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*ANZAC Day 2024 in Bingara saw large crowds gather for the annual march.*

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## Warialda school students Honour our Fallen

**Honour our Fallen** is a not-for-profit company, formed to honour and preserve the memory of those deceased military personnel, buried in Australia, who served our Nation in all conflicts and theatres since the Boer War.

**Honour Our Fallen's** mission is to perpetuate and honour the memory of all deceased veterans, and starting with our youth, to create pride in our community in the virtues of service to our Nation, and respect for those who died protecting our freedom and way of life.

In partnership with local schools across Australia, students research ex-Service personnel and locate their graves in their local cemetery. Each year for ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, students from Warialda High School place flags on the graves of the 279 ex-Service men and women buried in the Warialda General Cemetery. Over the last couple of years ANZAC Day has fallen in the school holidays and staff, parents and community members have generously given their time to help place the flags.

Mrs Donna Smith from Warialda High School is the facilitator for **Honour Our Fallen** in Warialda. She would like to thank the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs for the Anzac Community Grant Program and Gwydir Shire Council for providing the funds to

purchase new flags this year for students to place at the cemetery. The students are to be commended on the way they conduct themselves and the respect they show when placing the flags. Last Remembrance Day, after thanking the students, Brandon Tevaga replied, "No Miss, thank you, it was a privilege".

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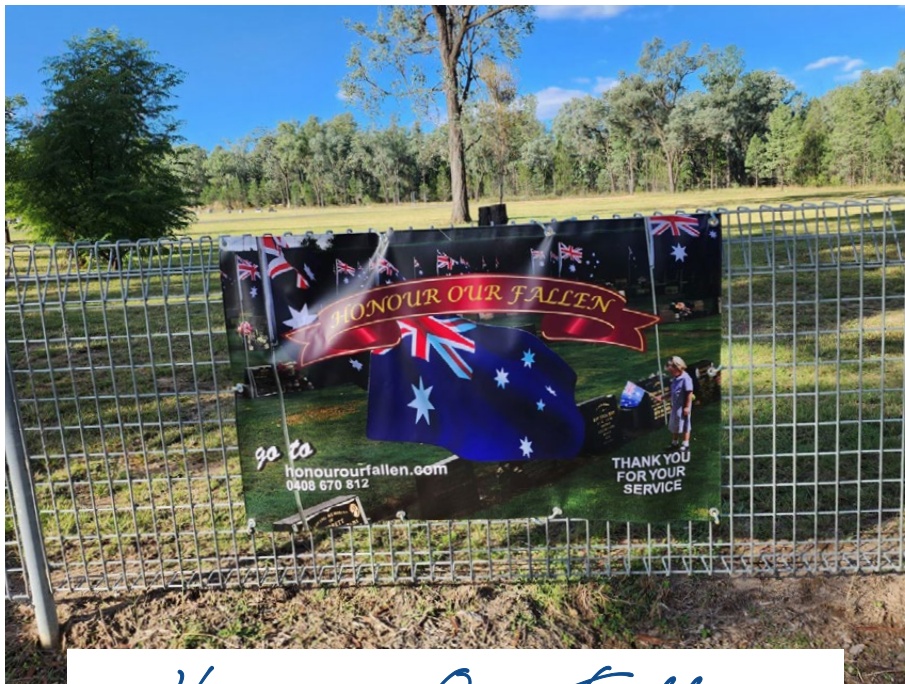
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## Honour Our Fallen



Wyalda High School Captains Jasmin Briggs and Allan Johnson

## BINGARA DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Monthly Meeting

Bingara Museum

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am

### Local History

Story Telling Event

Bingara Museum

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 9.30am





# Hundreds gather in Bingara at first light to mark ANZAC Day 2024

ANZAC Day 2024 in Bingara saw some of the largest crowds in years as people came together to reflect on the bravery of those who died and the sacrifices made by our veterans and serving Defence Force members.

ANZAC Day is a national day of commemoration in Australia and New Zealand with 2024 marking 109 years since ANZACS landed at Gallipoli in World War 1.

Adam Marshall delivered a commemorative address on the day, later assisting as two long-serving Bingara RSL members were recognised for their dedicated service. Don and Andrew Mack—who are familiar faces leading the ANZAC Day street march as they play their bagpipes—were presented with RSL NSW Certificates of Appreciation for their 50 and 35 years of respective service to the Bingara RSL Sub Branch.



ANZAC Day Dawn Service commenced at 6.00am followed by breakfast at the Bingara RSL Club. The crowd then gathered at 11.00am to begin the march which made its way to the RSL Memorial Gardens where the wreath laying ceremony by the Sub Branch, the RSL, individuals and various organisations took place.

Formalities aside, it was time to follow up with lunch, live entertainment and the great Australian tradition—two up.

Congratulations go to President Peter Kennedy, Secretary Steve Adams and the Bingara RSL Sub Branch members on organising such a wonderful ceremony this year!

**Lest we forget.**



*Photographs courtesy of Steve Adams.*





Steve Adams



Steve Adams  
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The facilities are:

1. **Bingara War Memorial Baths**  
4 Copeton Dam Road, Bingara
2. **Warialda War Memorial Olympic Pool**  
12869 Gwydir Highway, Warialda
3. **Riverside Caravan Park**  
6 Copeton Dam Road, Bingara

EOI documents can be obtained by contacting Council's Community Assets Manager, Carmen Southwell on (02) 6724 2000 or by emailing [mail@gwydir.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@gwydir.nsw.gov.au) - Attention: Carmen Southwell.

Respondents must obtain a copy of the EOI documentation.

EOI responses should be placed in a sealed envelope endorsed - EOI Contract/s for the Management And Operation Of [Name/s of Council Facility/ies] - and be received by the undersigned before 5.00pm, Friday 28 June 2024.

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Max Eastcott  
General Manager

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If you require any further information, please contact Karen Withers on 02 6729 3008 or 0476 786 017. Alternatively, you can send an email to [kwithers@gwydir.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kwithers@gwydir.nsw.gov.au) or GLR Training CEO, Clarissa Barwick [cbarwick@gwydir.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cbarwick@gwydir.nsw.gov.au)



## Public Display

# Draft Local Housing Strategy

The Draft Local Housing Strategy (LHS) will set a clear plan for housing within the Gwydir Shire over the next 20 years. The LHS is based on the data in the Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) and Community surveys and other council, and regional, policy and strategy documents. The LHS identifies housing needs and the capacity to accommodate population growth and that growing population's needs. It also identifies potential areas and types of housing needed. It outlines and prioritises 13 strategies to support the delivery of housing within the Gwydir Shire over the next 20 years and to achieve the housing vision and objectives outlined in the LHS.

The Draft LHS documents will be on public display for 28 days from Thursday 2 May 2024 to Thursday 30 May 2024. These documents can be viewed at Council's Customer Service Centres in Bingara and Wyallda, the Libraries in Bingara and Wyallda and the Wyallda Council Chambers Office.

The Draft LHS documents are also available on Council's website, please visit the following link:

<https://www.gwydir.nsw.gov.au/Council/Draft-Local-Housing-Strategy>

**GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL**  
Draft Local Housing Strategy



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## How long has it been since you visited your local library?

*Libraries must offer more than just books.*

*Libraries are still hugely popular destinations.*

*Libraries continue to provide the services they have provided for years.*

Digital connection has brought access to library resources to anyone with a computer. Customers can access library services from anywhere, from their homes or from mobile devices. They can download books, research materials and other materials.

The provision of free Wi-Fi allows libraries to offer customers internet linked support services.

Libraries are a community hub, a space for people who want to work remotely, freelance workers who want to work a couple of days in the library rather than having to go to an office.

New community lounge styled spaces are popular with professionals and students alike, while children enjoy their own zone with school hour programs.

Public libraries are about more than mere information or 'content'. Public libraries are places where local people and ideas come together. They are gathering places where people can exchange knowledge, wisdom, and insight.

Going forward Gwydir Libraries will add details you may not be aware of and what is happening each month.

For instance, did you know you could borrow DVDs from your local library?

**Watch this space.**



## Youth Services

**AGE GROUP:** 12-18 Years

**FUNDING BODY:** Department of Communities and Justice (NSW)

**SERVICES OFFERED:** Advocacy and Referral, Access to Counselling, Careers Advice, Internet Access, Homework Assistance, Holiday Activities, Court Support

The Youth Service covers Gwydir Shire as an advocacy and referral service. This service allows clients to access many forms of counselling including health and wellbeing, careers, mental health, and relationships. The Gwydir Youth Service also offers personal and practical assistance and skills development in areas such as communication, information technology and goal setting.

The service also provides a Youth Week program for the Shire and coordinates the Gwydir Shire Youth Council. There are several special events throughout the year and the service also provides assistance with resume and business letter writing. Young people at risk are invited to attend Youth in Search camps on a regular basis and an annual student exchange with Willoughby Council is also held to give our young people the opportunity to see what life is like in the city and to host students from Willoughby to give them a country experience. We strive to provide a balanced and exciting service for the young people of our Shire.



## Recent Truck Rollovers Fossickers Way

Following two recent truck rollovers on MR63, Fossickers Way, Council has contacted Transport for New South Wales to request a safety review of the corners located 18km south of Bingara. Fossickers Way, also known as Cobbadah Road or the Barraba Road is a state road, for which the NSW Government is the Road Authority.

Any works carried out on this road by Council staff are at the request of Transport for New South Wales. Council shares the community's concerns regarding the safety of the road and will continue to advocate for a review and safety upgrade to prevent future accidents.





# Happy Days FESTIVAL

*Celebrating the good times of yesteryear!*

**SATURDAY 6 JULY 2024**

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Workshop 9am-11am

Social 2pm-6pm  
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**CONTACT** For further event details, local attractions and accommodation  
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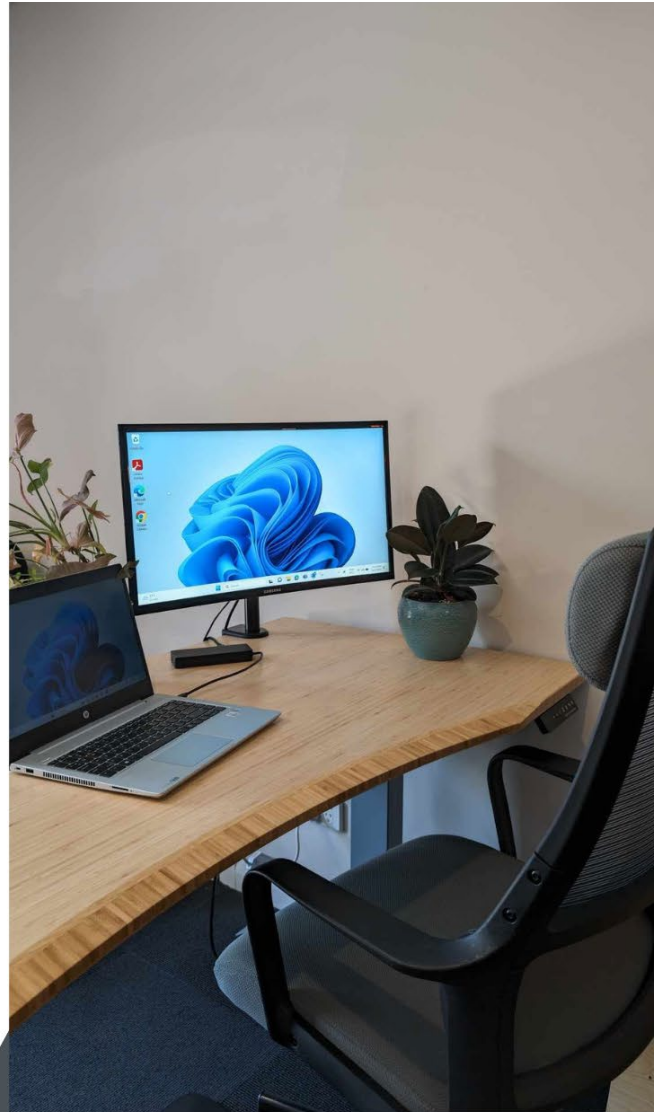




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# The role of young people in volunteering

On 16 March 2024 dozens of local community organisations gathered on the new basketball court to present their credentials in an effort to attract new members. The bold initiative was the brainchild of the Bingara and District Historical Society who perceived organisations needed to attract new members to combat the common problem of ageing and natural attrition.

On the day, the Bingara Garden Club was represented by two members and equipped with a small table, chairs, a vase of flowers, give away limes and literature that detailed the Club's historical connections and core activities. Whilst the participation of community organisations was commendable, elusive new aspiring members were largely conspicuous by their absence. However, a couple of potentially interested parties made contact that could yet prove beneficial.

It has been nationally stated that volunteering is sadly in decline almost everywhere. Bingara is no exception. Taking into account that some of the Club's foundation members from the late 1980 are still participating, age, mobility and hearing have become limiting factors. Affiliation, insurance

with the Garden Club of Australian and good housekeeping necessitates certain meeting procedures that some people find disinteresting.

There is an old adage that son will never learn to ride while Dad is in the saddle. The mature age of the Executive of most local organisations, including the Garden Club, is a turn off for young people. Hypothetically, if given the opportunity, could a youthful executive forge a new direction that invigorates membership and drive? Of course, we all know that youth is on the move and maintaining such activity would have more than its fair share of problems. In any event, this vexing issue of ageing and declining membership will eventually reach its natural conclusion unless some sort of remedial intervention takes place in the meantime.

Alec Lucke—Secretary, Bingara Garden Club



## The role young people play in volunteering

- 25% of people aged 18-24 years volunteered formally (through an organisation or group) in 2022. This is an estimated 572,635 volunteers aged 18-24.
- The proportion of people aged 18-24 years who had volunteered formally in the previous 12 months fell from 36.5% in late 2019 to 25.6% in April 2021. This decreased slightly to 25.0 per cent in 2022.
- Volunteers aged 15-24 are more likely than those in other age groups to volunteer for fewer hours. However, the proportion of young volunteers who volunteer for 100 hours or more increased significantly between 2019 and 2020.
- Volunteers aged 18-29 years are more likely than average to volunteer for particular types of organisations, accounting for 37.8% of volunteers in Animal Welfare organisations and 28.8% of volunteers in Health organisations. They are less likely to volunteer for Aged Care (7.5% of volunteers in this sector), Arts/Heritage (9.9%), Environment (12.4%), and Sport/Recreation (11.3%) organisations.
- Younger people are relatively more likely to volunteer in the field or over the internet, whereas older people are more likely to volunteer in person at the organisation.
- Formal volunteering among young people increased gradually between 2006 to 2016, but decreased significantly between 2016 and 2021, which includes the impact of COVID-19.
- Between April 2021 and April 2022, people aged 18-24 were the only age group for which the rate of formal volunteering did not increase.

<https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/wp-content/uploads/Youth-Volunteering-Factsheet-2023.pdf>

Find out about the opportunities and support available for volunteers at:

[www.volunteeringaustralia.org](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org)



# The Bingara Bush Bash

## Where it all started - the year was 1936

**On July 8, 1936** the *Bingara Advocate* reported: "The first tournament held on the new tennis courts at the Golf Links took place on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June, when a number of visitors from outside centres were present, and were successful in carrying off trophies."

**On June 5, 2015** it was stated in a tennis report that: "It has been 79 years since Bingara held the first June long weekend tennis tournament and while the faces of the tournament committee members and players may have changed, the traditions of the tournament have remained steady."

Over the years this tournament has played host to hundreds of players from all over the country, some of whom went on to become professional tennis players. From what was once a traditional 'boys' weekend of tennis is these days attracting players of all abilities due to the family friendly range of events on offer. Those who grew up with the long weekend ritual of the tennis open are now continuing the tradition with their own children and grandchildren.

**In 2021/22** we were fortunate enough to have the top four courts refurbished and completed just in time for the 2022 Bush Bash, whew! They are beautiful synthetic grass and lookin' good and are available for play with an easy user friendly 'honesty box' system for payment.

**And now here we are in 2024** the Bingara Bush Bash Open Tennis Championships (formerly called the Bingara Annual Open Tennis Championships) is still running strong 88 years later and are looking forward to, once again, hosting another great tournament of top, entertaining tennis and camaraderie with players from Queensland, Victoria, ACT and all points of NSW (including surrounding towns Wyallda, Inverell and Tamworth) competing. It's interesting to note that the only times this tournament did not run was during World War II and during

the Covid-19 lockdown of 2021.

The Sunday night is a Social Evening with Natalie Baker as this years guest artist. Opportunity is also offered to anyone who would like to get up and 'have a go' to do just that.

This year the June long weekend falls on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June and if you or anyone you know would like to register to play in the tournament the information on how to do that is on the poster included here. You don't need to be a competitor, all family and friends are welcome—you are sure to have a good weekend!



**Bingara**

**BUSH BASH**

**2024 TENNIS OPEN**

**Entries close Friday 31st May 2024**

Entries online on this webpage  
[www.92computing.com.au/bushbashentry.htm](http://www.92computing.com.au/bushbashentry.htm)

For information please contact Jan Miller on 0429 991 747

**LONG WEEKEND 8-10TH JUNE**





## It's almost "Warm & Woolly" time again

Be sure to mark your calendar for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 with WARM & WOOLLY EXHIBITION at The Claypan Gallery, 74 Queen Street, Barraba.

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am will see Guild members "bombing" the trees outside the Gallery with brightly coloured knitted and crocheted creations from everyone who took part in the 2024 Barraba Yarn Bombing Project. This year is shaping up to be bigger and brighter than last year—so be ready.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June will showcase the Warm & Woolly Exhibition at The Claypan Gallery. The Gallery will be open both days from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Guild members are looking forward to welcoming many visitors on both days to view the new exhibition of locally crafted goodies. You will be able to purchase a myriad of art, craft, pottery, photography and preserves made by amazingly talented locals.

As a special feature this year we will be hosting the Triennial Travelling Quilters Challenge Competition which has been organised by the owner (Kerry Cannon) of Ceramic Break Sculpture Park, Warialda. The quilts are travelling from Stanthorpe, Queensland to Tamworth, New South Wales and are being displayed at seven locations along the

way, for approximately a week in each location. The winners and placegetters of the competition will be announced on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September at Ceramic Break Sculpture Park. Come and appreciate the incredible workmanship in these quilts.

The Guild ladies will have morning tea and lunch available, by the open fire, on both days.

Freshly baked scones, tea and coffee



are on the menu for morning tea, followed by homemade soups and bread rolls for lunch.

So whether you are passing through or staying local for the June long weekend we would love to see you—bring your friends and enjoy the warm fire and a relaxing chat.



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# I just can't help falling in love with this movie! And you will too!

The North West Theatre Company's Film Club presents all the magic and music of the King of Rock and Roll as our May offering at the Roxy at 4.00pm on Sunday May 26.

Australian Director Baz Luhrmann's "ELVIS" electrifies the screen with the raw energy and magnetic charisma of the King of Rock 'n' Roll himself. From the opening chords to the final curtain call, this film is a riveting journey through the life, music, and legend of Elvis Presley.

Luhrmann's signature style infuses every frame with vibrant colours, dynamic camerawork, and a pulsating soundtrack that captures the essence of the era. The cinematography sweeps you into the heart of 1950s America, where Elvis's meteoric rise from humble beginnings to global superstardom unfolds with breathtaking intensity.

At the film's core is the remarkable performance of the lead actor, Austen Butler who embodies Elvis with such authenticity and depth that you forget you're watching a portrayal and feel as though you're witnessing the King himself. His portrayal captures not only Elvis's unparalleled talent as a musician but also the complexities of his personal struggles, triumphs, and inner demons.

The supporting cast shines just as brightly. Tom Hanks as Colonel Tom Parker and Olivia DeJonge as Priscilla Presley are notable, with each actor delivering a standout performance that adds layers of depth and emotion to the story. Whether it's the fiery passion of Elvis's love interest, the steely determination of his manager, or the infectious energy of his bandmates, every character leaps off the screen with a vitality that is impossible to ignore.

But perhaps the most captivating aspect of "ELVIS" is the music. From heart-wrenching ballads to foot-stomping anthems, every song is performed with such passion and power that you can't help but be swept away by the sheer force of Elvis's talent. Whether you're a die-hard fan or experiencing his music for the first time, the soundtrack is a thrilling celebration of one of the greatest artists of all time.

In the end, "ELVIS" is more than just a biopic—it's a cinematic experience that transports you to a time and place where music was king and Elvis Presley reigned supreme. Baz Luhrmann has crafted a film that is as bold, brash, and unforgettable as the man himself, leaving audiences cheering for an encore long after the credits roll.

Reviews for this movie speak of its glitz and glamour and its all-star tribute to the King. The ending may leave you 'all shook up' and feeling like 'nothing but a hound-dog' but you are assured that so many of you will love this movie that no-one will be feeling 'lonesome tonight'!

New members of the Film Club are always welcome.

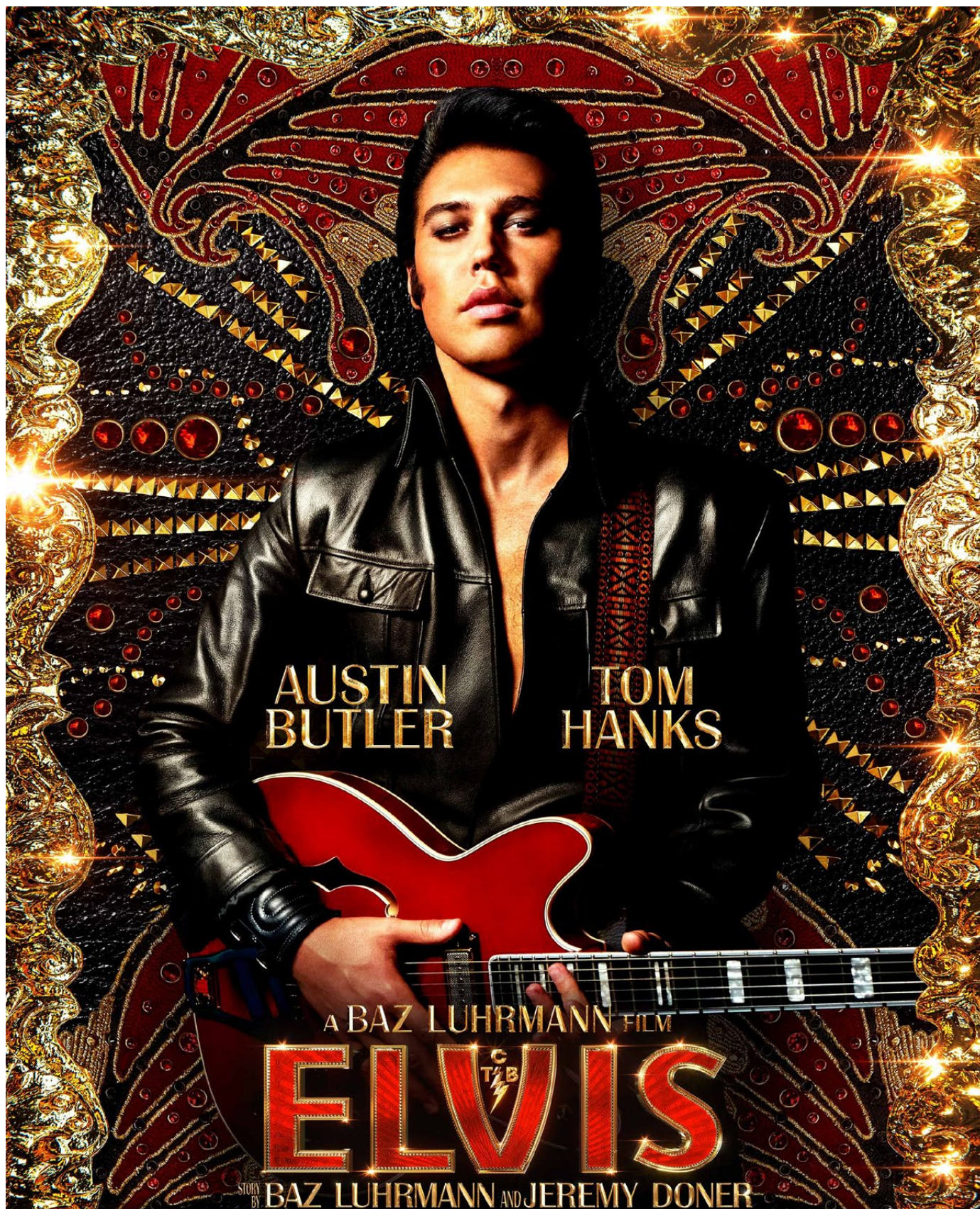


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**DOG WASH**

Every Thursday from 12.00pm to 2.30pm  
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**The North West Theatre Company Film Club presents  
Elvis**

**Sunday May 26th 2024 | 4:00pm | The Roxy Theatre**



# Telstra delays 3G closure

The telco has announced it will extend its 3G closure by two months, until 31 August 2024.



Even though the deadline has been extended, people are being encouraged to act now to ensure they are well prepared for when the network is switched off.

Those who have a device that can only use 3G, won't be able to connect to Telstra's network after 31 August 2024. Telstra has a clear message for anyone using a 3G-only device, **act now to stay connected**.

Community College Northern Inland provides free digital training for eligible people through the Tech Savvy Seniors program. Join a class where you'll learn how to identify 3G devices not compatible with Telstra's 4G network, what sort of 4G/5G mobile device you need, how to dispose of your old 3G device and more. Register your interest in the **Closure of Telstra's 3G** session now by calling 0438 546 519.

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Bingara Thu 11 Jul

**F** This training is subsidised by the NSW Government. Eligibility rules apply. Fully subsidised training may be available for eligible students (subject to funding available at the time of application). Contact us to discuss course fees and eligibility.

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Term 2 2024

### First Aid

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#### Provide First Aid

**HLTAID009** Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation

**HLTAID010** Provide basic emergency life support

**HLTAID011** Provide first aid



1-Day Face-to-Face Workshop 8.30AM - 4.30PM \$190

Barraba Fri 31 May

Bingara Fri 17 May Mon 17 Jun

Warialda Thu 25 Jul

#### Provide CPR

**HLTAID009** Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation



½-Day Face-to-Face Workshop 8.30AM - 12PM \$90

Barraba Fri 31 May

Bingara Fri 17 May Mon 17 Jun

Warialda Thu 25 Jul

## Hospitality

Issuing Registered Training Organisation  
Community College Northern Inland Inc. (RTO 90027)

#### Food Handling (Level 1)

**SITXFSA005** Use hygienic practices for food safety



1-Day Face-to-Face Workshop 9AM - 4PM \$130 **F**

Warialda Thursday 6 June

Courses with the Nationally Recognised Training logo are accredited and comply with a national standard. These courses are recognised by employers and educational institutions Australia-wide.



Find out what you need to know about Australia's 3G network closure and what you need to do to stay connected. Register for a free class by phoning 0438 546 519.



# Quantum Leap Subtle Energy courses hosted in Bingara

In March The Living Classroom provided an excellent venue for three consecutive courses on Earth Energy, run by international geomancer Dr Patrick MacManaway.

Patrick was first brought to Australia 14 years ago by well known agricultural consulting firm Resource Consulting Services and his teaching and advice has been of immense value to many, mostly farmers, as an important part of their journey with regenerative agriculture.

The courses were all fully subscribed, and some 70 people attended. A free community day was held at the stone circle at The Living Classroom, and provided an insight into stone circles all over the world.

Catering was provided by The Imperial Hotel, Fresh Finds, Tiff Galvin and Friends of Touriandi and was universally excellent. Participants loved attending "Poetry and Pancakes" at the wonderful Roxy Theatre.

Those who attended are tuned in to the "energy of place" and all spoke positively of the particular vibe that is Bingara.

Garry and Linda McDouall have been practitioners of subtle energy for over 20 years, working primarily with people using the Dawson Program. Garry is also a Quantum Leap practitioner having been mentored by Patrick over three of his visits. Garry is Chair of Quantum Leap Subtle Energy Limited, which has taken over responsibility for running all the Quantum Leap Programs.

Garry and Linda credit this work with making a huge difference to their lives, and to the lives of the many people they have worked with.

We are so excited by the way these programs worked in Bingara that we have booked for a similar program during Patrick's next visit to Australia in April 2025. In the meantime, there will be an active program of engagement, education, consulting and mentoring on offer.

If you are interested in learning more, **contact Garry on 0428 834 281** or program coordinator Kate Murfet (pictured above) on:

[welcome@quantumleapsubtleenergy.com.au](mailto:welcome@quantumleapsubtleenergy.com.au)



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**64%** as at 14 May 2024



## News from Bingara Central School



## From the Principal

### Cross Country

Students from Year 2 – 12 completed the annual school Cross Country Carnival recently. This can be a tough and challenging event and we saw many examples of students displaying GRIT to complete their race.

Congratulations to the 2024 Age Champions:

<b>8/9y Boy</b>	<b>Robbie R</b>
8/9y Girl	Summer R
<b>10y Boy</b>	<b>Kash S</b>
10y Girl	Matilda G
<b>11y Boy</b>	<b>Clay H</b>
11y Girl	Emma-Rose G
<b>12y Boy</b>	<b>Luka B</b>
12y Girl	Amelia K
<b>13y Boy</b>	<b>Tyler D</b>
13y Girl	Morgan W
<b>14y Boy</b>	<b>Jai A</b>
14y Girl	Scarlett S
<b>15y Boy</b>	<b>Jonte M</b>
15y Girl	Sharkiah D
<b>16y Boy</b>	<b>Jymari R</b>
16y Girl	Mailee S
<b>Senior Boy</b>	<b>Jesse M</b>
Senior Girl	Blaire J

We are truly lucky to be able to host our event on Bingara Golf Course and by the magnificent Gwydir River. Many thanks to all those that enable this to happen.

We look forward to hosting Inverell Zone Cross Country on Friday 24 May.

exciting updates.

Mrs McGowan's craft activities are always popular. Year 2 have begun exploring Little Red Riding Hood as part of their exploration into fairytales. A bright and detailed collage is well on its way to completion.

### Ready to Learn

Bingara Central School Infant's students have settled straight back into engaged and self-motivated learning this week. Mrs Hall's Kindergarten class have been working on their fine motor skills while matching rhyming sounds.

Year 1 has started Term 2 with a new farm theme focus which will tie in perfectly with the upcoming Bingara Show. The classroom has begun to see changes already with a newly decorated door and displays underway. Miss Caban has plans for incubating eggs later this term, so stay tuned for

### Stage 4 LOTE - Mrs Irwin

In 2024, we have been truly privileged to have Mrs Irwin attend BCS to share her knowledge of the French language in Stage 4 LOTE. Students have been lucky to practice their French conversation with Mrs Irwin regularly throughout the year, gaining valuable feedback on their progress.

This week they are in full preparation for upcoming half-yearly exams, reinforcing words and concepts using flash cards to enhance language learning. Ms Gasson has ensured some creative and interesting opportunities in her French lessons and we are sure this will shine through during the exam period.



### Rugby League

Year 9 students Liam J and Jarrod P have been proudly representing North West recently at a number of training

days and trialing for the selection into the U15 Greater Western Rugby League team. This has involved a lot of commitment, determination and out of town travel, including the most recent selection process that took place in Coonabarabran last week.

Congratulations to Jarrod P who has made it through as a Reserve in the Greater Western team. Jarrod will now travel to Wollongong for the NSWCHSSA Boys 15s Boys Rugby League State Cup at the end of May.



### PSSA Soccer

BCS was proudly represented by Hudson P, Taysharn P, Cristian K and Jess M at the Inverell Zone PSSA Soccer trials. This was a very competitive day and our students put in an amazing effort. Congratulations to Hudson P who made it through to possibles and probables. Well done for representing Bingara Central School with such great spirit.

### Year 3 & 5 Collaborative Learning

This term, Year 3 and Year 5 students have been busy! Students have put in a lot of hard work in the classroom, sitting NAPLAN exams and taking to the sporting field, showing true GRIT in all areas of their schooling.

Throughout the term, Year 3 and Year 5 have taken the opportunity to work collaboratively to achieve a variety of learning goals. Students have engaged in meaningful feedback opportunities to improve and achieve learning outcomes relating to literacy. Students in Year 5 have combined literacy and technology skills to create engaging infographics that capture the audience's attention. Year 3 students have been developing their storytelling and literacy skills during a novel study of the Roald Dahl classic *Fantastic Mr Fox*. Be sure to ask us about the sequels we have written! Year 5 students have demonstrated excellent leadership skills during these lessons, and everyone is looking forward to more opportunities to collaborate next term.

A key focus in the final weeks of Term 1 has been to commemorate ANZAC Day. Students have used fundamental literacy skills to explore a variety of texts and create a range of artworks relating to ANZAC Day. To conclude this learning, Year 3 and Year 5 students took a trip to the secondary school kitchens to bake some ANZAC biscuits. What a fantastic way to end Term 1!

### PSSA Rugby League Trials

Well done to our primary students Lance T, Alex T, Yarrun F and Luka B who attended the PSSA North West Rugby League trials in Tamworth recently. The boys displayed great sportsmanship and resilience throughout the day and came up against some tough opponents. Congratulations to Alex T who made it through to the possibles and probables selection process.



### UNE Open Day

Bingara Central School's senior students attended an open day at the University of New England on Friday, May 3.

Students were able to find information on degrees and study options, Early Entry schemes, the residential colleges and student life.

Students were accompanied by Stage 6 Year Adviser, Scot Crispin; student social worker, Brooke Turner; and Careers Adviser, Robyn Gasson.

Highlights included tours of the clinic staffed by UNE medical students at Armidale Hospital, the greenhouses and animal houses of Rural Science and information sessions on the many degrees available for study.

The college breakfast and free lunch on Booloominbah lawn were also much appreciated.

### School Based Trainee

Dylan Weber is Bingara Central School's latest School Based Trainee. Dylan has secured a traineeship with Gwydir Shire working in the accounts and finance department. This involved Dylan completing a job application and interview process. Congratulations Dylan!

This will be the start of a busy two years for Dylan. On top of his HSC studies, each week he must spend a day in the workplace and complete an online session with TAFE Ultimo. Dylan will complete a Certificate III in Accounts administration with TAFE and the HSC subject, Financial Services: Accounting.

Bingara Central School is very grateful to Gwydir Shire Council and the Bingara community for these wonderful opportunities for our students.

### Brooke Wall

Principal  
Bingara Central School



# News from Warialda Public School



## From the Principal

**Term 2 has started successfully at Warialda Public School with each of our students resuming strong routines in each classroom.**

We are delighted to have been joined by several new students this term taking our enrolment to a very healthy total of 216. It is always validating that families moving to our community carefully choose Warialda Public School to cater for their child's needs!

At the conclusion of Term 2, our students each received our Mid-Semester Check-In Report Cards. These report cards are not designed to give A to E academic gradings but are essentially an opportunity to reflect on students' learning habits through the first 6 to 7 weeks of the school year. We find that providing this early snapshot to parents, conversations can be had sooner rather than later. These reports also include two great features being a clear description of the student identified learning goal as well as the teacher identified learning goal. We

know that parents really appreciate knowing what it is that our teaching staff and their child are focussing on!

In the final two days of the Term, we had eight students swimming at the State Championships in Sydney. To say they were incredible was an understatement with each and every WPS athlete showing resilience, courage and determination as they dived into the Olympic Pool. Congratulations to Harry Durkin, Ada van Velthuisen, Dexter Brooks, Ziggy Hall, Reid Rose, Stanley Valdal, Beau Lyons, Hugo Barwick and Kash Hall who all represented our school and community to the highest standard!

A great initiative that our school provides is that we invite the team from Sommersville and Merrin Optometrists to visit our school each year to screen students. This year, our visiting optometrists were on site for two and half days! This took a huge amount of pressure away from families who would otherwise need to travel long distances to access such a service. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of John and Kate Merrin for their ongoing partnership with WPS.

Whilst the Term has only just commenced, our students have already dived straight into PSSA sporting commitments. Our Tennis team started the Term with an impressive victory over a talented Inverell Public School opponent, meaning we will now move onto the next round against Moree Public School.

North West Rugby League trials were also held early in Term 2 and our students were well and truly in the thick of the action. Gaining selection in the 2024 North West Rugby League Team was Darby Turner, Harry Hawkins, Hugo Barwick and Kash Hall.

The North West Cricket Team was also chosen following a final selection day at Farrar Agricultural College. Hugo Barwick was chosen in this team and he will now play at the upcoming State Championships.

The New South Wales Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. (NSW AECG Inc.) in conjunction with the Department of Education's Aboriginal Outcomes and Partnerships Directorate will be conducting a Gamilaraay Yuwaalaraay Yuwaalayaay Language and Culture Online session for Aboriginal students from Years 5-6. In the 1-hour session the students will learn Gamilaraay Yuwaalaraay Yuwaalayaay language including animal names and totems. The lesson will enhance student identity by fostering connections with language and culture through the sharing of knowledge and resources. The first session will be held on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May.

Finally, anyone associated with Warialda Public School would know and love our School Administration Manager – Mrs Giacomina Carroll. After well over twenty years, Mrs Carroll has officially retired from her substantive position. The impact that she has had in her position is simply remarkable and we thank her for her loyal and ongoing service to Public Education over such a long period. Importantly, we wish her all the best for a relaxing retirement spending precious time with loved ones!

**Dan van Velthuisen**  
Principal  
Warialda Public School

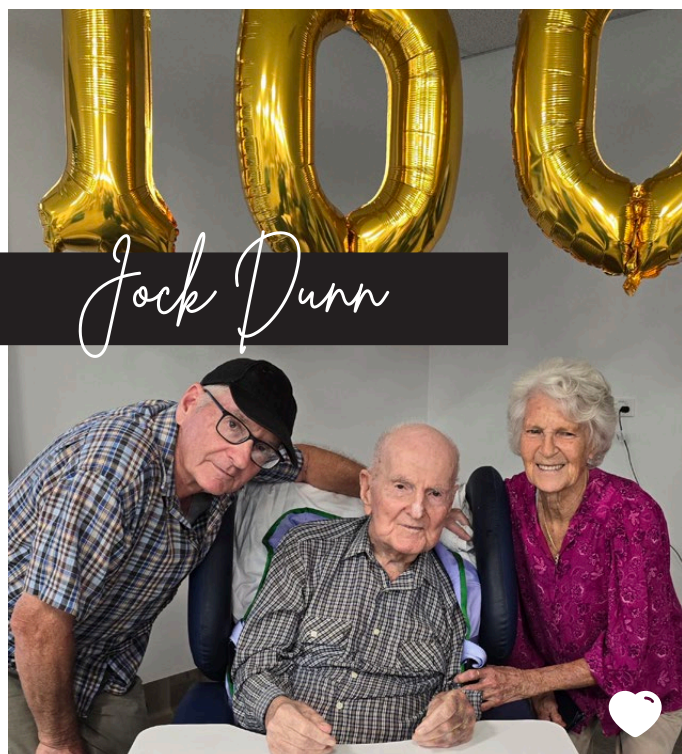
## Bingara MPS

### Jock's Life Story

I was born on Monday 18th April 1924 in Mudgee, New South Wales, Australia. My father's name was Ewen and he worked as a stock and station agent. My mother's name was Mary, she didn't work and stayed at home. I have six sisters and being the only boy I got spoilt. I can recall my mother being a very gentle lady who was loved by people. When I left school, I worked as an Electrical Engineer and a stockman. I married my wife Joan in Bathurst, however, I cannot remember the date. We have been together a long time. Together Joan and I have one son who we named Ewen. In our later years together, Joan and I travelled the world experiencing many different countries and cultures.

I enjoy listening to music particularly classical, jazz and the piano. I did not play a musical instrument when I was younger, but we did have a piano in the house. I like to watch TV including documentaries and nature. I played tennis whilst I was young and enjoy watching the tennis opens on TV.

I had pets growing up, mainly border collies, which are my favourite breed. I prefer to spend my days looking out into the garden whilst listening to my favourite music, playing the odd spot of Bingo and conversations with my family and Bingara MPS staff.



Jock Dunn

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Bingara Multipurpose Service (MPS) resident John "Jock" Dunn celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and other residents. When asked the secret to his longevity, Jock simply said, "Hmmm I don't know, I just got here".



### On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Maureen Rose of Cunningham Street, Bingara celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and close friends in style. Her daughter-in-law Brenda did an amazing job with food, decorations and the cake. Maureen would like to extend her thanks for all her beautiful gifts and cards.

Love Maureen xx

Maureen Rose xx





# End of financial year **essentials**

## Tax Planning

June 30 is fast approaching. Now is a crucial time to project taxable income and implement a plan to manage your 2024 tax year obligations.

Tax planning allows large tax bills to be planned for and managed in the most effective way in relation to taxation law. As an individual, a family group or more complex structure, simple strategies put in place now can ultimately save significantly come tax time.

It is also an opportunity to plan cashflow in a way to smooth tax payments, avoiding any nasty surprises when tax returns are lodged.

Even in a loss position it can be just as crucial to plan to ensure losses can be utilised against future year profits.

Some strategies require action before the June 30 deadline. Now is the time to meet with your trusted advisor to work through your own end of year tax planning strategy.

## Cashflow Forecasting

Managing cashflow in a small business is arguably the most important factor in running a business. At the end of the day, if the cash dries up, the business fails.

Planning is also essential for tracking Goals (business and personal) and providing a concise scenario to take to the bank when looking to borrow.

That being said, most small business owners are flat out in the day-to-day operations of their business, generating sales, feeding livestock, paying bills and managing staff, to mention a few.

A cashflow forecast allows a business to project revenue from sales, upcoming expenses, the often overlooked GST and PAYG obligations, as well as employee super and debt reduction. And between all of this it can allow owners to put in place GOALS to achieve personal ambitions and long term wealth creation.

Furthermore in the age of banking precariousness, the process of borrowing money will demand clean and concise reporting and forecasting. By pre-empting peaks and troughs in cashflow, business owners can plan ahead and ultimately worry about one less thing in a busy life.



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

# Communities urged to unveil local healthcare excellence

The peak body for the remote health workforce is calling upon everyday Australians to identify nurses, midwives and other health professionals who deserve the industry's top professional accolade.



Former CRANAplus Board Chair Fiona Wake (right) presents Katie Pennington (left) with the Aurora Award in Cairns, Queensland in 2023

The Australian Remote Health Awards are run by the Council of Remote Area Nurses of Australia (CRANAplus) and the not-for-profit organisation wants to hear directly from communities about who is doing a fantastic job, CEO Linda Kensington said.

"Health professionals are the beating heart of many rural and remote Australian communities," Ms Kensington said.

"They are often the difference between good health and ill health – and between life and death in an emergency.

"Community members now have a chance to give back to the healthcare professionals and teams who have had a positive impact on their lives.

"Who better to identify an excellent local nurse or midwife than those who have received their care?"

The awards program aims to raise awareness of the advanced skill set required when working in areas with fewer resources, greater distances, and less support than urban Australia.

It is part of CRANAplus' push for increased resources and investment in healthcare in remote Australia, where healthcare access is often limited.

"Credit where credit is due," Ms Kensington says. "Many healthcare professionals are too busy to nominate their peers and too modest to do themselves in, but we know we can trust in communities to help them gain the

recognition they deserve."

Last year's top award went to Registered Nurse Katie Pennington, who works and lives on the remote east coast of Tasmania. Previous winners have worked in South Australia's APY Lands, New South Wales Far West and Queensland's Cape York, among other locations.

Award winners will be announced at CRANAplus' Remote Nursing and Midwifery Conference in Melbourne this October. There are several award categories to choose from, including the Aurora Award for remote and isolated health professional of the year, and the Collaborative Team Award.

Visit [crana.org.au/awards](https://crana.org.au/awards) to complete the short survey and identify a potential award winner.



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We are looking for a good mix of people with a variety of skills, however, sound business and financial management skills and objective decision-making expertise would be a distinct advantage.

Don't let this opportunity to do something for yourself and your community pass you by – contact us today.

The Warialda Showground Land Manager manages the Reserve No. 560039 at Warialda notified on 5-Dec-1958 for Showground, Reserve No. 1000427 at Warialda notified on 3-May-1968 for Showground, Addition, Reserve No. 560021 at Warialda notified on 2-Jun-1893 for Public Recreation. The term of appointment will be for a period not exceeding 5 years.

Application for membership can be made via [portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au](https://portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au)

All applications are required to be lodged by **13 June 2024**.

### For further information contact

**Michelle Chittenden on (02) 6750 6409 or go to [reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au)**



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- May 30
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- August 29
- September 26

For appointments, contact the Bingara Community Practice on **02 6724 1900**







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# Warialda Golf and Bowling Club Donates to LEGACY

The Warialda Golf and Bowling Club is able to donate \$521.45 to Inverell Legacy as a result of the recent ANZAC Day events held at the Warialda Golf and Bowling Club.

The WGBC each year donates and cooks the breakfast which is held after the dawn service. Many thanks to the Directors of the Board who give their time to organise and cook the breakfast. Anyone who attends the breakfast is asked to make a gold coin donation for Legacy. This year the Breakfast raised \$165.85.

The WGBC also hosts TWO UP each year. A very big thank you must go to Mick Farrell for always giving his time and expertise to run the TWO UP. This year TWO UP raised \$280.00 for Legacy.

On the bar at the WGBC we also have a Legacy Donation Hat where patrons can put in loose change during the year, this year the hat had a total of \$75.60.

This all equates to the donation of \$521.45, which was presented to Inverell Legacy recently.

A big thankyou to all who supported the ANZAC Day events at the Warialda Golf and Bowling Club and to those that helped in any way making it the success that it was!

But most of all thank you to all the service men and women who have served and are serving in the Australian Military. Your sacrifices have made Australia what it is today—the best country in the world!

Mick Collins  
President Warialda Golf and Bowling Club



# Warialda Bowls

Warialda Bowls has enjoyed some wonderful weather of late to play club championships.

The Fours have just been completed with the winning team consisting of Claude McClymont, Kylie Parker, Mick Collins, and Mick Cooper. Runners up included Kim Clark, Lionel Cleal, Lenny Turner, and Dominic Charters.

Triples are under way with the finals set to be played this weekend between the teams of Claude McClymont, Mick Collins and Glenn Harvey playing against Kim Clark, Lionel Cleal and Don Jenner.

Pairs will commence next week, and players are asked to check the draw and get the games underway.

Saturday Social Bowls takes place each Saturday at 2pm and we welcome new bowlers as it is very social. With the cooler weather upon us a BBQ is usually held after bowls depending on numbers. Cost is \$13 for the bowls and BBQ.

Recent interclub games have included a visit from Croppa Creek where both teams played for the sought after "Who's Shout" shield. Warialda won by a slim margin to take the shield until we meet again. As always, the day with Croppa Creek is full of friendship and laughter.

The Intertown game between Warialda, Bingara, Ashford, and Delungra hopefully will take place soon with Delungra to set a date.

Warialda Bowlers will travel to Bingara to compete in the Bingara Bowls Memorial Carnival in remembrance of "Butchy" Childs, Selwyn Smith and Graff Whitton. This will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> of May. Ring Bingara Sporting Club with your team of three if interested in attending.

**Bowls** – Mysterious and ancient game played by people old enough to know better, using balls that are designed to go in the wrong direction!



# Bingara ★★★★★★★★★★ Minor League

After a couple of weeks off due to school holidays, Minor League is back in full swing! Our first game back took us to Moree, where the sun shone for a great day of footy. Back at Gwydir Oval for our next round where the heavens opened up just as the kids stepped onto the field, giving the children a challenging cold and wet day for their games. We are looking forward to this Saturday coming where we keep it in the shire and face Warialda Wombats at Warialda.

## Under 6's

What a crazy couple of weekends for footy. With all very keen to play, the 6s took to the field like ducks to water. There has been some outstanding tagging and big line breaks. With all kids contributing to some amazing games.

## Under 7's

Bingara 7s had a cracking couple of games against Tingha, Moree and Armidale. We have some very enthusiastic players turning up. The kids are scoring tries, having great runs and tagging very well. Looking forward to our next game at Warialda.

## Under 8's

What a cracker of a game against Moree. So proud of how our team is working together in both offence and defence. They have shown huge improvement over the past few weeks. The 8's kept the game close (try for try) with Moree coming away with the win by one conversion.

Tough conditions on Saturday, with our team battling against the weather and a competitive Armidale side. The kids showed real determination, giving it their best all game and not giving up. The 8's displayed good sportsmanship and their love for the game, all walking away with smiles on their face.

## Under 11's

Our game against Moree was a great game to watch. So good to see our little rake up team being competitive and playing some good footy.

Just want to thank and congratulate the whole under 11's team for turning up against Armidale and playing a really great game of footy in the wet. It was great to get a win! It showed just how talented and respectful we all are on and off the field, especially the sportsmanship. Very proud of the whole team—keep up the good work!

## JLT

With the last couple of teams Bingara has faced not having a JLT side, our girls have had an extra long break from games. The girls displayed true sportsmanship and respect for each other on the weekend against Armidale. Some of our girls volunteered to play for the opposition to help fill their side, giving every player an opportunity to be able to get out on the field and play. Very proud of how they are coming along and working as a team putting in a gutsy effort with plenty of tags and some great line breaks. **Great game girls!**

## ILT

So proud of the teamwork the girls have been displaying. Tingha was a great game to watch with all the girls giving it their best. The girls had a tough game against an experienced Moree side. They played well and showed great determination and did not give up. The team is showing significant improvement each week and gaining more confidence with every game. Can't wait to see what this little team can do this season!

## SLT

Second game for our SLT girls against Tingha was a hot one with only one sub on the bench. The girls dug in and worked hard. Tingha had a fast team without subs themselves but Bingara's defence was too strong for them.

A credit to all of the SLT girls in Moree. A very hot day and no subs—the girls backed each other with many line breaks and kept their defensive line strong coming away with another win.

A challenging game on Saturday against Armidale. With cold and wet conditions, the girls pulled together to play a great game, coming from behind to finish with a draw.



# Bingara Golf Report

Submitted by John Gill

## Bingara Open Golf Weekend 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

There was a good turnout of golfers for the Bingara open tournament Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> mixed event with 12 pairs taking part. Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> men's open stroke event saw 49 golfers taking part, with weather conditions just perfect and the course looking a picture all set for a weekend of golf.

### Results Saturday Mixed Event

Mixed open gross winners	Peter York, Amanda Koopman
Gross runner up	Ron Armstrong, Di Etheridge
Nett winners	Lloyd Fullerton, Jenny Burling
Nett runners up	Peter and Bernie Houlahan
NTP 7 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup>	Men - T Jones
	Women - No winner
NTP 9 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup>	Men - Peter Houlahan
Women's 2 <sup>nd</sup> best shot	Judy Northcott
Second best shot 6 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup>	C Ruttley
Women's best 3 <sup>rd</sup> shot	Kerrie Smith

**Bingara Golf would like to send a big thank you to all sponsors for the 2024 Bingara Open Golf Tournament:**

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**To all the volunteers for Bingara golf thank you, and well done.**

### Results Sunday Men's Open Stroke Event

Open winner	D Avery
Gross winners	A Grade: S Jones B Grade: H Mack C Grade: T Greacen
Gross runner up	A Grade: S Smith B Grade: T Jones C Grade: I Egan
Nett winners	A Grade: J Dawson B Grade: D Coulton C Grade: B Whatman
Nett runner up	A Grade: T Kilner B Grade: G Hincksman C Grade: T Ballard
Long drive run in age groups	
Under 50	D Avery
51/65	D Galvin
66/79	J Dawson
80+	M Hall
NTP	2/11 A Grade: D Galvin 4/13 B Grade: M Smith 9/18 C Grade: R Fisher
All in best 2 <sup>nd</sup> shot	6/15 D Avery
All in pro pin 7/16	S Jones





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**Contact Geoff on: 0427 453 383  
or [Gpankhurst1962@gmail.com](mailto:Gpankhurst1962@gmail.com)**

## SAVE-THE-DATE

### The Biggest Morning Tea

Save the date

The Bingara  
Community Op  
Shop

May 27th

10:00am

\$10

Raffles, Bopshop  
uke group, games,  
delicious morning  
tea, great company  
and more.

Let's raise as much  
money as we can  
for the Cancer  
Council.



### Save the date

Part of the Orange Festival

6th July

**Line dancing/  
Rock and roll  
Workshop 9-11  
and Social 2-6**

**DJ  
Ian Duke**

In the beautiful  
Roxy Theatre  
Bingara



# What's on

## MAY 2024

Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting - Bingara Museum from 10.30am
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Bingara Show
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Coolatai Vintage Tractor Pull - Gold Coin Donation - Markets running - Camping available
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Upper Horton Trail Bike Ride - Free camping
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bingara Museum - Local History Story Telling Event from 9.30am
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pinking up the Gwydir - Upper Horton Ladies Night Out - 6.00pm to 10.00pm - Upper Horton Sports Club - Contact Chris on 0429 046 691
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sydney Writers' Festival - Live streaming from Warialda Town Library from 10.00am
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Biggest Morning Tea - All funds raised go to the Cancer Council for Research projects. Warialda Cultural Community Centre (Carinda) - Morning tea, Guest speaker and entertainment from 10.00am
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Gwydir Shire Community Meeting - Warialda Memorial Hall from 6.00pm
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	NWTC Film Club "Elvis"
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	The Biggest Morning Tea - for Cancer Council - Bingara Op hop - 10.00am to 12.00pm
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	Community Meeting - Gravesend Hall from 6.00pm
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Committee Meet - Warialda PreSchool at 5.00pm
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Entries close - Bingara Bush Bash - 2024 Tennis Open - Contact Jan Miller on 0429 991 747

## JUNE 2024

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> - Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Upper Horton Campdraft - Both days from 6.30am
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	'Gather & Trade; Aboriginal Artisans Micro Markets' as part of The Myall Creek Memorial Exhibition - Ceramic Break Sculpture Park - 8.00am
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> - Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bingara Bush Bash - 2024 Tennis Open
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Beginner Line Dancing Lessons - Bev 0407 532 756 - Warialda Memorial Hall - 9.30am to 11.30am
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Beginner Line Dancing Lessons - Bev 0407 532 756 - Warialda Memorial Hall - 9.30am to 11.30am
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Harvey & Beccy Cole - Warialda Memorial Hall - 7.30pm - <a href="http://www.stickytickets.com.au/QLSOZ">www.stickytickets.com.au/QLSOZ</a>
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Beginner Line Dancing Lessons - Bev 0407 532 756 - Warialda Memorial Hall - 9.30am to 11.30am
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Warialda Wombats Rugby League - Friday night game Indigenous Round - Warialda vs Tingha at Jim Payne Oval (May change to a Saturday)
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	NWTC Film Club - "Tea With Mussolini"

# Church Notices

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

<b>Bingara</b>	Worship at St John's Anglican Parish, Bingara - Sundays 9.30am
<b>Warialda</b>	Warialda Anglican Church, Warialda - Sundays 9.30am
<b>Coolatai</b>	First Sunday month 3.00pm
Minister Steve Cimarosti can be contacted on (02) 6729 1501.	

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### PARISHES WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Bingara</b>	Sundays 8.00am
<b>Delungra</b>	Sundays 10.00am 4 <sup>th</sup> weekend 6.00pm
<b>Warialda</b>	Saturdays 6.00pm 4 <sup>th</sup> weekend 10.00am

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Bingara</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> weeks - Rosary 9.30am/Mass 10.00am
<b>Warialda</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> weeks - Mass Mon, Wed 9.00am Tue, Thu 10.00am

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Thanksgiving and Family Mass - by appointment (02) 6729 1116.

## UNITING CHURCH

Inverell Uniting Church services are live streamed 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

<b>Bingara</b>	Scots Presbyterian Church is open for worship at 10.00am every Sunday. Sunday School is also held each week.
<b>Warialda</b>	St Stephen's Presbyterian Church has a weekly worship service each Sunday at 10.00am. All welcome. Enquiries (02) 6721 0511.