Award – Ruby-Lee Jobson

**Year 5 Academic Awards**

High Achievement – Zane Chapman  
High Achievement – Declan Watkins-  
Wilson  
Encouragement Award – Millah  
Wilkinson  
PBL Award – Lachlan Hands

**Year 6 Academic Awards**

Academic Excellence – William  
Fitzgerald

High Achievement – Abigail Johnson  
Encouragement Award – Mylee  
Groth

PBL Award – Laura Russell

**Year 7 Academic Awards**

First – Ella-Rose Jobson-Grasnick  
Most Consistent – Cheyenne Peters  
PBL Award – Shae Mallise

**Year 8 Academic Awards**

First – Jasmine Coombes  
Most Consistent – Lara Thomson  
PBL Award – Sophie Watkins-Wilson

**Year 9 Academic Awards**

First in Class – Lilly Groth  
Most Consistent – Isabelle Allan  
PBL Award – Isabelle Aitken

**Year 10 Academic Awards**

First in Class – Cody Graves  
Most Consistent – Matilda Alderton  
PBL Award – Amelia Walker

**Year 11 Academic Awards**

First – Mia Coombes  
Most Consistent – Michael Walker  
PBL Award - Lilly Turner  
Aurora Academic Achievement  
Award - Mia Coombes

**K-2 Special Awards**

**K-2 Library Award**

Awarded for a shown love of books  
and reading in the Library – Sophie  
Starr

**3-6 Library Award**

Awarded for a shown love of books  
and reading in the Library – Charlie  
Denyer

**Young Scientist Award K-2**

Awarded to a student who shows  
dedication and curiosity to the  
sciences – Alectra Mayo-Storer

**Special Category Awards**

**Above and Beyond Award K-6**

Awarded to a student who strives for  
success in all areas of their schooling  
– Ali Coombes

**Excellence Award K-6**

Awarded to a student of strong moral  
character who represents all aspects  
of Barraba Central School – Holli  
Thomson

**Visual Arts Award K-6**

Awarded to a student for Creativity &  
Natural Artistic Flair – William  
Fitzgerald

**Young Scientist Award 3-6**

Awarded to a student who shows  
dedication and curiosity to the  
sciences – Charlie Denyer

**Visual Arts Award 7-12**

Awarded to a student who shows  
passion and dedication to Visual  
Design – Phoebe Watkin-Wilson

**Photography Design Award 7-12**

Awarded to a student who shows  
passion and dedication to  
photography – Brianna Wilson

**P&C's Award for Excellent  
Representation K-6**

Awarded to a student who is  
dedicated to their school and their  
community – Jock Cabot

**P&C's Award for Excellent  
Representation 7-12**

Awarded to a student who is  
dedicated to their studies and their  
community – Hannah Walker

**Community Citizenship Award 7-12**

Awarded to a student who is  
dedicated to supporting their  
community – Bella Dipple

**Community Citizenship Award 7-12**

Awarded to a student who is  
dedicated to supporting their  
community – Jack Myers

**Young Scientist Award 7-12**

Awarded to a student who has a  
passion for science and pursues it  
with dedication and curiosity – Cody  
Graves

**Agricultural Encouragement Award  
7-12**

Awarded to a student who shows  
passion and enthusiasm for  
Agriculture – Coben Todd

**Agricultural Award for Commitment  
7-12**

Awarded to a student who is  
dedicated to the study of agriculture  
and its pursuits – Hannah Walker

**Public Speaking Award 3-6**

Awarded to a student who has strived for success in public speaking – Ali Coombes

**Debating Award 3-6**

Awarded to a student who has strived for success in debating – Abigail Johnson

**Public Speaking Award 7-12**

Awarded to a student who has strived for success in public speaking – Jasmine Coombes

**Consistent Effort in all areas of the Curriculum K-6**

– Laura Russell  
Scholarship for Continuing Education Year 6 to 7

– Grace Hierzer

**The HSIE Award 7-12**

Awarded to a student dedicated to humanity subjects

– Cody Graves

**Award for Excellence in English (7-12)**

Awarded to student that has excelled in their study of English and applies its concepts beyond the subject – Jasmine Coombes

**Mathematics Excellence Award**

Awarded to a student who has excelled in their study of mathematics and applies its principles beyond the subject – Mia Coombes

**Excellence in Music Award 7-12**

Awarded to a student who has shown passion and excellence in music  
Ella-Rose Jobson-Grasnick

**2024 Principal's Leadership Award 7-12**

Awarded to a student who has shown to be competent in all areas of Leadership – Hannah Walker

**SBAT Award**

Awarded to a student who strives for success in their School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship course – Coben Todd

**VET Awards**

Award for hard work, commitment and outstanding effort in their chosen subject

- Animal Care - Certificate II - Gemma White

- Animal Care - Certificate II - Lilly Turner

**Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment 7-12**

Awarded to a student who is willing to give their time and energy to do something to enhance the status of Barraba Central School. Not necessarily for the highest achiever but for someone with the desire to improve – Gemma White

**Ampol Best All Rounder 7-12**

Awarded to a student for Recognition of a student's Excellence in Academic, Leadership, Sporting and Community Service activities – Hannah Walker

**Year 5 Improvement Award**

Awarded to a student for demonstrating personal growth and aspiring to improve in all areas of their schooling - Hugh Crowley

**Year 6 Improvement Award**

Awarded to a student for demonstrating personal growth and aspiring to improve in all areas of their schooling - Akira Kanno

**Year 10 Encouragement Award**

awarded to a student who is most improved – Jackson Erenshaw

**Year 12 Encouragement Award**

Awarded to a student who is most improved – Chelsea Black

**ADF Long Tan Leadership Teamwork Award Year 10**

Awarded to the student who demonstrates leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community – Phoebe Watkins-Wilson

**ADF Long Tan Leadership Teamwork Award Year 12**

Awarded to the student who demonstrates leadership and teamwork within both the school and

the broader local community – Hannah Walker

**Australian Defence Force - Young Innovators Award Year 10**

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) Future Innovators Award has been designed to recognise recipients' science and mathematics abilities while highlighting the value the Navy, Army and Air Force place on STEM skills and STEM career opportunities within Defence – Cody Graves

**Australian Defence Force - Young Innovators Award Year 12**

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) Future Innovators Award has been designed to recognise recipients' science and mathematics abilities while highlighting the value the Navy, Army and Air Force place on STEM skills and STEM career opportunities within Defence – Hannah Walker

**Sporting Awards**

2024 Most Dedicated Sportsperson of the Year K-6 – Holli Thomson

2024 Most Outstanding Display of Sportsmanship K-6 – Ali Coombes

Most Outstanding Sports Team Performance K-6 - Primary Netball Team – Jock Cabot, Zane Chapman, Ali Coombes, Xavier Darlington, Wyatt Gill, Lachlan Hands, Abigail Johnson, Noah Lowe, Holli Thomson and Millah Wilkinson

Primary Netball Team Presentation to Mrs Lowe and Mrs Coombes

2024 Most Dedicated Sportsperson of the Year 7-12 – Dustin Hiscock  
North West Blue Award to Dustin Hiscock

2024 Most Outstanding Display of Sportsmanship 7-12 – Leo Lawlor  
Most Outstanding Sports Team Performance 7-12 – U15's Netball Team – Isabelle Aitken, Matilda Alderton, Jasmine Coombes. Danah David, Lilly Groth, Shae Mallise, Andrea Riley, Amelia Walker and Sophie Watkins-Wilson  
State Champions Award

Awarded to students who represented Barraba Central School at the State Level –  
 Dustin Hiscock for U15's Rugby League  
 Akira Kanno for State Swimming and Athletics  
 Xavier Darlington for State Rugby Union  
 Holli Thomson for State Netball  
**First in the Trial HSC for 2024**  
 Hannah Walker

### Golf Notes

After winning the chook last week on a countback, Luke Smith put the boot into the handicapper this week and came in with 23 points to be the clear winner. Handicapper has returned fire. Ball winners were Rob Sweeney 22, Bill Simpson and Sam Knight 21, Shayne Middlemiss and Charlie Cordingley 20 and Fermin Allan, Adam Scanlon and Ian Cabot with 19. With one week to go "Next Gen" (Corey Jordan, Cooper Chapman, Jack Myers and Dusty Hiscock) on 269 lead by 6 over "Eagle Hunters" (Luke Smith, Charlie Cordingley, Ryan Austin and Thabiso Msiza). Really good work by the young fellas as they have only won 2 chooks and 2 balls between them - just turn up and good solid scores. Next on 259 is "Stock and Crop" (Richard Pudicomb, Simon Koopman, Neil Smith and Ian Cabot), "Who Gives a Put" (Kevin Smith, Peter Summerell and Kevin Hawkshaw) 255 and "The Bogey Men" (Adam Scanlon, Nick Shapter, Chris Sweeney and Rob Sweeney) and "The Wouldbes" (Liam Johnston, Shayne Middlemiss, Jesse Phillips and Paige Phillips) both on 252. The rest are preparing for next year and working out what went wrong.

Merry Christmas to all and happy golfing.

**UPPER HORTON**  
 30TH DECEMBER - 1ST JANUARY 2024

UPPER HORTON SPORTS GROUND  
 CONTACT: HAYDEN TURNBULL - 0417 072 073 OR SHELLY STEIGER - 0428 832 242

**UPPER HORTON RODEO**  
 ENTRIES OPEN VIA ABCRA iCOMPETE:  
 3RD DECEMBER

JUNIOR RODEO - MONDAY: 4PM  
 & NOVICE & OPEN EVENTS (NON-POINTS) - STARTS TUESDAY: 7PM

MONDAY 4PM

Jackpot Junior Barrel Race 8-U11	EF: \$20	AB: \$10
Jackpot Junior Barrel Race 11-U14	EF: \$20	AB: \$10
Jackpot Juvenile Barrel Race 14-U18	EF: \$20	AB: \$10
Jackpot Junior Steer Ride 8-U11	EF: \$30	AB: \$10
Jackpot Junior Steer Ride 11-U14	EF: \$30	AB: \$10
Jackpot Juvenile Steer Ride 14-U18	EF: \$35	AB: \$15
\$500 The Horton Valley Buckjump	EF: \$60	AB: \$22
Jackpot Junior Bull Ride 14-U18	EF: \$30	AB: \$10

Horton Valley Committee Horse Shoot Out: Featuring Upper Horton Committee Horses

TUESDAY 7PM

\$500 Morgan Thoroughbreds Novice Saddle Bronc	EF: \$60	AB: \$22
F Gaukroger & Sons Inverell Jackpot Novice Bull Ride	EF: \$40	AB: \$22
\$3,000 Pip Kelly Memorial Open Saddle Bronc	EF: \$180	AB: \$88
\$500 R2 A Leather Poly Buckjump	EF: \$60	AB: \$22

**UPPER HORTON CAMPDRAFT**  
 ENTRIES OPEN VIA CAMPDRAFT CENTRAL:  
 5TH DECEMBER FOR 24 HRS - PAID BY 13TH DECEMBER

SCRATCHINGS AFTER 23/12/2024 WILL FORFEIT ALL ENTRY FEES  
 7 FIRST ROUND RUNS

MONDAY 1PM

- \$1,000 Gaydir Shire Council Encouragement Draft EF: \$35, 2 Run Limit
- Jackpot Stephen King Memorial Open 4 Open Draft EF: \$77, 60/40 Split

TUESDAY 6AM

- Jackpot Hart Rural Agencies Maiden Draft EF: \$45, Round & Final, 60/40 Split
- \$300 Cavanagha Stockmaster Juvenile 13-U17 Draft EF: \$25, 2 Run Limit
- \$300 The Warren Richards Junior 8-U13 Draft EF: \$25, 2 Run Limit
- \$2,000 Pollock & Cummins P/L Open Draft EF: \$65, Round & Final, Novice/Open Horses Only

Maiden & Open Finals

WEDNESDAY 6AM

- Jackpot Stock & Crop Barraba Novice Draft EF: \$55, Round & Final, 60/40 Split
- \$1,000 The Jody Turnbull Memorial Ladies Draft EF: \$35, 1 Run Limit, 17 Years & Over, Sponsored by Elders Tamworth

**HELMETS CAN SAVE LIVES**  
 Stallions must be collared and yarded. No Glass. No BVD. Dogs must be leashed. Committee registered for GST. All prize money inclusive of GST where applicable. Paid out 1st to 5th. Payouts via Head Office. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry or to alter the programme.

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Beyond Blue  
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Dear Editor

The festive season can be a joyous time for many people, as they take a well-earned break from work and school and spend time with family and friends. It's a time to rest and reset for the new year.

Yet for others, this time of year can be particularly difficult, and the holidays may not feel "jolly" at all. It can bring additional financial pressures, relationship strain, or pressure to host the perfect Christmas. The season to be merry can also amplify feelings of isolation and loneliness, especially for those who are separated from family or have lost a loved one.

So, as we head into the holiday break, regardless of what you're dealing with, please know that you don't have to face this time alone.

The Beyond Blue Support Service is free, confidential, and available around the clock, including on Christmas day. You can call 1300 22 46 36 or chat online to us at [www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support](http://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support).

It's really common to put off seeking help because we can't quite find the words to express our needs. But when you contact us, you don't have to know what to say. Our skilled counsellors will meet you where you're at and guide you towards where you need to be.

And finally, a big thankyou to everyone who has donated to Beyond Blue this year. Our support service is run purely on donations, so your kindness and generosity allow us to always be there when people need us the most.

Georgie Harman  
 CEO of Beyond Blue

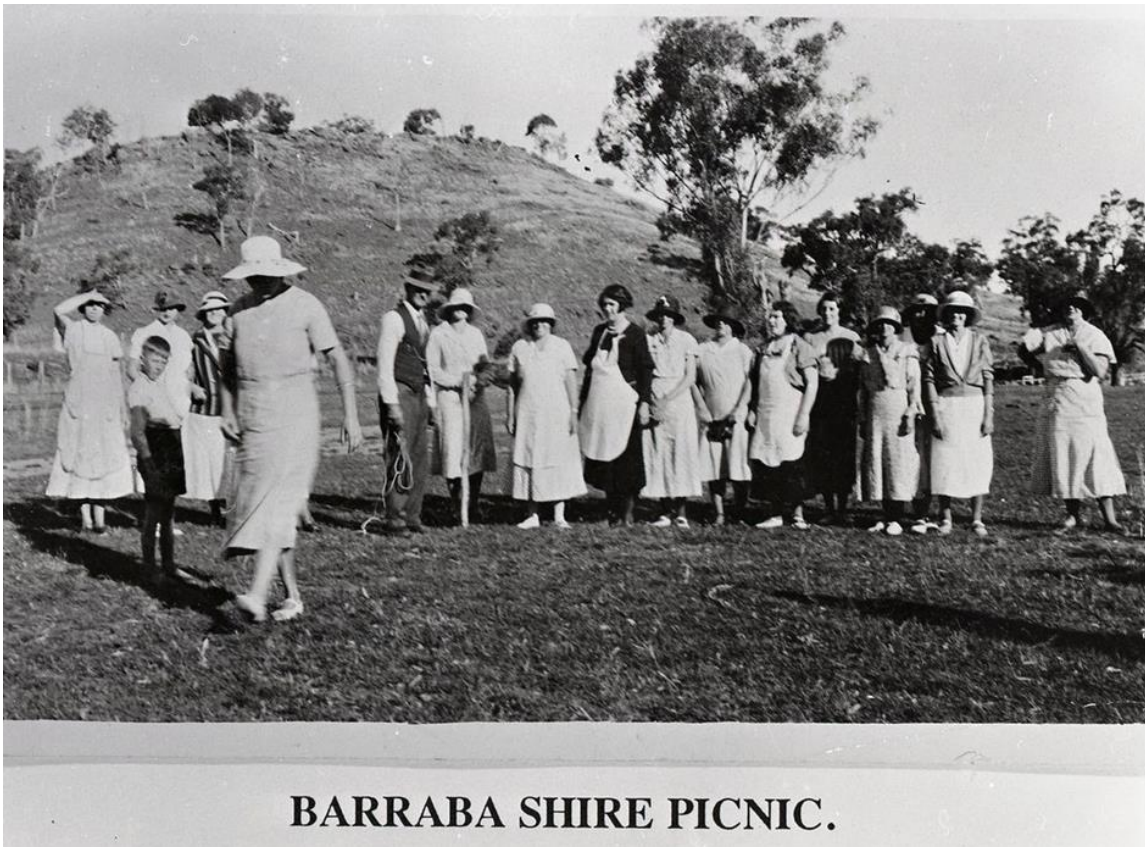
The following 2 photos were posted by Brian Coote in 2022



**Barraba Coach & Buggy Factory @ 26 Maude St Barraba.**

I put this photo in the window for a festival many years ago. Bill Carter one of the Carter family who had come back to Barraba to retire was looking at the various photos one morning and commented what a clear photo it was. I commented that I thought this was in Alice St and he told me no way that it was where my grandfather Coote built his house and had been burnt down years before.

That is Rupert Myers old 'boat-building' shed in the background. This all made complete sense as when we were kids dad ran our milker up there and there were burnt posts, burnt out post-holes, an old bricked well and lots of iron rubbish there.



Barraba Shire Picnic. I have no record of who took this or who loaned it for display or when it was taken. Prior to the mini-skirt anyway.

Not sure exactly where this was taken either. Presumably not far out of town. The small hill in the background is our only clue.