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**NEARING 100 PERCENT.** Pictured is Keepit Dam (in front of Manilla Fishing Club's Pelican Point next to the Ski Gardens off Rushes Creek Road) on Sunday afternoon. The dam is sitting at 96.8 percent and still rising due to strong flows in the Namoi River. This is the highest the dam has been in over five years (considering it was only holding half of one percent some 18 months ago) and should reach 100 percent in the coming days.

## Rehoming former racehorses



**Many horse owners around Manilla will treat their four-legged friends to an extra dipper of chaff for the August 1 official birthday this Sunday.**

But up Deepwater way at Ballyoch Horses, dozens of gallopers either too slow or who have reached their used-by date on the racetrack will enjoy many more birthday celebrations thanks to Patrick and Winsome Herde's Thoroughbred Rehoming Program.

Working in conjunction with Australian Of The Year's 2020 Local Hero Bernie Shakeshaft and his popular BackTrack program at Armidale, the couple employ troubled youth on a rotational basis on their property just out of Deepwater. The youngsters - ranging in age from 12 to 20 years - have helped with not only the re-education of horses for the polo fields, showjumping circuit or one day eventing, but also for cattle work, fencing or even construction of new equine facilities on the property, according to Patrick.

"I love working with them. Just about everything here on the place

is built by the kids. It gives them a lot of pride to see what they can actually do," Patrick said.

Many of the youngsters have varied talents in certain areas, so at Ballyoch, they're given the chance to enhance on those skills.

"They may have different skills, so we get them to help with things like cattle, dozer or machinery work, fencing and helping with the horses. The last team we had put in a new watering system for the horses and cattle. It started with the kids coming two days a week and we'd teach them what we could, but it wasn't really rewarding for them. That's changed though, now it's five days, and they love it - keep coming back. We tell them the harder they work, the better they get paid, and they really light up."

Also an asset to Ballyoch Horses in the rehoming program is Finnish equestrienne Nora Eranpalo.

"She's taken the retired racehorses to a completely new level by working on them and taking them around to showjumping events," Patrick said.

Patrick Herde, who freely admits to an insatiable passion for working with horses, was born and reared in Goondiwindi, then fulfilled a childhood dream by heading north to the Kimberley after leaving school. There he worked in stock camps and breaking in horses for two years.

"The company I worked for wanted a fulltime contract breaker, so for the next six years, I did that along with ducking home to Gundy (Goondiwindi) to help with the family property. Then I met and married Winsome, and because we both preferred the cooler weather at Deepwater, decided to settle there and build up our breaking in business."

But building the business was tough according to Patrick.

"One month we'd have 30 horses, so would employ help and buy hay, then the next month we'd get two horses. It got frustrating. Then I listened to a podcast about the rehoming of racehorses, the idea being that it would not only create job opportunities for regional Australia, but also give the horses a good life after they'd finished racing. I put a proposal together for Racing NSW, knowing I'd have to present myself well, and they liked it. We work with probably around 10 retired racehorses on a rotational basis from Team Thoroughbred NSW, as well as continuing our own breaking-in business."

Patrick and his wife though have a big goal - "we'd love to get into a thoroughbred breaking in and pre-training business, though we'd probably need a couple of trainers to back us. Then we could employ more of the kids," he said.

*By Vinnie Todd*

*Photo: All in a day's work to rehome retired gallopers at Deepwater's Ballyoch Horses - Patrick Herde (right) and Finnish equestrienne Nora Eranpalo.*

## Police Beat

### PCA

About 1:45am on Sunday, 25th July 2021, police were patrolling the Fossickers Way, north of the Barraba township. Police have observed a white single cab Toyota Landcruiser utility travelling in a southern direction. Police stopped the vehicle on Queen Street, near the intersection of Linden St, Barraba for the purpose of a breath test. The driver provided a positive test and was issued with a court attendance notice of suspension for their driver's licence.

### WARRANTS

About 6:20 pm on Friday, 23rd July 2021, police as part of operation Yellowbelly, completed patrols of Namoi River Road, Keepit, looking for persons fishing, fishing offences and maritime offences. During this patrol police located a person with two outstanding warrants and a small amount of cannabis. They were arrested and taken to Tamworth Police Station where they were bail refused.

### OPERATIONS

Police in the Manilla, Barraba and Somerton area are currently conducting a number of operations. Operation Yellowbelly and Operation Tarzan. These Operations are targeting fishing offences, maritime offences, illegal hunting and rural crime related offences. Police are requesting that if people notice any person committing these or any offence, contact 131 444.

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# ROUND-ABOUT

## TENNIS NOTES

Manilla Tennis Club Spring Competition will commence on Thursday, 9th September 2021 at 6.30pm. To put your names down for this competition contact Taylor on 0421207172 . Names must be in before 2nd September so teams can be finalised.

**AGM** will be held on Thursday 9th September at the Manilla Tennis Club. All position vacant .

We would like invite all new and existing members to become apart of our club. For more information please contact Lisa on 0427 573 975.

## 5 DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - 9 to 21, rain.  
Thursday - 8 to 17, showers.  
Friday - 2 to 19, sunny.  
Saturday - 6 to 21, partly cloudy.  
Sunday - 11 to 24, partly cloudy.

## DAM LEVELS

**Keepit:** 96.8% of capacity, 405,509. **Split Rock:** 36.5% of capacity, 143,808ml. **Chaffey:** 96.5% of capacity, 97,039ml. **Copeton:** 62.8% of capacity, 842,951ml.

## MANILLA'S RUGBY LEAGUE DRAW FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON

Saturday, 31st July verse Kootingal at Kootingal.  
Sunday, 8th August verse North Tamworth at North Tamworth.  
Sunday, 15th August verse Gunnedah at Gunnedah.  
Saturday, 28th August - start of the finals series.

## UNMASK THE MASKED

If there are no four correct entries in the Unmask the Masked (on page 7). Then three correct will be the winner (if no three correct entries, then two). So get your entries in now. Remember it closes at 4.30pm on the 30th July.

## HOME FIRE SAFETY

If you like your home to be checked for fire safety contact Fire & Rescue Manilla through either Ted Taylor on 0428 851 302 or John Martin on 0429 851 033 and they will arrange for firefighters to come around and check your home - offer fire safety advice and also check your smoke alarms. This is a free service by Fire & Rescue NSW and the NSW Government.

## SELFISH FOOLS

The people who participated in the so called freedom march/protest in Sydney on Saturday are nothing more than selfish, irresponsible fools and deserve everything that the law can throw at them. And due to their actions the lockdown of the Greater Sydney area may have to be extended.

## FORTUNATE IN THE BUSH

Those of us who live in regional NSW have been very fortunate to still have our freedom of movement unlike our city cousins due to Covid 19. And we have to defend these freedoms by contacting the police and reporting if they know that someone is in our area that shouldn't be here.

# New Business

I am sure that there will be a few technology challenged people breathe a sigh of relief to hear that Jonathan Wallis is establishing a computer repair and system installation business, from 94 Arthur Street, Manilla.



You may remember Jonathan who previously ran a computer business in Manilla some 17 years ago before heading to the big smoke, he has now returned to Manilla with wife, Jackie.

Do you need technical support? Need help getting your printer to talk to your computer or help with the current QR Codes, Jonathan is your man. He can come to you to assist you with your computer as well as offer Network Services, WIFI Services, Software / App Assistance, help with Anti Virus, Malware and Spyware, Browser High jacks and can give you internet security advice.

## VIEW NEWS

Members and guests the next luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd August at the Royal Hotel.11-30 for 12 noon. All covid restrictions will be in place. Due to Covid restrictions Manilla Central School sadly are unable to cater at this time. If unable to attend please call Jane Sherrin by Sunday evening before meeting on 0429 695 699.

*Yours in View, Coleen Neboraczek*

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# Rates notices on their way to mailboxes

**A total of 28,676 Tamworth Regional Council rates notices – 48 more than last year - will start to be delivered to local mailboxes this week.**

The average increase for residential ratepayers in 2021-2022 is between \$48 and \$98 – between \$1.20 and \$1.88 a week.

Council's total income from rates and charges for 2021-2022 is \$78.257 million and is part of a budget with a total spend of \$251 million.

"It is our biggest ever budget with a total spend of \$251 million due largely to the \$106.4 million capital works program to improve local facilities and infrastructure," said Tamworth Region Mayor Col Murray. "We are particularly pleased to have a small cash surplus of almost \$150,000 - the decisions made by the Council in recent years to build our financial resilience has allowed us to navigate the challenging economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic better than many other councils."

The rates rise for 2021-2022 was applied after Council adopted the 2 per cent rate cap increase to the General Rate income as set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for all NSW councils.

Council will increase water, sewerage and trade waste service by 2.0 per cent and waste management charges by 10.0 per cent. Consumption charges for water use will also increase by 2.0 per cent. Residential and business ratepayers will pay \$18 more for sewer availability, \$6 more for water availability for the year and up to \$32 more for waste collection for the year.

The average Tamworth residential ratepayer will receive a total annual rates bill (including water, sewer and waste services) of \$2,825. This is about \$98 more than last year's total rates bill for the average Tamworth residential ratepayer. In Barraba, the average residential ratepayer will receive a total annual rates bill of \$2,108, which is about \$72 more than last year. The annual total rates bill for a Manilla resident will be an average of \$2,100, which is about \$69

more than last year. Residents of Kootingal and Moonbi will, on average, receive a total annual rates bill of \$2,016, which is about \$68 more than last year. The total annual rates bill for the average Village residential ratepayer will be \$2,077 which is about \$70 more than last year's total rates bill.

Tamworth residential ratepayers will provide a total of \$22.575 million in General Rate income with Barraba accounting for a total of \$377,989, Manilla \$582,196, Kootingal \$437,764 and the other villages in the region \$233,751. Business rates will return \$6.596 million in income from 1,723 businesses and 3,014 rural properties will return farmland rates of \$6.168 million.

Anyone who needs help to understand their rates notice can call Council on 1300 733625.

Rates can be paid in full or by instalment. The first rate instalment is due for payment on August 31, 2021.

A range of payment options are explained on the back of rates notices. Payments can be made by direct debit, using BPay, by phone or in person at any of Council's Customer Service Centres at Barraba, Manilla, Nundle and Tamworth or at Australia Post.

Any ratepayer having difficulty paying should call Council on 1300 733 625 and ask to discuss entering a special arrangement to pay their rates. Council has a Ratepayers Hardship Policy which can be accessed confidentially by anyone experiencing financial hardship.

#### Rates facts and figures

- There are 24,325 notices mailed to Tamworth region postcodes. There are 4,351 notices mailed to postcodes outside the Tamworth region – to more than 817 different postcodes, including overseas.

- A total of 4,567 properties in the Tamworth Region Council area will receive pensioner rebates worth a total of \$1,784,221.82 – down \$22,012.22 from last year and 57 notices less than last year.

- The largest rates bill this year is \$118,053.65 for a Tamworth business property. The smallest

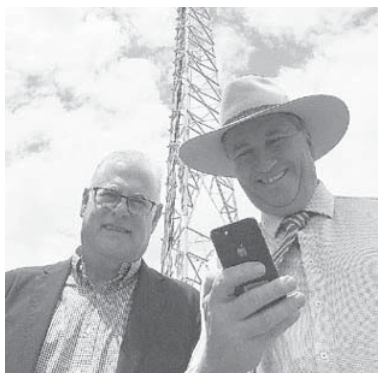
notice issued is \$173.32 for a residential block at Kootingal.

- The average Tamworth residential property rates bill total (including services) is \$2,825, up \$98 from last year. The average Barraba residential notice (including services) is \$2,108, in Manilla \$2,100, in Moonbi or Kootingal \$2,016 and in the villages \$2,077.

- The average Tamworth business property rates bill total (including services) is \$5,913. The average business rate notice in Barraba is \$2,558, in Manilla \$3,013, in Moonbi or Kootingal \$2,389 and in the villages \$2,101.

- A total of 3,014 farmland rate notices are issued and the average notice is \$2,164.

## BOOSTING MOBILE COVERAGE IN NEW ENGLAND



**The New England is to benefit from new and improved mobile coverage thanks to Round 5A of the Australian Government's highly successful Mobile Black Spot Program.**

Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce welcomed the news that six mobile black spots in New England are set to be addressed under this round of the Program.

"Macrocells will be constructed at Glen Elgin, Mole River Exchange, Tenterfield, Watsons Creek and Woods Reef Exchange with a further Small Cell at Bukkulla, north of Inverell," Mr Joyce said.

"These new installations are in addition to 45 new and upgraded towers which have already been installed in New England, following strong lobbying on your behalf – and I will continue to work hard for improved services across the New England.

"The six new sites are set to provide improved mobile coverage for the local community, allowing visitors and locals alike to stay connected, access education services, conduct business and remain in contact with family and friends," Mr Joyce said.

"I look forward to working with Telstra so that building the new infrastructure can get underway and the community can benefit from improved coverage."

Minister for Regionalisation, Regional Communications and Regional Education, Senator Bridget McKenzie, announced the Government has committed \$20.5 million to fund 67 new mobile base stations across Australia.

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*Photo: Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce with Northern NSW Regional General Manager, Telstra Retail & Regional Australia*

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"This announcement brings the total number of base stations being funded under our Mobile Black Spot Program to over 1,270, representing a total investment of over \$875 million," Senator McKenzie said.

"These base stations will improve coverage in disaster prone areas, along major transport corridors and trial new approaches to delivering coverage.

"The 67 base stations funded under Round 5A across regional and remote Australia will collectively deliver over 12,000 square kilometres of new and improved hand-held coverage. The Government is committed to continuing to work with industry, and state and local governments to improve mobile coverage and connectivity across Australia."

Senator McKenzie said a key priority of Round 5A is to test new approaches to supporting improved mobile coverage.

"The Liberals and Nationals Government encourage mobile network operators to deploy shared mobile infrastructure to reduce cost and provide new coverage from more than one carrier," Senator McKenzie said.

'Round 5A includes funding for a trial solution of seven base stations from Thargomindah to Waihora in Queensland, including at East Thargo, Dynevor Downs, Bulloo, Paroo and Eulo that will allow all mobile network operators to provide services.'

"Access to 21st century communications is an essential service for all Australians no matter where they live", Senator McKenzie said.

The full list of base stations funded under Round 5A of the MBSP is available on the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications website.

RUGBY LEAGUE - FROM THE TIGERS DEN

## Tigers maul the Kangaroos

**Boggabri might not qualify as the windy city, but it certainly qualified as windy, it blew all day and never looked like stopping.**

Manilla played the Boggabri Kangaroos in both Tag League and Reserve Grade at Boggabri on Sunday.

### TAG LEAGUE

Tag League opened proceedings, Boggabri kicked off and an early knock on gave Boggabri a dream start scoring in the first few minutes, no chance of a conversion with the wind. The Tigerettes then defended strongly for a long period of play led by Kim Flett, forcing the Kangaroo's to kick, Manilla knocked on and then gave away a penalty, giving field position away allowing the Boggy side to score again, now leading 8/0. Manilla kicked off and again good defence forced the Roo's to kick, a penalty to Boggy then a knock on from Manilla going for an intercept again allowed Boggabri to score, the half time score being 12/0.

Manilla kicked off and were able to regain the ball, with the good field position Manilla were able to score through Sheena Ruttley, Boggabri lead 12/4. The Tigerettes were well into this game when a player sent to the bin gave Boggabri the advantage they needed, two more tries saw the final score 20/4, an excellent exhibition by our Tigerettes, down a player at a crucial time really hurt, Joan O'Leary picked up 2 points in the B & F.

### RESERVE GRADE

In Reserve Grade the Boggabri Kangaroos kicked off, Beau Harry brought the ball back with vigor, Shannon O'Leary backed up and scored the opening try, the conversion attempt by Mitch Doring hitting the posts, in all the way except for the wind. Boggy kicked off, O'Leary again produced a strong run, backed up this time by Jim Leeson, Doring kicked, the wind creating problems, Boggy knocked on, a short time later Karnan Knox scored wide out, the conversion having no chance in the conditions, I think Doring then ordered all tries to be scored under the posts. The Tigers were attacking constantly, Isaac Devine started an attacking move down the left, kicked in goal but the ball just went dead.

Boggabri took the tap but made no ground and were forced to kick, Abel Carney brought the ball back, backed up by O'Leary and Corey Hall. Hall passed back inside to Coen King who scored, as directed, under the sticks, the kick was good, Manilla lead 14/0. The Tigers worked a solid set forward and then kicked, Boggabri tried to work the ball back but ran to close to Lincoln Brown who was dynamic in defence, Boggabri knocked on, then good runs by O'Leary and Hall set Manilla up an attacking move but a knock on saw a possession change, this was quickly reversed with a Roo's knock on, a good pass from Doring created space for Hall who drew the defence and sent Devine over for another converted try. The Boggy kick off went out on the full, but a knock on by Manilla gave Boggy a chance but the attacking kick was caught on the full in the in goal, a good run from Harry resulted in a second try to King, again converted, 26/0.

Boggabri changed tactics and kicked short, they however failed to gain possession, Doring instead picking the ball up with no-one in front of him, a 50 metre run and a try to Doring, scored wide though, no one to blame but himself, the kick went wide. Manilla lead 30/0. Manilla knocked on the kick off, Boggabri attacked but the kick into the in goal went dead. The ensuing 20 metre tap saw the ball taken quickly into Boggy territory, a strong run from Beau Harry gave Leeson the opportunity to score an easy try from dummy half adjacent to the posts, the score 36/0, Boggabri received a penalty seconds before the half time siren, no time for anything except the kick, half time 36/2.

The Boggabri kick off went out on the full, no lessons learnt from the first half, the penalty kick followed by a typical Ben Taber run gave Jim Leeson the opportunity to score near the posts, the next kick off saw a change in tactics, a kick up the middle, Leeson, Taber and O'Leary brought the ball back strongly giving Adam Ruttley an opportunity to score near the posts. The Roo's tried kicking up the middle again, the forwards brought it back giving Brown an easy run to the posts, kick good, score 54/2. A reversion to the earlier kick offs, again out on the full, result a Leeson try, near the posts of course. Back to the centre kick off, Manilla worked the ball back well but a foot into touch saw change over, then a penalty to Boggy gave them field position, however a knock on saw possession back to Manilla, Abel Carney made a good run, Ruttley took advantage and a strong run down the middle and then a pass to Dheran Knox, another try near the posts, 66/2.

Another Boggy kick off down the centre, Brown made a strong run down the centre, this was backed up by Ruttley, another converted try, Manilla lead 72/2. Boggabri had the ball after a change over, they were unable to convert this into points, a good run from Carney saw King score another try, converted by Doring. The Roo's reverted to the short kick, a tactic that requires you to get the ball back or you are in trouble, they didn't get the ball back and they were in trouble, Harry made a strong run, does he do any other, well supported by Carney, Harry backed up again to score, Manilla 84/2.

Boggabri finally got a kick off to work for them, the ball going out on the bounce giving them good field position, this time it was converted into a six pointer, Manilla lead 84/8. That finished the scoring for Boggabri for the afternoon, but not Manilla, another two converted tries saw the final score 96/8 to Manilla. Shannon O'Leary picked up 3 points in the best and fairest, Coen King 2. Coen King scored four tries, Jim Leeson 3, Mitch Doring kicked 14 goals.

### NEXT WEEK

Saturday, 31st July - Manilla v Kootingal at Kootingal. Tag League 12 noon. Reserve Grade 1.25pm.

### POINTSCORE

Manilla 21, Barraba 18, Kootingal 13, North Tamworth 13, Moree 12, Gunnedah 12, Dungowan 10, Narrabri 8, Werris Creek 2, Boggabri 1.

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### ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

1st Sundays: Barraba Sat 6pm, Manilla 8.30am.  
2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays: Manilla Sat 5.30pm, Barraba Sun 9am.  
Attunga: 12 noon instead of 7pm on 2nd and 4th Sundays.  
(5th Sundays Barraba 6pm, Manilla 8.30, Attunga 10am).

### UNITING CHURCH

Sunday, 1st August- 8.45 am Communion Service led by Rev Jim Furze - followed by a cup tea. 11.00 Bible Study in the Hall  
COVID 19 plans will be in place. Enquiries: Phone 67857325.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 1st August, and every Sunday at 9:30 at the corner of Court St and Rowan St. In the course of the service there is also a children's story. After the service you are invited to stay for a cuppa and a chance to get to know one another.

Our small groups meet once a week. For further information on the church, its meetings, its small groups, and pastoral services, please ring the Minister, Andrew Williamson, either on 6785 2320 or 0478 794 129.

### ANGLICAN PARISH TIMES

Wednesday 28th July: 10am Attunga Women's KYB Bible Study at the church hall.

Thursday 29th July: 7:20am Men's Bible Study at the Manilla church hall

Friday 30th July: 5-6:30pm MAC Youth for years 6-12 at the Manilla Anglican church building;

Sunday 1st August: 9am Manilla COVIDSafe service with Children's Church. Attunga: 11am COVIDSafe service with children's spot.

Enquiries to Rev. Dave Fisher on 67851112.

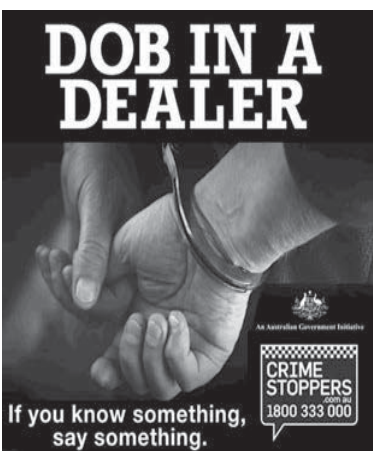
## WOMEN'S BOWLS NEWS

Matches set down for Saturday 31/7/2021 at 10 am.

CLUB SINGLES - Heather Finlay v Judy Lamb (marker Sharon Bonnett).

3 BOWLS PAIRS - Tarnee Ingram & Joy Pengilley v Marian Draine v Val Raglus.

Don't forget our AGM on Thursday 29/7/2021 at 2 pm.



# Manilla Ladies Golf

Winter had definitely arrived on Wednesday as the brave ladies dressed in beanies, scarves, gloves, jackets made their way around the golf course to play 18 hole par for Jayne Kelly trophy.

It was also second round of the Royal Hotel Competition. Swift play got the ladies back in the clubhouse in great time to thaw out. The winner today was Karen Turner on +4. Runner up was Liz Cooper. Carol Martin won a ball. There was no nearest the pins.

The 9 hole ladies played 11 holes today as they moved around the course in quick steps. Enid Capel made short work of putting as she put in the hole a few gobbles. Helen Kelly being the winner. Great golfing everyone and certainly a lovely day had by all judging from the chatter, conversation and laughs after golf even from a lady with -10.

On Wednesday, 28th July we play 18 hole stableford for Sue Webb trophy. It is also third round of the R.S.L Competition.

A committee meeting will follow golf next week.

Don't forget ladies Club Championships for ladies start in a couple of weeks.

We would really be happy to see many ladies join in for these events.

Until next week, great golfing everyone.

Sandy Wedge

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



"Magic Mirror on the Wall, who is the fairest one of all?"

Who is this self centred and evil character who uttered these egotistical Words.

Of course its Snow White's step mother in the Walt Disney Classic "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Mirrors have been around for a long time and as such are part of human History.

In earliest Centuries mirrors simply consisted of reflection from metal, and not considered essential. Mirrors to-day are more than important. they are essential Mirror's of all shapes and sizes are vital in space exploration.

By law in Australia we must have rear view mirrors on our vehicles. In earlier times there was no such requirement when riding a horse at night and as far as I know there still isn't. I mean where would the mirror be attached?

Mirrors in households, may be both useful and useless; functional or ornamental. Some can be used for evil ends. While others are instruments for good.

We humans are unique – we look at a mirror and see ourselves, even though its in reverse. Dogs and cats look at a mirror and see not themselves. but another dog or cat.

We are unique when compared to other living creatures. On a cross the Son of God died for us. We are the sheep for whom the Good Shepherd died!

When we look at God's Word, the Bible, in a proper way, we see a true Reflection of our Spiritual Life.

God's Holy Spirit is our Spiritual Mirror to guide and direct us. Maybe you haven't looked at your Bible for quite some time. Why not take a look at the following verses that might be termed "mirror verses!" Romans 5:8; Romans 6:23 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Jesus said "I am come that you may life and have it more abundantly" John 10:10

James in his letter, contained in the Bible gives what can be termed as a warning "Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourself Do what it says.

Anyone who listens to the word, but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and after looking at himself goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like." ( James 1: 22-25)

James having given that warning then gives a promise, "But the man who looks intently into the perfect Law that gives freedom and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it - he will be blest in what he does. (James 1:22-25).

Written and submitted by John Barwick on behalf of the Manilla Uniting Church.

## CENTRAL NORTH VETERANS GOLF ASSOCIATION

35 very dedicated golfers teed off in strong wind and ice cold temperature at Narrabri Vets Open Day on Friday 23 July.

1st. Division: Winner, Greg Burns 34 Pts. (G'dah), Runner Up Bob Bradley 32 Pts. (Quir), Third, Denis Richardson 31 Pts. (Narr)

2nd. Division: Winner Nigel Guest 40 Pts. (Narr), Runner up Terry Joseph 35 Pts (Narr), Third Robert Collyer 32 Pts. (Bog).

3rd. Division: Winner Tim Tapscott 30 Pts. (Narr), Runner Up Karen Turner 29 Pts. (Man) Third Milton Scaysbrook 27 Pts. (Bogg).

Nearest The Pin. No. 5 Greg Burns. No. 8 Tim Tapscott. No. 12

Terry Joseph. No. 16 Ken Cronin. Burke Shield. Winner - Narrabri 90 Pts. (Steven Parish, Fred Atherton, Bruce Pike), R/U Boggabri, Quirindi/ Gunnedah 3rd. Next Open Day – Werris Creek 13 August 2021.

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### POSITION VACANT



An exciting opportunity for a Practice Manager has been developed within Nandewar Animal Health Services.

The position will be based in Barraba with flexible working hours, requiring approximately 8 - 24 hours per week.

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- Demonstrate a high standard of professionalism, confidentiality and reliability,
- Have exceptional organisational skills,
- Be adept at using computers to liaise with suppliers, produce monthly reports, and manage administrative tasks,
- Liaise with staff to maintain a high staff moral and a friendly, professional work environment.

For all enquiries regarding the position please contact Leanne via email at [leanne@nandewaranimalhealth.com.au](mailto:leanne@nandewaranimalhealth.com.au)

### BOWLS NEWS

## Very windy and cold

Very windy and cold conditions on Friday, some hardy bowlers turned up.

Winners on the day were Marian Draine, Richard Fletcher and Ian Bennett defeating Kim Laws, Ron Kelly and Jim Davidson 19/16, the Jackpot not won, and no resting touchers.

Bowls Committee meeting this Friday, 5pm, to be discussed, the Monday working bee and upcoming events.

Early days yet but we are organizing the Muggleton Cup match against Bingara (in Bingara) on the 12 September, again club selection, notice on the board.

Manilla Presidents Day is being planned for the 15th August, it will be the 85th Anniversary of the club, nominations form on board, not long to go, nominations are being received, local nominations welcome.

Nominations for Pork Day are also on the board, 3 bowl triples, winners play to the yard stick, same restrictions apply, 28 teams.

The Ryan Wells Day which is always held the last weekend in August, two bowl triples, the sheet is on the board, quite a few nominations received already, if you are planning to play, avoid disappointment nominate now.

### Competition Games

The game of the weekend was a CJ Byrnes Pairs game between R. Webb, D. Cooke vs M. Martin, R. Ingram. Doug jumped early and was leading comfortably 11-3 after 8 ends but its never over till its over with Richard and Matt getting 20 shots from 12 ends to make it 23-22 to Richard on the last end. With Doug 1 down when he walked to the mat he played what I would call the bowl of the match rolling the shot bowl into the pit and sitting there for 2 shots and claiming the match 24-23.

### Other results

Major Singles – E. Lockrey def I. Bennett 31-17.

Club Pairs – R. Martin, K.Duncan def N. Edgar, C. Orchard 25-23.

Mixed Triples – K. Laws, T. Laws, G. Laws def M. Cant, S. Bonnett, W. Bonnett 28-12.

3 Bowl Pairs – A. Lovegrove, E. Lockrey def T. Coote, R. Martin 18-16.

Mixed 4s – J. Lamb, K. Laws, T. Laws, G. Laws def A .Edgar, S. Bonnett, N. Edgar, W. Bonnett 27-18.

Club Pairs – R. Webb, W. Fisher def N. Gardner, M.Kernahan 35-8.

Comp Games for Saturday 10am start:

Major Triples – T. Coote, G. Ryan, T. Ingram vs K. Duncan (sub), W. Bonnett, R.Ingram.

Saturday 1pm start. (Water duties G.Goman).

Club Pairs – B. Davis, D. Davis vs S. Cornthwaite, A. Cornthwaite.

3 Bowl Pairs – J. Davidson, J. Gardner vs G. Goman, G. Wells.

Sunday 1pm start. (Water Duties R.Webb).

Major Triples – I. Bennett, N. Edgar, J. Davidson vs I. Bannister, C. Orchard, G. Goman.

Club Singles – K. Duncan vs J. Gardner. Marker D.Cooke.

Club Singles – R. Webb vs T. Laws. Marker W.Fisher.

Just a reminder if you are unavailable please make sure your name is down before Saturday lunch time thanks.

To advertise in the Express is easy - just call in or phone 6785 1033 or fax to 6785 1202 or email: [manxpres@bigpond.net.au](mailto:manxpres@bigpond.net.au)

## Hornetts

Conditions were far from ideal as the U11s took the field for the first time in many weeks. Sleeting rain, cold conditions & short numbers however did not daunt the mighty U11 Hornets as they took to the field with enthusiasm against the organised OVA Red Mushies.

The Hornets started on the attack with the Jack combination (Jack Ellem and Jack Ormiston) leading at the front. Harper Ryman and Connor Shepherd had a lot of ground to cover in the mids but confusion over a possible penalty saw Connor run the ball down the field and have a solid attempt at goal which was denied by the OVA keeper.

The back line of Elliot Fenton, playing as sweeper, Maddalin Gardner and Madeline Trotter were soon under attack and there were several goals saved by Aiden Hall before OVA proved too powerful and scored in rapid succession.

Harper Ryman worked tirelessly on attack and defence and had several run away attempts at goal which she was unlucky not to capitalise on.

A series of clever passes from the Hornets saw them on attack again but the goal keeper and solid back line proved to be too strong and they were unable to find the back of the net.

During the second half, Aiden moved into the backs and Elliot moved into the mids, with Connor in goal. This new combination revitalised the Hornets who had several attempts at goal with clever team play, but again were denied. Connor was a dynamo in goal and saved multiple attempts on goal from OVA with several charging and diving saves, only conceding two goals in the second half.

The end score line was lots to none, but the Hornets were certainly able to hold their heads high and be proud of their sterling efforts and team play.

Harper Ryman received the Player of the Day Award, generously donated by Manilla Bakery, for her tireless efforts in both attack and defence.

Great work U11 Hornets and I am already looking forward to next week!

*Cathy Shepherd, U11 Coach*



**U11 Hornets** - Back: Harper Ryman, Jack Ellem, Connor Shepherd, Aiden Hall, Jack Ormiston. Front: Madeline Trotter, Maddalin Gardner, Elliot Fenton.

**Term 3 - Week 3**  
**Enrolments are now being taken for 2022.**

Mr Darryl Martin  
Principal - St Michael's Primary School.



We are officially in our enrolment period at St Michael's for Kindergarten 2022 (and other grades where spots are available). The word about our engaging and personalised learning program, delivered in a caring and safe environment, is reverberating throughout the community. Demand for places in Kindergarten for the 2022 academic year has skyrocketed!

If you, or someone you know, is looking for a place at St Michael's for next year, please contact the school to complete an application form. We don't want parents to be disappointed in missing out on a placement, so please don't hesitate and contact the school today! P: 02 6785 1757

E: manadmin@arm.catholic.edu.au  
**Keeping connected is important during COVID-19 Restrictions.**

Whilst current NSW Health protocols sees a restriction on parents coming into all NSW schools, we will be doing all we can to continue to work in partnership with our parents. Communication is key and we want to continue to develop strong home and school relationships. Not as easy when we can't meet in person, but we will strive to provide daily snapshots from in and around the classrooms via our new Official Facebook page. School news and other important information will continue to be delivered via the Compass App and our weekly school newsletter. Teachers will continue to be in contact via phone or email if required. You can also contact the school via phone or email as well.

I thank each and every parent for your support during these restrictions. Working together we will continue to support, nurture and grow every child at St Michael's. We look forward to when restrictions are lifted and we can have parents back on campus.

**Thank you St Michael's Staff.**

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff of our great school. I have had the opportunity to work in many different educational settings throughout NSW and Victoria in my teaching career. Each location has provided me with many opportunities to work with different staff. Since joining the St Michael's staff, I have come to quickly realise how truly blessed St Michael's is to have such a talented, dedicated and nurturing staff. A staff who truly know each and every child and go above and beyond for the children in their care. A staff who believe that every child given the right support can and will improve their learning. St Michael's staff ensure each and every day that all students have the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe and caring environment.

Have a great week!

## St Michael's Launch Facebook Page

Last week we launched the official Facebook page for St Michael's School. The page will showcase the amazing and talented students; the equally talented, dedicated and nurturing staff; and the wonderful supportive families of our great school.

Visitors to the page will experience first-hand the amazing learning opportunities on offer at the school and how each and every day all students at St Michael's 'Let their light Shine.' Student achievements, school news and social events will all be celebrated on our page.

To keep up to date with all things happening at St Michael's, start following us by liking our page @stmichaelsmanilla

## Athletics Carnival

This Wednesday, 28th July 2021 our school will be travelling to Gunnedah to have our annual Athletics carnival. The High Jump competition will be held at school on Friday, 30th July 2021. We have been practising the skills required for the Athletics carnival over the last few weeks. Good luck Penola and Mackillop. The Athletics Presentation Assembly will be at School at a date to be advised. The Diocesan Athletics carnival will be held on Friday, 13th August 2021 in Tamworth.

## Roman Spire Year 6

This is a story of one of our students letting his "Light Shine" and giving back to society.

Roman is growing his hair to donate to children with Cancer. His hair will be made into wigs for children with Cancer. Roman said "I wanted to do this because it's not fair that a child is bullied because they have no hair due to no fault of their own. So I thought I can help by donating my hair and this makes me feel better knowing someone is going to have a better life because of me."

Roman also explained "I have been growing my hair for 3 to 4 years. I will be getting it cut off in December 2021. I am really happy to be doing this even though sometimes I get mistaken for being a girl due to my long hair." The St Michael's community would like to congratulate Roman for his initiative for doing such a wonderful thing for others. We are extremely proud of Roman. If you see Roman about, please make sure you congratulate him! Well done Roman — keep "letting your light shine!"

## School Improvements

St Michael's would like to thank the Catholic Schools Office Armidale and in particular the IT staff for the installation of a new phone system and speakers throughout the school. We have now also moved to electronic bells which sound throughout the School. The installation took place in the school holidays which meant no disruption to our school day. St Michael's continues to install technology to ensure we offer 21st Century learning opportunities in a safe and nurturing learning environment.

## Religious Education News

### Term 3 Week 3

### School Masses to be Celebrated at School

The CSO Armidale has advised that due to current restrictions and protocols around the COVID19 Pandemic, schools in the Armidale Diocese will not be going to Mass in the Church until further notice. However, we have been advised that we are able to celebrate Mass at school. Masses at school are planned to commence Friday 6 August.

## Marriage and Family Week - Feast of St Joachim and Anne

This week is Marriage and Family Week in the Diocese of Armidale. Bishop Michael Kennedy has instructed that all students in Armidale Diocesan Catholic schools have a lesson with a specific focus on "Family" during Marriage and Family Week, Sunday 25 - Saturday 31 July 2021. The focus for this year's Marriage and Family Week is The Family: I am with you always. Lessons provide an opportunity to explore with students an aspect/s of the Catholic understanding of the way we experience God's faithfulness.

Today we celebrate the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne, the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. This traditionally would be when we would celebrate Grandparents Day, however due to COVID restrictions this celebration has been postponed to a date to be advised. We would encourage everyone to say a prayer for their grandparents today.

Today each student received a St Joseph's bookmark, celebrating the significant role that St Joseph played in the life of Jesus and Mary. St Joseph loved God and shared God's love with others, especially the Holy Family who he loved and cared for throughout his life.

## Mini Vinnies - Lemons for sale 50c each

Last term Mini Vinnies volunteers discussed sustainability and stewardship and planned how to put this into action. This week Mini Vinnies are planting seedlings which they will look after. They are also going to start making compost, which they will use with the fertiliser from the worm farm to improve the soil in the gardens. When the vegies and herbs are ready to harvest we hope to sell them to raise money to help us buy more plants and materials for the garden.

To start off our Mini Vinnies Market Garden we have had some lemons donated to the school for Mini Vinnies to sell. If you would like to buy some lemons please send in a note, a container or bag (we encourage families to send in a bag or container that is reusable to reduce waste) and the money to Bron at the front office and Mini Vinnies volunteers will put your order together and send them home with your child/ren. Thanks for supporting this initiative.

We have asked that those involved with the gardening bring in their own pair of gardening gloves from home labelled with their name to keep at school.

## Prior Notice

The planned dates for Confirmation and Grandparents Day are being moved to later in the year and we will advise you of the rescheduled dates once we have a clearer understanding of how we can celebrate these important days in a COVID safe way.

At this stage First Reconciliation (Catholic children Year 2) will still be celebrated on Wednesday 15 September.

## Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

Being connected is so important in maintaining a sense of belonging and wellbeing. This week during Marriage and Family Week, we encourage everyone to reflect on the importance of family and maintaining our connectedness with family members - those who live close by and also those that live far away. This week may be a good opportunity to write a letter, send a card, draw a picture, phone or perform an act of kindness for a special family member/s.

This week we pray especially for our families.

Let your light shine and remember we shine brighter together.

Jacqueline Cronin  
Assistant Principal - Mission  
Letting your light shine  
Darryl Martin, Principal

## OPEN DAY

Thursday, 17th August 2021 - 9.30am to 11.00am



**MANILLA SERVICES CLUB**

(Formerly Manilla RSL & Ex-Servicemen's Club)  
PHONE 67851209

We wish to advise that due to health issues Francis & Mimi have closed Poppy's Restaurant. We wish them all the best for the future.

**BAR SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE - PLEASE SEE STAFF**

**PLEASE NOTE**  
PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DUE TO CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS, MASKS ARE COMPULSARY UPON ENTRY INTO OUR VENUE.  
PLEASE SEE STAFF FOR ANY ASSISTANCE.



**WEDNESDAY**  
**BINGO STARTS AT 11AM**  
**RAFFLES FROM 6PM**  
25 PRIZES TO BE WON!!  
**SUPERDRAW**  
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5.30PM-6.30PM

**FRIDAY**  
**BINGO STARTS AT 11AM**  
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**NO POKER**  
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**MONSTER RAFFLES**  
**TICKETS ON SALE FROM 12PM - DRAWN 1PM**  
**25 PRIZES TO BE WON!**



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*Crazy Hair Photos*



**News from S3H**



S3H are back into full swing with their learning this term. Our unit of inquiry is "A Diverse and Connected World", which ties in nicely with the Olympics. We have already completed lots of mapping activities, taking a closer look at the different continents with a focus on Asia. We have been completing a Country Study in writing and are excited about researching Olympic sports and athletes in the coming weeks. We have also started art activities based on the Olympics. In S3H Maths groups we are continuing to focus on automatic recognition of multiplication facts. This Thursday we will present an item at assembly to showcase our learning in music and drama from last semester.



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Your Name ..... Signature.....

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Limit of two entries per person. For 2 entries use this form, with second one on writing paper. Entries to be submitted at the "Express" Office. Closing date 30th July, 2021 by 4.30pm.

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- FOURTH - \$10 Voucher courtesy David Ridgewell for 2 coffees at Manilla Bakery (The winner will be the first correct entry submitted).

**Manilla Central School** is currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2022.

Our Kindergarten Preparation Program will commence on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August and run weekly until Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 from 9:10am to 1:30pm.

Students participating in this program, need to be enrolled prior to its commencement.

Please contact the school on 6785 1599 for enrolment information.

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River and Dam Levels



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Real Time Data as at Monday 26/7/2021

**KEEPIT DAM**

Latest instantaneous values

Res.Level (M)	329.29
% Eff. Full Stor.	97.2
Volume (ML)	413477
Volume (ML)	

**KEEPIT DAM**

Latest daily values

Net Inflow 24hML	3054
Rainfall mm	0.0
Storage Rel 24h ML	2642
Evap.(US) mm	2.5

**SPLIT ROCK DAM**

Latest instantaneous values

Res.Level (M)	433.82
% Eff. Full Stor.	36.7
Volume (ML)	147788
Volume (ML)	

**SPLIT ROCK DAM**

Latest daily values

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**RIVER**

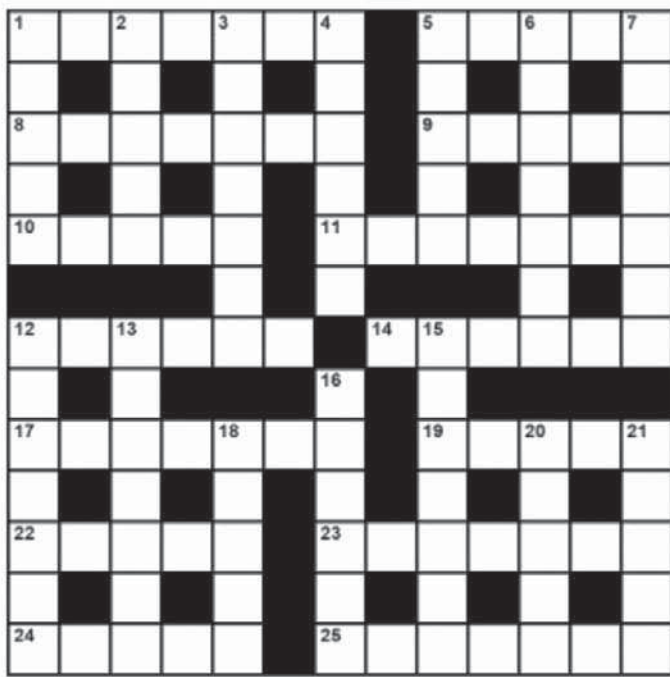
Manilla River at Barraba Level (Metres) 0.276

Manilla River at Upper Manilla Level (Metres) -0.310

Namoi River at Manilla Railway Bridge Level (Metres) 1.846

MacDonald River at Retreat Level (Metres) 1.489

**P U Z Z L E S**



**CROSSWORD**

No. 1082

Across

- Discussion between the lawyers and the judge (7)
- Serpent (5)
- Wide continuous area (7)
- Different from the one already mentioned (5)
- \_\_\_stone (unchangeable) (3,2)
- Uncared for or neglected (7)
- Mariner (6)
- Elders' knowledge (6)
- Small hunting dog (7)
- Emissary (5)
- The feeling of being bored by something tedious (5)
- Finger-pressure massage (7)
- Put into office (5)
- Acorn bearer (3,4)

Down

- Glasses, informally (5)
- Warehouse (5)
- Source of sudden wealth (7)
- Asian monkey (6)
- Jarring surprise (5)
- Feeling guilt or remorse (7)
- Mistake in print (7)
- An expression used to finish a poorly-made argument (2,5)
- Put flowers into a bouquet (7)
- A sharp, straight, pointed implement with a handle, used to break ice (7)
- Method of painting on walls (6)
- Nitwit (5)
- Ballot caster (5)
- You are (5)

**SUDOKU**

To solve a sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear only once:  
In each of the vertical columns  
In each of the horizontal rows  
In each of the nine 3x3 boxes.

No. 173



No. 174

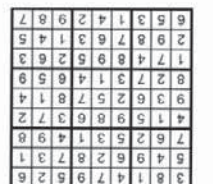
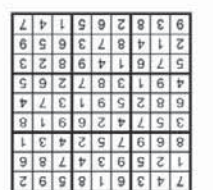


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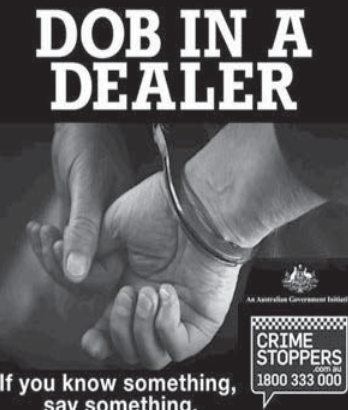
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## Attunga School News

Attunga Public School P & C Association can boast presenting the Cancer Council with a cheque for \$539 following a very successful Australia's Biggest Morning Tea held at the school on the final day of last term.

P & C secretary Jess Hogan said that the morning was made even more special with all students joining in the school's ritual of dressing up for the last day of the school term.

"For a gold coin, the students could even get their hair sprayed different colours, and they really enjoyed that," she said.

"The children normally get involved in the cooking when we have fundraisers, but due to Covid, that was done by parents. All our P & C members really pitched in and made a great day of it.

And the feedback we've had has been fantastic – people saying it was a lovely day, very relaxing, a nice atmosphere with plenty of lovely food."

Pleasant feedback though didn't only come from the locals in attendance, according to Jess.

"We were very humbled to read one particular comment on Facebook."

That Facebook comment read "Huge Thumbs Up to this beautiful little school community giving back. We popped in and supported Attunga Public School Cancer Council Australia Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser today. What a delightful little family the school is. It was beautiful to see all the kids participating and dressed up raising valuable funds and a lovely social gathering all Covid safe. Thanks. Scones were delicious. Well done to the organisers".

Jess said that she'd been at the school for three years now, and the 2021 Cancer Council morning tea may have been the first one for the school.

"Mrs Worley (Principal) received an email inviting the school to participate, so we put the idea to our P & C meeting who were all in favour of holding one. There are probably very few within the school who haven't been affected by Cancer in some way or another. It was so successful, and sure to be an annual event for us now," Jess said.

Like all other schools across the state, Term 3 for Attunga Public School students commenced with Level 2 Covid restrictions. This means that students will be attending face to face learning with non-essential visitors restricted from school sites, and certain activities modified to be Covid-safe. Masks are recommended indoors for all staff if they choose to wear them. Masks though are mandatory on public transport for students aged 13 and over. Some work visitors will be allowed into the school grounds, but must adhere to the Department's Covid guidelines.

Principal Mrs Worley stressed that parents are urged to keep up to date with Covid guidelines using the NSW Covid website. Some of the main pointers include:

Maintaining physical distancing by avoiding gatherings outside the school gates. Remain outside gates unless exceptional circumstances apply (vulnerable or disabled students). Mask wearing and signing in using Service NSW QR code when entering school office. Some school-based activities like assemblies may be held, but visitors will not be permitted. Masks to be worn at any P & C meetings.

Covid has also taken its toll on the school's Term Three calendar. Postponements include school photo sessions on July 15, NAIDOC Day celebrations at Somerton School on July 16, and the Great Aussie Bush Camp excursion from July 26 to 28 while the SUPA Club and Playgroup have been postponed until further notice.

Photo: Kayla Shilling prepares some goodies for Attunga Public School's recent Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.



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- **Improve Production** – Informing workers when work practices are updated can lead to a smoother production process and potentially boost product quality.

- **Share The Load** – Talking is the healthiest way to get through hard times. Don't let negative thoughts build up in your mind. Stressing about drought or pressures to get production completed on time is one example. Talk to neighbours and share thoughts with family and workers. Perhaps even see a GP or other support group.

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## Somerton School News

FROM THE CLASS ROOMS...  
**Cockatoos**

A big welcome back to the Cockatoos classroom for Term 3. We hope everybody had an enjoyable holiday break, and the students are ready and excited to be back at school for our third term. Both Ms Winston and Mrs Knapman are extremely excited for what this term will bring.

Cockatoos Classroom Changes – Over the holidays, the Cockatoos teachers have been busy planning a few changes for learning. This term, the addition of daily 'warmups' (making our brains 'sweaty') have been added to both the Literacy and Maths sessions. The Cockatoos are loving the movement, and challenges this has brought to their learning each day so far. This gives the students a chance each day to practice common skills that are needed to be successful in these 2 learning areas.



Reading groups – daily reading is a big focus in the Cockatoo classroom, and we are very happy to welcome Mr White back to the Cockatoos classroom to help build on teaching team. Reading this term will have a strong focus on 'Reading strategies'; expression; and reading comprehension.

Writing – Currently, we are busy researching and writing about native Australian Animals in the Cockatoos classroom with 'Informative Writing' being our focus. The students are learning to compare the differences between information texts and their favourite imaginative texts e.g. The Wonkey Donkey, and The Rainbow Fish.

Homework – In line with the daily reading, writing and spelling at school, the Cockatoos will be starting to bring homework home as of next week... The Cockatoos

will have the chance to 'celebrate their success' with their homework with dojos being rewarded for those students who bring their folders back each Friday and have completed their homework daily tasks.

Magnificent Mathematicians - in the Cockatoo Classroom our mathematicians have been busy learning about money, measuring mass, and 2D shapes and 3D objects. All Cockatoos have been tremendous

Drama/Art – this term the Cockatoos will be exploring Drama and Movement with a range of miming activities, acting/performing, and exploring the use of costumes. We will have some photo and video updates for you in the coming weeks.

Ms Winston, Mrs Knapman, and our classroom supporting teachers/staff, look forward to a very busy, exciting and successful term 3.

Ms Winston, Mrs Knapman, Mr Lor and Miss Clark

### King Parrots' Chatter King Parrots

This term has started off with some brilliant work and all have been striving to do their best and succeed in their learning.

We have started our new unit of work, discovering all about past heritage and how we go to today. Benji was the first to wear our Captain's outfit during art and all the kids were excited to have a go.

The King Parrots are also doing a fitness program in line with the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. We have been actively involved in learning how to skip and are waiting for the new ropes to be delivered.



Register your child to participate in this activity.

Even if they do not raise money, I will be putting up \$5 for each student who has a go at school.


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## Joey's News



Photo: Students of the week Stella Mason, Hamish Mason, Nevaeh Griffiths and Lachie Mason

At St Joseph's we have recently trialed the news Data Eco-system created by the Catholic Schools Office. The system holds the data of all the students in the Armidale Diocese, which has been collected and submitted by teachers.

This allows us to see how St Joseph's compares to other schools in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Religious Education. As a staff of teachers who are very focussed on learning, this is very exciting for us as we are able to use the dashboard to quickly analyse our students' performance across all the areas.

This work is crucial in helping us decide on the best next best steps for each student as we work on helping each individual improve their learning outcomes. This will also help us to better communicate information to our school parents. Some current information we found very encouraging is that our Kindergarten students are currently top of the Armidale diocese in Literacy and Numeracy.

In staffing news, Mrs Justine Harris has joined the teaching team at St Joseph's. Justine is teaching 2.5 days a week, covering classes

when classroom teachers have 'Release from face to face teaching' time. Justine is also working with small groups of children focusing on literacy and numeracy.

Last week the school community celebrated NAIDOC week with different activities. The students enjoyed cooking Johnny cakes, weaving craft, and painting the side of a water tank with pictures and symbols meaningful to the Gomerioi people.

We were grateful to have the guidance and help of two Gomerioi staff members, Mrs Amy Phillips and Ms Samantha Rhodes.

Congratulations to last week's Students of the Week. Well done to Stella Mason of K/1 for a fantastic Dreamtime story, Nevaeh Griffiths in Year 2/3/4 for incredible work in class this week and to Lachie Mason in Yr 5/6 for his effort and achievement during mathematics this week.

Congratulations as well, to Hamish Mason for receiving the Captains' Award for excellent playground behaviour and being a great sport. Keen readers will observe the Mason family got a trifecta this week!



Photo: Mrs Amy Phillips helping Christina Eddington with her weaving craft



Photo: Jake Turner painting the water tank

## OctoberFrost

Plans for the spring time art fair OctoberFrost are well underway for Saturday 9 October.

The Frost Over Barraba committee and market specialists The Market Project will be launching the project at the beginning of August.

Organisers hope to attract some of region's outstanding artists and artisans to hire stalls at the Fair.

Stalls will be available in several key Queen Street premises as well as along pavements and in courtyard spaces.

A number of spots have been reserved by the organisers for local community groups to have at no charge.

Recipe of the week

### Chicken with tomato, capers and olives

This recipe is simple and flavoursome and everything but the chook can come straight out of the pantry.

This dish is sometimes called Chicken Marengo and is named for the place in Italy where Napoleon won a battle in 1800. From Napoleonic battles to kitchens in Barraba. Life is strange. This quantity feeds eight.

2 tablespoons olive oil  
16 chicken thighs with skin on, back bone removed  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
3 cups chicken stock  
3 400g cans peeled tomatoes  
200g kalamata olives  
1 jar capers, drained  
Parsley

Heat most of the oil in a large saucepan. Add the capers and cook for a couple of minutes until starting to crisp up. Remove and set aside. Add the remaining oil and after it is hot add as many of the thighs as can fit with the skins down. Cook until golden on each side. Repeat in batches. Return all the chicken to the pan with the garlic and half the stock. Bring to the boil for a couple of minutes. Add the rest of the stock, tomatoes, olives and capers and simmer uncovered for 30 minutes. If you think the sauce isn't thick enough you can remove the chook and simmer the sauce down until it thickens up. Return the chicken to the hot sauce for five minutes to heat through.

Stir through lots of chopped parsley before serving. This dish can be served with potatoes or rice and some green vegetables. Very good the next day too.

### Church services

**Barraba Uniting Church**  
Sunday 1st August- 10.45 am  
Communion Service led by Rev Jim Furze.

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**Barraba Catholic Church**  
St John's Catholic Church - Barraba - 1st & 5th- Saturday 6pm  
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Upper Horton - 3rd Sunday - 11am  
Weekday Mass - Wednesdays 10am

**Barraba Anglican Church**  
10am Sundays, Combined Service in town  
Note change of time for Sunday service.  
7pm Saturday, Youth Group



## North West Regional Rugby 14' Boys - Round 7

Friday night saw a welcome return of regional rugby to Barraba for our 14's boys after delays for wet weather and school holidays.

In a dominant display featuring some hard running the Barraba team scored 4 good team tries in the first 10 minutes against the visitors from Narrabri to quickly put the result of the game beyond doubt. Further points continued to come regularly throughout the game resulting in a lop-sided score line in Barraba's favour.

All 11 of our representatives contributed as did our 2 mates from Manilla. In the front row 'Brockinator' Phillips put in his usual wholehearted effort and was well supported by Will Russell, who scored a typical front rower's barge over try. 'Jackal' Thomson playing his first game as hooker also played well with some nice runs and work at the breakdown.

'Deano' Myers terrorised the opposition from Lock and was well supported by Jack 'Get out of my way' Coombes who impressed with his high work-rate and multiple carries of the ball. Harvey Tooth in the second row along with Brandon 'The blonde assassin' Newell and Michael 'I don't care how big they are' Walker at breakdown also worked hard. Brandon stood out for his effective running game and Michael for defusing the high balls from the kick-offs and for his darting runs into the opposing forwards.

In the backline our Manilla mates Logan Northey at half and 'Sully' Taber at inside centre both played well with Sully in particular running through opponents at will. The side was well-Captained by Cooper Chapman at fullback, whilst Dalton Chapman at five-eight monstered the opposition in both defence and attack. One of the best performances of the night was produced by Dustin 'Chopper' Hiscock with his impressive chasing game.

Thanks to the family, friends, staff and classmates who supported the boys on the night. Thankyou also to Barraba rugby club members Shayne Middlemiss, Jenny Middlemiss and Simon Koopman for their help on the night and Scrum coach Ben Freeman for his work at training. Thankyou in particular to Mr Melville for scoring and to Mr Davis for stepping up as referee. Boys let's not get too far ahead of ourselves because of this performance against an outclassed opposition who deserve our respect for continuing to try.

In a very difficult night for highlighting individual performances points were awarded to 3 to Jack 'Get out of my way' Coombes who was everywhere on the night, 2 to Dustin 'Chopper' Hiscock and 1 to Michael 'I don't care how big they are' Walker.

See you at training.....

Mr Maloney

### Salvoes say goodbye

Salvos in Barraba is coming to an end.

We will be closing in August. Everything is now half marked price. No more donations please.

I do thank the community for all their support and the building owner

for her generosity and patience. I am so blessed to have worked with volunteers who are tireless in presenting the shop and serving the community. Thank you all and may God richly bless and keep you as I have been in my time as a member of this dedicated team.

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## Stylish country weddings in the Horton Valley



A group of enterprising local and regional women have joined together to promote the Upper Horton as a destination for the classic country wedding.

The group bring expertise in floral arrangements, on-the-day coordination, wedding cakes, hair and beauty, catering and photography, together with the country charm of the Village Hall and Sports Club grounds in the village of Upper Horton.

Upper Horton is a very small village beside the Horton River in the Horton Valley between Barraba and Bingara. The Sports Club is the social centre of the village. The Club grounds provide a peaceful riverside setting for outdoor ceremonies and parties, and in the grounds there is a historic bush church which adds to the atmosphere. The Village Hall is a rustic building that can be used for indoor aspects of events, as can the Club premises.

The collaboration has been named "Upper Horton Functions and Events" and is made up of Cobbadah Flowers, Carla Yeo Photography, Homestead Road Bridal Co, Lush Hair and Beauty from Bingara, Whisk and Spoon, The Balloon Creative, Linda McDouall - The Rural Celebrant and the Upper Horton Sports Club. Marnie Crowley is Cobbadah's creative florist with a well known love of all things weddings. The Balloon Creative is the business of Peta Middlemiss, who uses balloons to add something special to events. Georgina from Whisk and Spoon provides special occasion cakes, and Bingara's beauty queen, Skye from Lush Hair and Beauty Haven takes care of all things beauty for the bridal party. Jo from Homestead Road Bridal Co specialises in luxury bridal gowns, both custom made and pre-loved. Carla Yeo is a Tamworth based photographer who does a range of photography types. The Club provides equipment and venue hire, catering and bar services. Linda McDouall will ensure the knot is tied and all official happenings are taken care of.

Recently the group of entrepreneurs got together and put together a styled wedding shoot to showcase their businesses as well as the Horton Valley setting as a picturesque wedding venue. Tamworth photographer Carla Yeo captured the day. Sophie Hardcastle posed as the bride and Jason



Mack as the groom. Carla Yeo's photographs are designed to give people considering wedding plans a taste of the possibilities the venue and vendors can provide.

Local woman Brianna Mack explains, "Marnie Crowley (from Cobbadah Flowers) and I have been wanting to showcase what Upper Horton has to offer for some time now.

We believe people would love our little hidden gem.

People are unsure of what we and other local businesses have to offer, so by putting together the small business collaboration we have not only showcased what Horton has to offer but have enlightened our future weddings and events clients of the amazing services available right at our door steps!"

Brianna says Lindsay Hagan from The Upper Horton Sports Club

needs the credit for pitching the whole idea. "Lindsay is always pushing for events to happen down at the Horton, which is fantastic."

Story by Jane Harris  
 Photos by Carla Yeo



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