

HONEY FESTIVAL MAKES SWEET RETURN IN 2022

There was a 'swarm' of excitement at the Warialda Honey Festival on Saturday 17 September 2022, held at the Warialda Recreation Ground. Event goers were treated to a variety of activities that the organising committee had planned.

Event coordinator, Courtney Loosemore was delighted that her team was finally able to deliver the Honey Festival to the Warialda community, after battling COVID-19 and wet weather conditions the past couple of years.

"This is the first time since March 2019 that we have been able to put on this event for the public. It was wonderful to see so many people come together to rejoice in the day's happenings," said Miss Loosemore.

"The event committee were slightly concerned with the weather predictions in the lead up to the festival, but we were blessed with a wonderful afternoon, even if it did get a bit cool in the evening".



Above: Fabulous turnout for the Warialda Honey Festival. Credit: Courtney Loosemore

Festival favourites included the amazing line up of market and food stalls, childrens rides, a gumboot throwing competition, and a visit from Beiber the Bee. Performances by the Warialda Preschool, Warialda Primary School and students from the Warialda High School drew large crowds to the entertainment area. Once the local entertainment and official proceedings had concluded, the Wize Guyz took over and provided great festival music for duration of the afternoon.

This year the team introduced a scavenger hunt of the Busy Bees for school aged children, a concept similar to Elf on the Shelf. Children were granted special permission to find the Busy Bees in return for some cool prizes. Prior to the festival, the Busy Bees were placed in kindergarten classrooms at the Warialda Public School so the school students were very eagerly looking forward to the chance of finding the Busy Bees at the festival.

Shelly Way, Principal of Warialda High School, developed the Bee Creative project and works from schools within the district were on display at the Honey Festival. The sculptures required a lot of hard work and hours invested into the scheme. Since the festival, the sculptures have been placed around various locations in Warialda in the hope to create an additional tourism boost.

"The bee sculptures have created a talking point amongst visitors to the region as they are eager to see the sculptures on display, especially the R2B2 figurine which has generated a lot of 'buzz' between travellers, often stopping to take pictures and wanting to know more about the wonderful town of Warialda, the Place of Wild Honey".

Marilyn Stubbins was awarded the 2021 Fay Honour Busy Bee Award and Carinda House volunteers were the recipients of the 2022 Fay Honour Busy Bee Award. As of 2023, this award will be known as the Fay Honour and Debbie Ford Busy Bee Award, to honour this incredible mother and daughter duo.

Unfortunately, Varroa mite prevented the organising committee having enclosed beehives on display at the festival, as movement of bees in New South Wales was restricted to protect the industry. The committee are hopeful that next year they will be able to showcase enclosed beehives from local bee growers in the region so that event attendees are able to witness the bees at work. It will also be an opportunity to learn information about the importance of bees and the process of harvesting honey.

The organising team are already thinking about next year's event and have started to put ideas in motion for an even better Honey Festival in 2023.

"Each year the team continues to learn and grow, and we continuously strive to make the event more spectacular. We are looking forward to what 2023 has to offer."



Above: Recipients of 2021/2022 Busy Bee Awards. Credit: Courtney Loosemore

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MAYORAL COLUMN



Some of the best events in the region can be found in the Gwydir Shire, the Bingara Orange Festival and the Upper Horton Rodeo attract thousands of visitors each year, and the Warialda Agricultural show is known as one of the best small shows in the state.

The recent Warialda Off Road and Honey Festival are two more examples of hugely successful Gwydir events.

Action packed from start to finish, this year's Off Road drew competitors from all over Australia, and The Honey Festival which fell on the same weekend was a fantastic showcase of Warialda and our Gwydir community spirit.

I commend the work of all the coordinators and volunteers who make these events possible and acknowledge their contribution in stimulating our visitor economy, and in making our Shire a vibrant and enjoyable place to live.

The next big event set to generate significant tourist dollars for our Shire is the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia's (CMCA) annual rally which is set to kick off in Bingara this week.

Attracting over 600 vans and close to 1200 visitors, Bingara's population will double over the two weeks of the event.

This is the second time the rally has been held in Bingara, which returned due to requests by CMCA members. This popularity as a rally destination is testament to our natural beauty, top class facilities and teams of enthusiastic volunteers.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome members of the CMCA and wish them an enjoyable stay in our Shire.

Cr John Coulton

North Star super support for Mullet Month

Young North Star resident, Thomas Crichlow, has given up his beloved mullet in support of the Black Dog Institute's Mullet Month to raise funds for crucial mental health research.

With suicide as the leading cause of death in Australians aged 18-24, this September marked an opportune time for Thomas to show his support for the funding.

Thomas' mullet will help fund crucial mental health research and create a mentally healthier world for everyone through ground-breaking research into the early detection, prevention, and treatment of common mental health disorders.

Following are some photos and a few words Thomas has written.

"When Mum told me about the Mullet Month event from The Black Dog Institute I was curious but scared to lose my mullet. After about two weeks I thought it would be good to lose my mullet and doing it for a good cause, so I asked Mum to sign me up!

So we started fundraising and then on Friday 16 September we organised an event at North Star Sporting Club to cut off my mullet. Even a Director at the Club sported a mullet in support!

I've ended up raising \$1785 for Mental Health. My original target was to raise \$1000 to unlock the budgy smuggler mullet swimmers, so to smash my goal makes me feel pretty awesome.

I'd like to thank everyone who sponsored me. Special mention to Jimmy Bull Constructions being my highest sponsor and Sarah at Divinity Hair Quarters Inverell for coming out to North Star to tidy up the remains of my mullet."

- Thomas Crichlow



Above: The many stages of Thomas Crichlow's mullet cut

HSC Well Wishes

On behalf of the people of the Northern Tablelands, I wish all students in the region about to undertake their exams for the Higher School Certificate (HSC) all the very best.

While the HSC is one indicator of academic achievement, it must be recognised that the results are not a complete measure of a person's overall ability or intellectual capacity and, while a good HSC result may allow a student expeditious entry to university, a poor result won't immediately exclude anyone either.

For those HSC students who do decide to pursue a university degree, I wish you every success with your studies and hope you are accepted into the course of your choice.

For those who choose employment or further training at TAFE, I hope that you are able to find what you need here in the Northern Tablelands so that your community can benefit from your commitment and ability.

There is now a much brighter future for young people in this region and we have a growing capacity to educate, train, employ and retain young people here at home.

Once again, to all HSC students, best of luck in your exams and may you find reward in the choices you make for your futures.

Yours sincerely

Adam Marshall

Member for Northern Tablelands



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COLLEGE CHAT

Bingara and Warialda Community College

OCTOBER 2022

with Jannette Tan

Term 4 commenced on 10 October, and there are plenty of courses available in the next few weeks.

Coming up for the rest of Term 4:

- RSA 24 October
- Introduction to Welding 21 October
- RSA 25 October
- Food Handling 26 October

Check out this strapping young fella.

Marshall is a local to Bingara, he is currently a trainee at the Bingara IGA and is studying Certificate III Business Administration BSB30120 at the Bingara Community College.

Marshall is employed as a trainee with the IGA in Bingara which allows him to earn while he learns. Under John and his team, they are steering this young moldable mind into a team member they can rely on to help with the Business Administration and the ordering side of the very busy supermarket.

At only 15 years old, he is the youngest student that has taken on this huge qualification. Marshall loves fishing, swimming and golf. You can see Marshall in action ordering all your biscuits, coffee and drinks at your local Bingara IGA.



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COULTON'S CATCH UP



MORE LGAs ELIGIBLE FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Fourteen Local Government Areas in the Parkes electorate will now be able to access disaster assistance for flooding that has occurred from September 14.

The Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Gunnedah, Gwydir, Lachlan, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Narromine, Walgett, Warren and Warrumbungle LGAs are all eligible for assistance, which will come as a great relief, particularly as most of these areas are currently experiencing

flooding. A number of these LGAs were also disaster declared in August, so it has been a challenging few months. Hopefully this assistance will go some way to helping with the recovery, especially for councils to repair the increasing number of roads damaged by the wet weather.

Assistance available under the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements includes:

- Help for residents whose homes or belongings were damaged
- Support for local councils to help with the costs of cleaning up and restoring damaged essential public assets
- Concessional interest rate loans for small businesses, primary producers and non-profit organisations
- Freight subsidies for primary producers.

For information on personal hardship and distress assistance, contact Service NSW on **13 77 88**. To apply for a concessional loan, contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on **1800 678 593** or visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au. Information on disaster assistance can be found at www.disasterassist.gov.au.

CALL FOR FUNDING TO REPAIR ROADS

Our regional roads are suffering as a result of the relentless rain and flooding that we've experienced across the Parkes electorate in recent months. This issue will only continue over the summer months as we enter our third La Niña wet season in a row, with already full dams, overflowing riverways and saturated grounds.

Having driven thousands of kilometres throughout the electorate over the past few months, I've seen first-hand just how bad some of the roads are - they're a real danger and are in urgent need of repairs for the safety of all road users.

However, our local councils' resources are stretched, and it is becoming increasingly difficult for them to maintain roads due to the combination of wet weather and lack of funding.

I'm calling for the Labor Government to look into providing measures for local councils to fund these much-needed repairs, and have written to Infrastructure Minister Catherine King to highlight this issue. An emergency road repair program would complement the successful Local Roads and Community Infrastructure and Roads to Recovery programs, ensuring these dangerous roads are fixed as soon as possible.

Public Notice



Please be advised that all Gwydir Shire Council offices and facilities will be closed on Friday 28 October 2022 for Staff training.

Normal operating hours will recommence Monday 31 October 2022.

Please note: Naroo Aged Care Hostel will operate as normal

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We apologise for any inconvenience.

Thank you.

LONGSTANDING SES VOLUNTEER RECOGNISED

In a world where many of us are perhaps a little too busy with our paid work lives, there occasionally comes along a special kind of person who devotes a large part of their life to a volunteer role.

On Sunday 9 October, Bingara New South Wales State Emergency Service (NSW SES) recognised and congratulated Geoff Leech for being one of those special kind of persons.

Having originally hailed from England, he and wife Barbara decided approximately 18 years ago that Bingara would be home. Once settled, Geoff threw himself into all that he could offer to the SES. Bringing and learning skills that would be invaluable in various situations, Geoff was involved in both local and out-of-area rescues and clean-ups. As a Level Two Floodwater Tech, Geoff was called on to both assist in floodwaters and train others, particularly in the use of boats for rescues. His chainsaw skills allowed him to fell trees when they became a hazard following rain events.

Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands presented Geoff with his certificate of Long Service on behalf of Minister Steph Cooke MP. Deputy Zone NSW SES Commander Mitch Parker presented Geoff with his Long Service Medal. Fittingly, Geoff was perched in one of the SES rescue boats for the presentation.

Max Eastcott and others from the Gwydir Shire Council, along with local residents and members from the Bingara SES unit, were in attendance to congratulate Geoff on his service.

Having helped people on what was invariably one of the worst days of their lives, I dare say there would be countless others who would like to congratulate and thank Geoff for his service and commitment. On behalf of the residents of the Gwydir Shire and those you've helped near and far, thank you, Geoff.



Above: Members of Bingara NSW SES Unit, Adam Marshall, Mitch Parker and members of Gwydir Shire Council attend Geoff Leech's Long Service Medal and Certificate presentation Credit: Facebook

Top: Geoff fittingly seated in one of the SES rescue boats. Credit: Rosemary Asher

Bottom: Attendees at Geoff's presentation. Credit: Adam Marshall, Facebook

CMCA RALLY BRINGS TO LIFE A TOWN WITHIN A TOWN

It's been 14 years coming.

After some gentle persuasion/encouragement/suggestions by its members (and some judicious selling by Gwydir Shire Council), an agreement was made by the relevant decision-makers to bring the annual Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) Rally back to Bingara in 2022 after a hiatus since 2008.

Jo Tremain, Rally Manager, recently gave The Gwydir News the scoop on what to expect for the week of 16-23 October, the planning involved, and some personal wisdom about the joy that comes with being the owner/operator of a campervan or motorhome.

From meal preparation and presentation to movie nights, trivia nights, wine and cheese nights and fashion nights, it seems as though there is a function for all tastes. Whilst most of the events are for CMCA members only, primarily due to WHS regulations Jo points out that the public are welcome to an event being hosted by the North West Theatre Company – a Movie and Wine and Cheese night on Wednesday 19 October, being held in the stunning Roxy Theatre, Bingara.

Member-only events will include a poet's breakfast, where local poets and school children have been invited to recite poetry over hearty bacon and egg faire. The Country Women's Association (CWA) will be providing a couple of morning teas as fundraisers. Local bus companies will transport CMCA members both within the grounds and on external tours to areas such as Inverell, Mt Kaputar, Cranky Rock, and Ceramic Break Sculpture Park.

Seminars feature through the week, with topics such as the history of Bingara being covered. Of particular interest to members are issues such as fall prevention, which is being presented by staff from the Bingara MPS. Bingara Fire and Rescue is giving a demonstration on fire suppression for owners of campervans and motorhomes.

Members are also able to undertake rock 'n' roll lessons at the Roxy Theatre and line dancing at the RSL.

If one were to peek into the grounds from the outside, the view would be inclusive of golf buggies, hire cars, a plethora of volunteers who will be involved in cooking, first aid, transport, communication, and any other number of services that one might find in a "portable mini city". Logistically, the event entails many

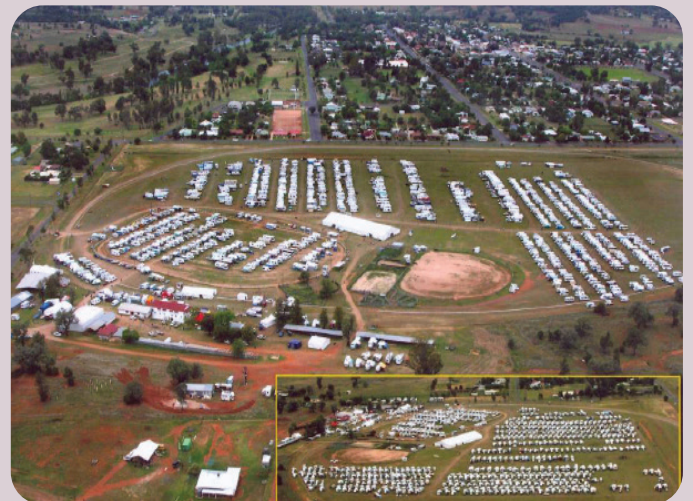
months of planning and putting into place systems and processes to ensure the week runs as smoothly as possible. From food purchasing to medical supplies to car hire – the list is more than extensive!

For the community at large, the biggest day will be Saturday 22 October, when Maitland Street will be partially closed to accommodate the "Back to Bingara" Rally Street Fair. Everyone is invited to the fair, which will feature live music, dancing, face painting, market stalls and food offerings aplenty.

As a result of the week, many stakeholders will benefit, both financially and socially from the Rally coming to Bingara. When last held in 2008, based on collated receipts, the financial benefit was estimated to be \$2.6 million - all injected into local businesses. This is exclusionary to money spent on the way into and out of town, and for the days either side of the event, when many members are still within the area.

As to the personal wisdom about being an owner/operator of a campervan or motorhome? Jo advises that it's a wonderful way to see the country, to experience different ways of living, particularly if you're looking to camp on private properties. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, do it while you can.

We hope all attendees of the Rally have an exceptional time and enjoy all that the Gwydir Shire has to offer.



Above: CMCA Rally in Bingara, 2008k

COPETON DAM LEVELS (as at 11 October 2022)

Percent Full: 99.7% Increased 0.9% in last seven days

Current volume: 1,339,113 ML Current Release: 8GL/day

RUOK Day Supported by Gwydir Shire Cafés

Coffee lovers across the Gwydir Shire were surprised with a free cup of their favourite drink on September 8.

For the third year in a row, local organisation HealthWISE shouted the morning rush in 23 cafés across the New England North West and southern Queensland to give locals a break and a reminder to look after one another, as part of RUOK Day. This year included The Croppa Creek Store, North Star's The Vicarage and the Country Dust Café in Warialda.

RUOK Day is a national initiative which encourages Australians to check on friends and family by starting a conversation on mental health.

HealthWISE mental health clinician Anne Edwards said simply by asking "Are you OK?" and really listening to the answer can make a big impact on someone who is struggling.

"It can make a huge difference, because when people aren't feeling well, or they're feeling suicidal, it can be really difficult to actually reach out to other people," she said.

"The stresses of the last few years means most people at one stage or another have been feeling really vulnerable and not feeling OK."

Country Dust Café owner, Angie Plain was proud to have partnered with HealthWISE for the last three years to promote the need to talk and listen to mates, friends, family and the community at large about mental health.



Above: Kelly Skelton and Angie Plain at the Country Dust Café in Warialda were proud to participate.

She felt that it was time we treat anxiety and depression the same way we treat physical ailments, and feel no shame visiting the doctor or taking medication to treat symptoms.

Restored by two local farmers, this was the first year The Vicarage Café was able to participate. Manager Tracey Williams said it was a wonderful initiative, and was pleased to help promote the RUOK Day message. She said many people have been struggling with day to day pressures and the rising cost of living, and so this was a great opportunity to check in with one another.

Carolyn and Todd Bellman of the Croppa Creek General Store agreed that many community members are feeling the pressure due to rising fuel and living costs.



Above: The Vicarage in North Star participated for the first time this year. Pictured are staff Tamika, Julie and manager Tracey Williams.

The couple have promoted RUOK Day for the past three years, and aim to provide information and a listening ear to locals and visitors alike.



Above: Carolyn Bellman, Lorraine, Chloe and Cheryl at the Croppa Creek Store.

RUOK recommends four key steps: ask the person if they're ok, listen with an open mind, encourage action by urging them to commit to something that might help their situation and check in with the person afterwards.

"Asking 'Are you OK?' - it doesn't turn you into a doctor or anything like that," Anne said.

"It's about listening to the answer and then encouraging that person to seek appropriate help, be it their GP or looking for a referral to an organisation like HealthWISE for psychological support."

To learn more about the services HealthWISE offers in your area, visit healthwise.org.au. To learn more about how to have a conversation about mental health, visit ruok.org.au

Call Lifeline on 13 11 14 for 24/7 crisis support. Always call 000 if a life is in danger.

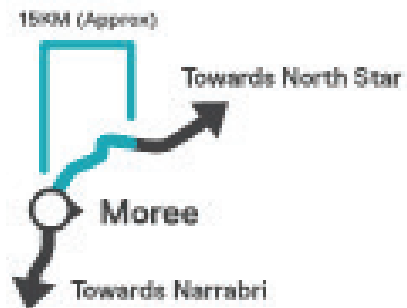
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Narrabri to North Star Phase 2 Environmental Impact Statement public exhibition

We've prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assist the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) with their assessment of the Narrabri to North Star Phase 2 project. It will be on exhibition for public comment from 22 September until midnight 2 November 2022 on the NSW Government's Major Projects website inlandrail.info/view-n2ns-p2-eis

We want to help you navigate the new documents, understand key information, and explain how you can make a submission.

Narrabri to North Star Phase 2



Join us at one of our community information sessions:

Location	Date	Time
Moree Town and Country Club 7 Frome Street, Moree	11 October 2022	7:00am–8:30pm
Pop Up - Econe Lodge – Cnr Alice and Gosport Streets, Moree	12 October 2022	12:00pm–1:00pm
Pop Up – Balo Square, Moree	14 October 2022	11:00am–1:00pm
Pop Up – Stanley Village (park area off Sullivan Place), Moree	19 October 2022	10:00am–11:30am
Moree Town and Country Club 7 Frome Street, Moree	20 October 2022	10:00am–12:00pm
Pop Up – Balo Square, Moree	27 October 2022	12:00pm–3.30pm

Online sessions will be held on 11 and 27 October. Register via email inlandrailnsw.artc.com.au

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BINGARA CENTRAL SCHOOL TEACHER RECEIVES MINISTER'S AWARD

Recently, I had the pleasure of accompanying Emma Pleffer as she accepted the Public Education Foundation Ministers Award for Excellence in Teaching. The ceremony was held at Sydney Town Hall with 128 students, teachers, schools and parents receiving recognition for their hard work and dedication to public education.

For the first time in 3 years the awards ceremony was able to be held face-to-face. The Minister for Education, Sarah Mitchell, was joined by Georgina Harrison (Deputy Secretary) and Jane Caro (Board Member of the Public Education Foundation). The focus for the evening was purely set on the great achievements that are occurring in our public schools, as well as the diversity, celebration of student talents and the hard-working staff that support our students every day.

The Minister's Award for Excellence in Teaching is a highly prestigious award with Emma being 1 of only 29 teachers across the state who were recognised in this category. Sarah Mitchell took the honour of presenting and pronouncing Bingara correctly, as she shook hands with Emma on stage to present her with her certificate.

I would like to tell you a little bit more about Emma and the reasons we put forward her nomination for this award.

Emma is passionate about rural education and has high expectations for all students, ensuring students know that being from a rural school does not limit your potential for success. She breaks down barriers in our school and community to ignite a passion for English both with her students and colleagues. Emma is a highly effective teaching and learning expert with impeccable subject knowledge in both the English and HSIE syllabus. She has developed exam fitness sessions for her HSC students, created innovative programs such as Hook, Line and Clincher and The Outsiders, which cater for the diverse needs of all her students.

Across our school she mentors new teachers to develop their skill and passion for teaching. She works alongside younger staff to team teach our students so that they get the strengths of both teachers, whilst our students receive highly effective, individualised instruction. She also sees this opportunity as a way to learn from others and enhance her own teaching. Emma has worn many hats within our school - Year Advisor, SRC Coordinator, Girls Supervisor, member of the Learning and Support Team and the Literacy Team. She always has our students needs at the forefront of everything she does.

Her dedication to the betterment of her own and other's professional practice is displayed through her commitment to highly effective professional learning. She seeks targeted professional learning to develop specialised skills to support students from Years 7-12, and extending into our Stage 3 classrooms to assist in the transition to Secondary and the development of key skills.

Emma's humble and affable nature makes her an invaluable and respected member of the teaching team. Her unwavering commitment to public education and her willingness to embrace change and challenge students in rural settings inspires other teaching professionals. She will never swim with the stream!

Overall, Emma is a passionate rural educationalist who believes that every student should have access to high-quality education, regardless of their location or socio-economic status. She consistently works to break down barriers and teaches her students that their boundaries are limitless. Expert teaching is delivered in her classroom, where students have a voice and their every need is catered for. Her dedication to teaching excellence and best practice inspires the entire school community, paving the way for colleagues and students to follow in her footsteps. Emma encompasses the best of public and rural education within a central school setting.

As stated by Emma, 'I just knew that I wanted to be the best teacher I could be and to teach in small country schools so that country kids know that their location and background doesn't limit their chance of success. I might be biased - but I honestly think country kids are the best'. Well, I am biased too! Country kids are the best and our Bingara Central School students are no exception to this.

I was so privileged to attend these awards with Emma, taking a front row seat with her colleagues, husband and the Director Educational Leadership. Bingara Central School is an exceptional public school where education is alive and full of passionate teachers. As the Principal, I am proud of all our dedicated staff and their investment in our students.

Brooke Wall

Principal



Above: Emma Pleffer receives her Public Education Foundation Ministers Award for Excellence in Teaching at Sydney Town Hall

BINGARA LUNCH BREAK FOR CHARITY MOTORCYCLISTS GIVING KIDS IN NEED A FAIR GO

A spectacular convoy of 42 adventure bike riders taking part in the Variety Adventure Ride “thundered” through the New England region to help kids in need and support regional communities.

The six-day motorcycle event departed from Tamworth on Sunday 18 September. It raised \$60,000 for Variety kids while also injecting more than \$75,000 in tourism dollars into towns they visit along the way.

While the Adventure Riders aged from their 30s to 74 come from far and wide and a diverse range of backgrounds, they share a common passion for supporting Australia’s kids in need. Each and every one of them committed to raising a minimum of \$2,000 to take part in the road trip with funds raised to help Variety – the Children’s Charity support children who are sick, experiencing disadvantage or living with a disability.

Epitomising the spirit of the event is Miles Kennedy who can lay claim to being both the oldest participant and coming from furthest afield. Having raised \$7,000, the 74-year-old drove his Moto Guzzi 850v TT adventure bike 5,000 kilometres from Dunsborough in Western Australia to take part in the event.

A long time supporter of Variety, Miles explains why Variety became his charity of choice saying, “Given that my company was regularly approached by charities wanting support, around 25 years ago my CFO set out to analyse the charities to see how much money was actually spent on those in need and was particularly impressed by Variety. I was also impressed that Variety actually helped deliver the products and services needed rather than simply giving cash. Even today, Variety still impresses me as being one of the most well structured charities with an army of dedicated volunteers.”

The ride also delivered much needed economic benefit into regions through accommodation, meals, fuel and more for the riders. The 2022 route included stops in the Lismore/Ballina region, supporting communities rebuilding after devastating flood.

Variety NSW/ACT Motoring and Events Manager, Victor Sheil said riders were preparing their bikes for an incredible adventure.

“The Adventure Ride is not a race or a contest of any kind – it’s an adventure exploring the countryside by motorbike,” said Victor adding, “Riders do all their fundraising before hitting the road – helping kids and their families who are doing it tough and providing much needed support to regional communities. The Variety Adventure Ride also benefits the towns it passes through, with more than \$12,000 generally spent on local services and facilities in each town where the group has an overnight stop. It’s a terrific way to help two groups of people at once – kids and businesses who all deserve a fair go.”

The Variety Adventure Ride was proudly supported by Pickles, long-term supporters of Variety motoring events, including the iconic Bash.

Pickles National Manager – Industrial,

Nick Johnson is thrilled that Pickles again supported Variety Adventure Ride and says, “The Variety Adventure Ride is a terrific adventure with people who enjoy touring the countryside while making a real difference for others – Pickles is very proud to be part of this great event,” said Nick.

About the Variety Adventure Ride

<https://www.variety.org.au/nsw/event/varietyadventureride/>

Day 1: Sunday 18 Sept: Tamworth – Bundarra – Tenterfield (420km)

Day 2: Monday 19 Sept: Tenterfield – Bonalbo – Casino (267km)

Day 3: Tuesday 20 Sept: Casino – Ballina (167km)

Day 4: Wednesday 21 Sept: Ballina – Coutts Crossing – Glen Innes (371km)

Day 5: Thursday 22 Sept: Glen Innes – Bingara – Armidale (393km)

Day 6: Friday 23 Sept: Armidale – Tamworth (163km)



Above: Variety Club Adventure Riders stop for lunch at the Sportsmans Hotel Bingara

New Café welcomed in Warialda

Residents of and visitors to Warialda have welcomed a new business to the town, Hope Café. Run BY Ravi and his family, the new café has an uncomplicated yet tempting menu, sure to appeal to all tastes and appetites.

Ravi has travelled and run businesses in several towns and cities, and hopes to find a simple life by setting up business in Warialda and settling in close by residentially.

Somewhat overwhelmed by the positive popularity of the café, Ravi and family feel warmly welcomed into the Warialda community and Gwydir Shire at large.

Offering a separate takeaway and dine-in menu, the offerings are divided between breakfast from 8am to 11am and lunch from 11am to 2pm. Ubiquitous favourites can be found, including burgers, wraps and fish and chips. By all accounts from Facebook feedback and verbal comments, the food has been a hit with all who have sampled it. The Gwydir News can confirm that the coffee is fabulous too.

The Hope Café can be found at 58 Hope Street Warialda. You can contact them on **0493 503 793**.



Above: Hope Café, Warialda.

WARIALDA CHURCH REVAMP

Congratulations to Warialda Anglican Church Vicar, Steve Cimarosti and hard-working parishioners on the successful completion of the renovations and expansion of this 120-year-old parish hall.

The official opening and community day on Saturday 8 October was well attended by locals and politicians Adam Marshall MP and Mark Coulton MP.

The revamp included restoring the original floor in the main hall, adding a new kitchen, outdoor covered deck, disabled access, bathrooms, storage, office and a meeting room.

The community was assisted with a grant from the government for the works, boosting the many local volunteer contributions.

The project has not just patched up years of damage at the hall, restoring to its former glory, but also expanded and opened it up for large functions and community events for which it has been renowned.



Above: Warialda Anglican Church revamp

Warialda Hospital Auxiliary Garden Party

When: Saturday October 29th from 11.00am

Where: Garden of Carmel and Roger Gobbert 171 Long St, Warialda

Enjoy: browsing the stalls

: a 2 course meal [tea/coffee included] for \$25 at 12.00 noon

: musical items from Warialda High School students

: guest speakers Sue and Greg Moran

: chance to win in the raffles

: relaxing with family and friends

RSVP for catering purposes Thursday October 20th.

Please phone Marilyn : 0456863848 or Carmel : 0427290088

The Hospital Auxiliary supports patients, doctors and staff at Warialda MPS

WARIALDA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY OCTOBER UPDATE

- FROM THE WARIALDA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Members have started selling tickets in the ornamental windmill and garden bench. This raffle will be drawn at the end of November so there is still plenty of time to get your tickets - \$2 each or 3 for \$5. A great prize for the garden.

The Garden Party planned for Saturday October 29 is getting closer!

The Garden Party will be held in the beautiful, relaxing garden of Carmel and Roger Gobbert, 171 Long Street, Warialda. Patrons are encouraged to come along with family and friends to browse the stalls and enjoy a delicious 2 course meal (including tea or coffee) for \$25. The Garden Party will commence at 11.00am and lunch will be served at 12.00 noon.

Entertainment will include musical items from Warialda High School students and guest speakers Sue and Greg Moran who will speak about their trips to New Guinea with Rotary, helping to build hospitals and schools.

There will also be the chance to win in the raffles.

RSVP for catering purposes please contact Marilyn: 0456863848 or Carmel: 0427290088 with numbers by Thursday October 20.


Also discussed at the Auxiliary meeting on Monday September 19, was the Market Night set down for Saturday November 12 at the Warialda Golf and Bowling Club. This popular, family friendly night has sorely been missed the last two years, but patrons can be assured there will be the usual great selection of prizes to be won – just in time for Christmas!

Tickets will start selling at 6.00pm and the draw will start at 7.30pm.

So, two great fund-raising events coming up for the Warialda Hospital Auxiliary. All money raised by the Hospital Auxiliary is used to purchase items for the betterment of patients, doctors and staff at Warialda MPS.

New members are always welcome – come along to the Garden Party and the Market Night and support the Hospital Auxiliary.

“Let us hold high the lamp of service for the welfare of our hospitals.”

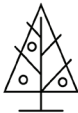

**WARIALDA HOSPITAL
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WARIALDA CULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE - CARINDA AWARDED

Warialda Cultural Community Centre -Carinda- members were delighted to receive the 2022 Warialda Honey Festival Busy Working Bee Award, in memory of Fay Honour, at the Warialda Honey Festival on Saturday September 17.

Volunteers have been working at Carinda for 45 years; 6 days a week; so many tens of thousands of volunteer hours worked over those years.

Members conducted a very successful morning tea with damper and honey, and scones with jam and cream, in the garden of Carinda on Saturday 17. Certainly, a very busy day and the award was “the icing on the cake.”

On Thursday September 8, four members travelled to Armidale for the “Volunteer of the Year Awards New England/Northern Inland Area Event”. Warialda Cultural Community Centre received a certificate having been nominated in the team section. This wonderful award follows the award received in March, during Volunteer Week, when our local MP, Adam Marshall put forward Warialda Cultural Community Centre for recognition in NSW Parliament.

Well done everyone! Many teams over 45 years working together to man the Carinda Craft Shop and to maintain the unique 1880s building in Warialda. As well as offering a venue for local artisans to sell their wares, visitors are encouraged to wander through the upstairs rooms, the Stump Room and the old laundry area.

The Stump Room can be hired for meetings/functions and members can provide morning/afternoon teas or cater for small gatherings.

The Tuesday morning craft group meets from 10.00am -12.00noon and new people are always welcome to bring along their chosen craft and share an enjoyable morning together. The Thursday night group should restart after the school holidays 6.00pm-8.00pm.

Come on in and step back in time. Carinda offers craft items, wood-work, handknitted articles, patchwork articles, paintings to name a few. Home baked cakes, slices and biscuits are very popular as too are the homemade jams, pickles, relish and chutneys. Locally produced honey in 500g, 1kg and 3kg tubs are also available.

Books-swap or \$1 each, CDs and DVDs at \$1 can be found in the Stump Room.

Carinda is open Monday - Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm and Saturday 9.00am-12.00noon



Above: Warialda Cultural Community Centre, - Carinda, Warialda

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North West Theatre Company Film Club

MOVIE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Rick Hutton – NWTC Film Club Secretary

Some movies are made to shock ... others to challenge and teach ... and some to do both, and entertain at the same time!

Imagine driving around parts of Australia with a book in your glove box that told you where you could buy fuel or get accommodation and where you would not be restricted or discriminated against because of your skin colour.

Such a book existed in the USA from 1936 to 1966. Its full title was 'The Negro Motorist Green Book', and it was a guide book for African-American travellers published by Victor Hugo Green.

'Green Book' is the academy award winning movie that the NWTC Film Club is offering at the Roxy Theatre on Sunday,

October 30. Starring Viggo Mortensen and Mahershala Ali, the film is inspired by the true story of a 1962 tour of the Deep South by African-American pianist Don Shirley (Ali) and Italian-American bouncer and later actor Frank "Tony Lip" Vallelonga (Mortensen), who served as Shirley's driver and bodyguard.

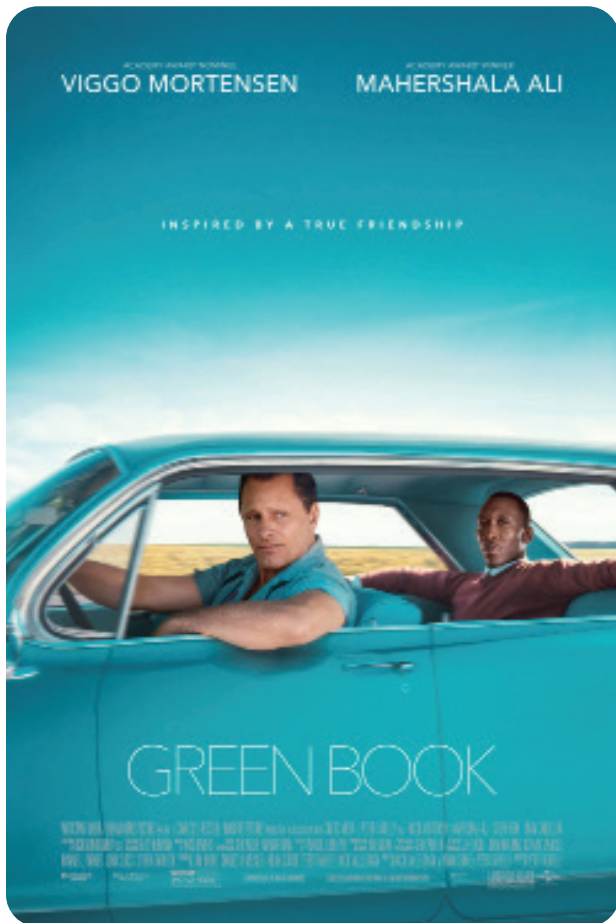
'Green Book' had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival on September 11, 2018, where it won the People's Choice Award. It was then theatrically released in the United States on November 16, 2018, by Universal Pictures, and grossed \$321 million worldwide.

The film is based on interviews with Lip and Shirley, as well as letters Lip wrote to his then-wife. The film received positive

reviews from critics, with praise for the performances of Mortensen and Ali, although it also drew some criticism of its depiction of both race and Shirley.

'Green Book' received numerous awards and nominations. It won the Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Original Screenplay, and Best Supporting Actor (for Ali). It also won the Producers Guild of America Award for Best Theatrical Motion Picture, the Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy, and was chosen as one of the top 10 films of the year by the American Film Institute.

You can join the NWTC Film Club members for a viewing of 'Green Book' at 4:00pm on Sunday, October 30.



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Tag along for a day in the life of a bunch of musical misfits as they reinvigorate the junk that the world has forgotten.

Learn about sustainability with this high energy, imaginative music-in-education performance combining drumming, dance, theatre and comedy. With a language of gibberish and rhythm, this show is accessible to any age and nationality.

“The climax of the show is a selection of garbage bins that they bang like drum kits, kicking and whacking the lids and sides to make all kinds of different rhythms and noises. The audience stand and cheer wanting more from the performers. The crowd is full of smiles as they exit the stage.” - The Source News

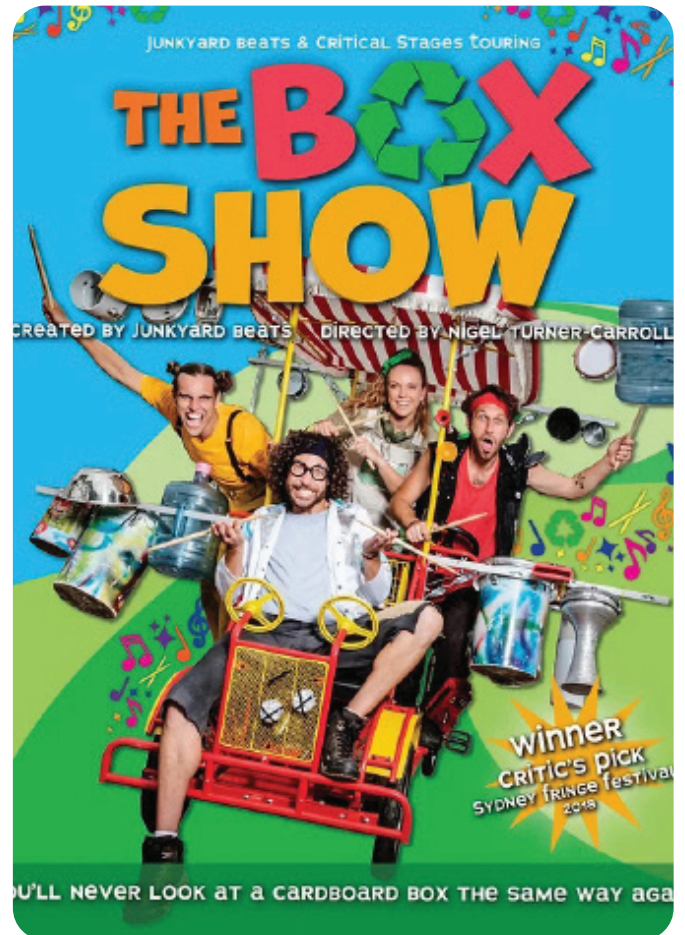
Directed by: Nigel Turner-Carroll

Written by: Oded Prior and Nigel Turner-Carroll

Producer/Founder: Oded Prior

Performers: Oded Prior, Marina Da-Silva, Theo Fontes, Lucas Nadin, Tania Gould and Leslie Marsh.

Wednesday 26 October 7.30pm at the Roxy Theatre, Bingara. Bookings at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/969067>



Comedy Duo shoot straight from the lip

In demand on the comedy circuit and adored for their ability to find the humour in everyday experiences, Mandy Nolan and Ellen Briggs believe it's their regionality that gives them strength in country audiences.

“We both live in Mullumbimby in Northern NSW - our life experiences seem to parallel the audiences that we talk to - we're not young inner city groovers. We're 40 something mothers of teenagers, we're wives, and ex wives! Ellen can wrangle a snake and operate a ride on mower in the afternoon, and by evening she dons heels and a frock and then she's MCing a charity ball. We're small town showgirls. And boy do we have fun on stage!”

There are few sacred cows that Briggs and Nolan shy away from milking, pushing the bucket of popular opinion under the teats and then the jokes start flowing!

Friday 18 November, Warialda Town Hall. Bookings at <https://www.womenlikeus.com.au/buy-tickets-here.html>





BINGARA CENTRAL SCHOOL

YEAR 12 COMMENCE HSC EXAMS

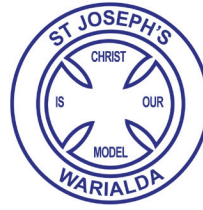
Last week, our HSC students commenced sitting their Higher School Certificate Examination. All staff at Bingara Central School wish our students the best of luck..

STAGE 3 EXCURSION TO KATOOMBA

There were plenty of smiles and waves as Stage 3 students loaded the bus and headed off to Katoomba last week.

Students enjoyed their Katoomba excursion with a bush walk, archery, challenge course, team building and trivia, amongst other various activities

Many thanks go to Miss Leeson, Mrs Craddock, Miss Lucie and Phil (the bus driver) for taking the students, on what was a memorable trip for all.



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

HONEY FESTIVAL ARTWORK

In the spirit of all things Honey, St Joseph's students were tasked with creating some outstanding artwork to celebrate the recent Honey Festival in Warialda. These looked amazing..



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WARIALDA PUBLIC SCHOOL

ICAS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Tex, Hugo, Emily, Ada, Archie, Lottie, and Whitney who have received participation certificates for the ICAS English Assessment.

Each of these students tried their best and have achieved some pleasing results.



JUNIOR BOY CHAMPION

Despite still having a year to go in the Junior division, Hugo is officially the North West Junior Boy Champion in Athletics.

We were delighted to represent Hugo with a special certificate from Peter Yeo and Nadine Mead at North West Schools Sports Association. Great work Hugo.



NORTH STAR PUBLIC SCHOOL

REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Prior to the end of Term 4, North Star students had the opportunity to drop their books and take a bus to Yetman to take part in a Cricket Skills Day.

Henry from Cricket NSW hosted a 2 hour session of cricket skills at the Yetman Recreation Grounds. The children had a great time interacting with the Yetman children and enjoying the skill practices that Henry organised for them, particularly the Four Wicket Cricket game.



GRAVESEND PUBLIC SCHOOL

SMASHING SCIENCE

Gravesend Public School primary class students returned to school in Term four to conduct an integrated activity. Following the scientific method, students undertook a physical/chemical change experiment, making instant ice cream as part of their maths topic- temperature. There were smiles all round.

Miss Irvine - Classroom Teacher.





WARIALDA HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

The final roll call for Year 12 took place at the end of Term 3. Heart warming speeches were delivered from Captains Lucy, Western and Jack with words of wisdom from Year Advisor, Mr Beattie. Equipped with their final portfolios and signed shirts, our wonderful students now head off on life's journey. Great things await these amazing students. We wish them well in their ongoing HSC examinations, which are currently underway.



SOCIAL SPECTACULAR

Students delivered awesome costumes and groovy dance moves at our social on Tuesday 20 September. Thanks to all involved for this successful SRC event.





WHAT'S ON!

Do you have an upcoming event, meeting or save the date you would like to list? Inclusion is free and available for all non-profit organisations and community events. AGM notices welcome. Please note all details are accurate at the time of publication, however may be subject to change.

Email: editor@thegwydirnews.com.au

OCTOBER 2022

- 16th - 23rd Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia National Rally held in Bingara
- 17th Warialda Touch Football Association AGM, Royal Hotel 6pm
- 18th Northern Slopes Landcare Multi-species farm visit, Gravesend
- 22nd CMCA 'Back to Bingara' Street Fair
- 22nd Lions Markets - from 8:30am, Maitland Street, Bingara
- 26th Children's Week, Warialda Toy Library, 10am-12noon
- 26th The *Box Show* from Junkyard Beats live at the Roxy Theatre, Bingara.
- 27th Bingara Garden Club Monthly Meeting, Bingara Sporting Club
- 27th Warialda Golf and Bowling Club AGM 6.30pm
- 28th Rural Women's Catch Up, Gulf Creek Hall 10am
- 29th Warialda Hospital Auxiliary Garden Party
- 29th Gatsby Roaring 20's Ball - Warialda Memorial Hall
- 30th Screening of *The Green Room*, NWTC. Roxy Theatre, 4pm

NOVEMBER 2022

- 5th Bingara Anglican Church Spring Flower Show
- 12th Warialda Hospital Auxiliary Market Night, Warialda Golf and Bowling Club
- 18th *Women Like Us* live at the Warialda Town Hall
- 19th Warialda Sports Council Awards Presentation, Warialda Golf and Bowling Club, 7pm
- 22nd Social Tennis, Upper Horton Sports Club from 5pm
- 26th Bingara Lions Markets - from 8:30am, Maitland Street, Bingara
- 26th Bingara Christmas Carnival Concert, Gwydir Oval
- 26th Carinda House Twilight Markets
- 27th Warialda Golf and Bowling Club AGM
- 29th Northern Slopes Landcare AGM
- 29th Social Tennis, Upper Horton Sports Club from 5pm
- 30th Touriandi AGM, Imperial Hotel, 6pm

DECEMBER 2022

- 3rd Warialda Rail Community Christmas Carnival
- 3rd *Barney's Day* golf tournament, Bingara Sporting Club
- 7th North West Theatre Company AGM, Imperial Hotel 6pm
- 10th Warialda Christmas Carnival, Warialda Recreation Ground.
- 25th Christmas Day
- 31st Upper Horton Rodeo and New Year's Eve celebrations, Upper Horton Sports Club.



Bingara Anglican Church Spring Flower Show

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Bingara: Worship at St John's Anglican Parish, Bingara - Sunday 9:30am

Warialda: St Simon and St Jude Anglican Church, Warialda - Every Sunday - 9:30am

Coolatai: First Sunday each month - 3:30pm

Minister Steve Cimarosti, can be contacted on **6729 1501**

CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISHES WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

Warialda: Saturday - 6:00pm, 4th weekend - 10:00am

Delungra: Sundays - 10:00am, 4th weekend - 6:00pm

Bingara: Every Sunday - 8:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Warialda: 1st and 3rd weeks, Mass 9:00am

Bingara: 2nd and 4th weeks, Rosary 9:30am/Mass 10:00am

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Thanksgiving and Family Mass: By appointment **02 6729 1116**

UNITING CHURCH

Inverell Uniting Church's services are livestreamed at 9:00am on the Inverell Uniting Church Family private Facebook Group. These services are also recorded for later viewing - please search and join.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bingara: Scots Presbyterian Church is open for worship at 10:00am every Sunday. Sunday School to be held each week.

Warialda: St Stephen's Presbyterian Church has weekly worship services each Sunday at 10:00am. All welcome.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

BINGARA GARDEN CLUB A HIVE OF ACTIVITY IN SPRING

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

The Bingara Garden Club Drive-by Encouragement Award for September was won by Steve and Chris Kneller of 22 Bombelli Street. Theirs is an extensive garden with lovely old shady trees with understory gardens showcased by lawn areas. Large old metal wheels and an archway give additional character. There are numerous garden beds with colourful, mixed spring flowers, including a tall lavender coloured shrub backed by a gold daisy bush and fronted by violets, being visited by creamy butterflies. The vivid orange clivias glow from under their trees as do the bed of bright orange gazanias. It is a garden carefully chosen for all seasons to bring relief and combat summer and winter extremes.

ROSE PLANTING FOR CWA CENTENARY

The CWA Park on the Gwydir Oval at Bingara contains a number of roses and commemorative plaques relating to the founding of the CWA and in honour of long serving office bearers. In its centenary year, CWA has planted a rose to commemorate the organisation's proud 100 year history. Garden Clubs Australia Inc suggested their affiliates plant a tree to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Bingara Garden Club took up the challenge and thank the Bingara CWA and President Marg Foster for approval to plant a Queen Elizabeth rose to mark the occasion.

OCTOBER ACTIVITY

This month, the Bingara Garden Club will host Barraba who are expressing interest in the formation of a garden club. After the Bingara Garden Club's 27 October monthly meeting at the Bingara Sporting Club, the Barraba visitors will join with locals for an in-house lunch and discussions. This will be followed by a visit to the Living Classroom and a tour of a number of private gardens.



Left: Bingara Garden Club's Encouragement Award was presented to Steve and Chris Kneller of 22 Bombelli Street. Photograph: their stunning Spring garden. Photo credit: Alec Lucke

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BINGARA BELT GRADINGS

On Sunday the 25 of September, 20 students from the Bingara Branch of the Jin Ryu Kan Martial Arts attended the Inverell Head Dojo to attempt their belt gradings.

A massive congratulations to all students who levelled up. All students performed with plenty of spirit and displayed great technique throughout all of the grading groups.

Martial Arts and Ladies Punch Fit is held at Bingara Central School on Tuesday afternoon from 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

For more details, please contact David Brennan on 0428241799.



From Top: Bingara Branch of the Jin Ryu Kan Martial Arts
Blue Belts and Above
Yellow Belts
Yellow Red Tips and Above
Photo Credit: David Brennan

WARIALDA WOMBATS PRESENTATION

Warialda Wombats Awards

A Grade Best and fairest & Wombat of the Year - Dylan Butler

Players Player - Mick Hodges

Rookie Of The Year - Beudeen Reid

Tim Phillips Memorial/Clubman of year - Jake Kennedy

Most Improved/ coaches award - Noah Theofanuo & Jordan Johnston

Warialda League Tag

Wombat Lady of the year - Courtney Barwick

Best and Fairest/ Players Player - Paige Hall

Rookie of the Year - Lillie Sankey

Coaches Award - Sharnie Kent

Most Improved- Lacey Cooper

Of special note, the Ladies League Tag team had a really successful season going down to the undefeated Tingha team 12-2 in the Grand final.

Right, from top: Warialda Wombats Ladies League Tag Team

Middle: Warialda Wombats Team

Bottom: Dylan and Courtney

Photo Credit: Calrissa Barwick:



Warialda and Bingara Physical Culture



Above: Award winners from the Warialda section of the Warialda and Bingara Physical Culture Club

WARIALDA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE PRESENTATIONS

Held on Saturday 24 September at Nicholson Oval, the presentation was also an opportunity for attendees to meet rugby league royalty, with Noel "Crusher" Cleal coming along. The results of the season were as follows:

UNDER 6s 2022 MAJOR AWARDS

Best Forward: Max Pritchard
 Best Back: Benji Wright
 Coaches Award: Olivia Clark
 Most Consistent: Mason Aitkins
 Most Improved: Darby Thurgood

Best and Fairest Award: Kaitlyn Bussell

UNDER 8s BLACK 2022 MAJOR AWARDS

Best Forward: Beau Robertson
 Best Back: Ziggy Hall
 Coaches Award: Danial Wood
 Most Consistent: Jordan Dawson and Archer Whalan
 Most Improved: Kaizer Power

Best and Fairest Award: Logan Hollands

UNDER 8s RED TROPHIES MAJOR AWARDS

Best Forward: Hamish Gooda
 Best Back: Liam Brazel
 Coaches Award: Ollie Baxter
 Most Consistent: Jimmy Wright
 Most Improved: Walker Butler and Dugald Wilson

Best and Fairest Award: Dexter Brooks

UNDER 10s TROPHIES MAJOR AWARDS

Best Forward: Archie Van-Velthuisen and Darby Turner
 Best Back: Sam Baker and Nate Cleal
 Coaches Award: Archie Kennedy and Braxton Turner
 Most Consistent: Digby Wilson and Chevy Hancock
 Most Improved: Danial Whalan and Cruze Ranieri
 Best and Fairest Award: Kash Hall and Harry Hawkins

UNDER 12s RED 2022 MAJOR AWARDS

Best Forward: Matthew Brazel
 Best Back: Alec Michel
 Coaches Award: Holly Whalan
 Most Consistent: Jake Ogilvie and Chayse Cooper

Most Improved: Thomas Garrett
 Best and Fairest Award: Harrison Brooks

UNDER 12s BLACK 2022 MAJOR AWARDS

Best Forward: Lucus Gooda
 Best Back: Kingston Hall
 Coaches Award: Jake Hollands
 Most Consistent: Darcy Hawkins and Kai Connolly
 Most Improved: Shaun Robertson
 Best and Fairest Award: Thomas Crichlow

UNDER 14s 2022 MAJOR AWARDS

Best Forward: Blaze Harrison
 Best Back: Jarod Petrus
 Coaches Award: Sam Hall
 Most Consistent: Darcy Mitchell
 Most Improved: Riley Burley and Justin Norrie
 Darcey Reardon Memorial Best and Fairest Award: Os Van-Velthuisen

UNDER JLT RED 2022 MAJOR AWARDS

Best Attacker: Matilda Brooks
 Best Defender: Darci Ford
 Coaches Award: Edith Wilson
 Most Consistent: Ada Van-Velthuisen
 Most Improved: Gemma-Rose Saunders and Faith Turner
 Claire Smith Memorial - Best and Fairest Award: Scarlett Turner

UNDER JLT BLACK 2022 MAJOR AWARDS

Best Attacker: Elle Connolly
 Best Defender Savannah Clark
 Coaches Award: Emily Crichlow and Areli Beel
 Most Consistent Naveah Wood
 Most Improved : Caitlin Goode and Anastasia Moore
 Claire Smith Memorial - Best and Fairest Award: Snowden Green

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE 2022 MAJOR AWARDS

Best Attacker: Kayla Digby
 Best Defender: Summa Beel
 Coaches Award: Hailey Cooper
 Most Consistent: Stormi-Lilly Melia

Most Improved: Jade Rowan and Brooklyn Kennedy

Best and Fairest Award: Indika Gallen and Caelee Green

SENIOR LEAGUE TAG 2022 MAJOR AWARDS

Best Attacker: Lisa Digby
 Best Defender : Zoe Allen
 Coaches Award: Makayla Naylor
 Most Consistent: Mailee Sullivan
 Most Improved: Aylah Mounter and Shakaya Stevens

Best and Fairest Award: Imogen Hall

OTHER MAJOR CLUB AWARDS:

- Telford Rose Memorial Trophy was awarded to Toby Bell. Toby has played his entire junior league career at the Warialda Wombats.
- Harry Hawkins and Sam Baker were awarded the Warialda Sports Council Sportsmanship Award. Both boys have been the epitome of Wombat spirit this year and stepped up every week playing for not only under 10s but also under 12s some weekends playing 3 games.
- Roley Van Velthuisen was awarded the Clubman Award - Roley is one of our junior refs who helps out each home game with setting up packing away, he would Ref games and just being a fabulous role model for our junior players.

Our outgoing Moree/Bats Under 16s were presented with the Warialda jumpers to finish off a great season for them.



Above: Toby Bell with WJL President Lachlan Hall

50 YEAR REUNION FOR WARIALDA CENTRAL SCHOOL OPEN RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM

On 7 and 8 October, the Warialda Central School Open Rugby League held a reunion to celebrate 50 years. The celebrations commenced with a get-together for some reminiscing on the Reedy Creek below Les Cleal's home and continued at the Commercial Hotel on Saturday with a display of memorabilia, many stories from the old days, and a few beverages.

In 1972-73, the team was only defeated twice, winning numerous games against teams from much bigger high schools and taking out the Peel Carnival. It wasn't only their ability to win that made the team special, they were a great group of boys aged between 15 and 18 that got on well and were eager to play the game they loved. They were keen to play anyone, anywhere and all gave 100 percent effort.

Like most sporting teams, there were some exceptional players including Noel Cleal who went on to represent Australia, and some not as skilled, but each and every player was valued and respected equally by their coach, Alan Mitchell.

Fifty years on the team still displays the same pride and camaraderie, this is testament to the value of team sports and the lifelong friendships it forms.



Front: David Galvin, Chris Kent, Noel Cleal, Alan Mitchell, Les Cleal, Phil Francis, Mick Galvin. Back: Doug Bourne, Tony Plevy, Frank Fleming, Dave Goodwin, Peter Morris, Bruce Withers, Gavin Jackson, Kev Townsend, Claude McClymont, Bob Coote, Mal McGuinness, Jack Kent, Robert Cross

GRAVESEND PONY CLUB JAMBOREE VICTORY

The 2022 Gravesend Pony Club Jamboree Team has claimed a famous victory coming from behind to win the Zone 8 Jamboree. Hosts, Garah-Boomi were expected to win the event with a very experienced and strong team. However, each of the 20 GPC riders lifted showing their all round ability across each of the disciplines.

Some highlights included:

Ada van Velthuisen, Remi Hollands, Lola Barwick, Matilda Barwick, Sarah Barwick, Os van Velthuisen and William Barwick who were all runners up in their respective age groups.

Claire Barnett, Poppy Barwick, Lucy Kelly and Pip Schoupp who were named Age Champions in their Age groups. This is a huge achievement!

There is no doubt that GPC is fortunate to have such amazing instructors which provide quality guidance for our riders. Chief Instructor - Jody van Velthuisen brings such calmness and years of riding and instructing experience to the role and has a brilliant team around her including: Clare Seery, Nel Jones, David Schouten, Ken Barnett, Toy Barwick, Jeff Hollands, Jacque Towns, Michael Barwick, Phil Barwick, Sarah Chapman, Hamish Hosegood, Rob Hosegood.

Congratulations to Club Captains - Pip Schoupp and Ossie van Velthuisen for their leadership through the two weeks.

Gravesend Pony Club is now in the process of planning the 2023 Zone 8 Jamboree.



Above: Gravesend Pony Club Jamboree Team with Shield. Photo Credit: Clarissa Barwick

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WARIALDA VETS GOLF AND AGM REPORT

The Vets Golf AGM was held prior to golf getting under way on Friday 7 October. There was a slight change in the leadership after Macca McDonald stepped down after a long stint as President. The President's role has been taken up by Don Stevenson who has also retained the Treasurer's position (with the invaluable assistance of Carmel Ann); Vice Presidents are Macca McDonald and Lex Roberts; Secretary and Captain Dave Coulton; Vice Captain Lionel Cleal and the Publicity will be handled by the President and Secretary. There was a slight change to next year's program with a 2 Man Ambrose to be contested on the last Friday of the month with a 4BBB event to be held in the middle of every second month with both events to be Draw for Partners. The starting time on competition days will be 2:00 p.m. with shotgun starts. Competition fees remain at \$10 and Vets membership fees are \$5.

The day's event was an Individual Stableford and, due to the rain interruption, was reduced to a 9-hole comp. The winner had to be decided on a countback with two players returning 25 points (probably looking at scores of 30+ if 12 holes were able to be played) with the resulting winner declared as Lex Roberts with Kimbo Cleal being relegated to the runners up position. Leading in the ball comp, and good to see him back on the course, was John "Winx" Hay (24) then Lioney Cleal (22) and Phil O'Keefe (21 on a countback from Welder Campbell).

The putting competition (with only 1 player not registering a score) was Lioney Cleal with 9. The Nearest the Pins on the 3rd, 5th and 9th were all won by "eagle eye" Kimbo Cleal.

The all-important mystery draw was won by Macca McDonald.

Dave Coulton

BINGARA LADIES' GOLF OPEN DAY

A beautiful Spring Day ensured a great turnout for the Bingara Ladies' Golf Open Day on Tuesday 20 September.

Entrants hailed from Bingara, Barraba, Warialda, Gunnedah, Armidale, Inverell, Tamworth and Coffs Harbour.

Results as follows:

Net Winners (photographed) - Jenny Hawkins (Tamworth) & Fay Buckingham (Coffs Harbour) 47 points

Net R/up - Bernie Houlahan (Bingara) & Di Etheridge (Barraba) 42 points

Gross Winners - Kay Nash & Anna Keys (Armidale) 26 points

Gross R/up - Amanda Carr & Liz O'Hara (Armidale) 25 Points

Front Nine Winners - Debra Mack & Catherine Egan (Bingara) 22 Points

Back Nine Winners - Dot Bowman & Kylie Parker (Warialda) 21 Points

Long Drive Division One - Lyn Simpson (Barraba)

Long Drive Division Two - Jane Armitage (Bingara)

NTP 7th & 16th Division One - Sandy Cook (Inverell)

NTP 7th & 16th Division Two - Gail Simpson (Barraba)

NTP 9th & 18th Division One - Kay Nash (Armidale)

NTP 9th & 18th Division Two - Joan Bray (Gunnedah)

Best 2nd Shot 11th Division One - Lyn Simpson (Barraba)

Best 2nd shot 11th Division Two - Di Etheridge (Barraba).



Above: Net winners Jenny Hawkins (Tamworth) and Fay Buckingham (Coffs Harbour)

BINGARA GOLF REPORT

On Sunday 9 October there was a good turnout for Octobers monthly medal, great to see plenty back up from Magoo's 21st.

Monthly medal went to Brock Galvin on a count back from Richard Scutt with 65 net.

Ball comp went to 68 nett NTP T Fullerton & M McGowan Best 2nd shot to P Smith Jackpot ball B Galvin 2 balls.

In the chook run Thursday 6 October with 23pts Richard Scutt was the winner from John Robinson with 22pts Ladies winner Judy Northcott with an honest 19pts..

Next Sunday's competition is the Foursomes Championships 27 hole starting 11am for 11.30.

The committee have talked about having early golf for those unable to play on Sunday afternoons, should be great now the weather is improving.

Congratulations to all the winners and good golfing!!!!!!

BINGARA PONY CLUB CAMP



Above: Grand Champion Rider, Digby Munro. Trophy presented by Brenda Pankhurst, Life Member of Bingara Pony Club



BINGARA VETS GOLF



Above: Joint winners of the COD hole, David Armitage Bingara and Wayne Barber, Hunter Valley

Right: Winners of the MacDuffy Veterans Week of Golf, John Gill and Judy Northcott



WARIALDA PONY CLUB CAMP



Above and Left: Happy award recipients following a well-oiled Warialda Pony Club Camp

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