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**NSW Fire & Rescue launches urgent recruitment appeal to prevent Bingara losing this vital community service.**

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## Aussie Hay Runners give Gwydir farmers a hand up

**Aussie Hay Runners (AHR) made a welcome visit to the Gwydir LGA on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June where they delivered 832 bales of donated hay to flood-affected farmers.**

According to founder, Linda Widdup, Aussie Hay Runners is a group of people from all

walks of life who work together to help farmers that are flood, fire and extreme weather affected. The group transports donated hay and fodder to support farmers and rural communities in their times of greatest need.

Farmers in the Gwydir LGA who have been affected by recent flooding were

*Big rigs on arrival in Bingara as Aussie Hay Runners prepare to distribute donated hay to local farmers. Drone photography courtesy of Gethro Drones - contact Geoff Pankhurst on 0427 453 383 (see page 11).*



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encouraged to reach out to on-ground coordinator Beth Sandral to see if they were eligible for an allocation. The Gwydir LGA run saw 26 trucks travelling a total of 66,000km, carrying 832 bales of donated hay valued at \$79,040 coming from all over Victoria with these bales directly helping local farmers, their families and in turn, local communities.

Trucks travelled to their meet up in Tomingley on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June and on Saturday morning, the convoy set off via the Newell Highway travelling through Dubbo, Gilgandra, Coonabarabran and Narrabri, arriving at Bingara Showground mid-afternoon. Sunday was spent unloading hay before drivers hit the road for the long haul back south to Southern NSW and Victoria. This was their 15<sup>th</sup> run for 2024!

*Aussie Hay Runners driver Jeff Johnston arriving at the Bingara Showground on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Jeff was part of a 26-strong convoy that travelled a total of 66,000km to bring donated hay to Gwydir farmers.*



According to founder Linda Widdup, it's a small group of dedicated volunteers including on-ground AHR coordinators, people who donate and farmers who grow hay, and a large group of drivers who make the Aussie Hay Runner family what it is today. AHR is supported by Scott Stevens and the Heyfield Lions Club, and the NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) who provide a transport subsidy to help get the hay where it's needed.

Linda, who lives in country Victoria, started AHR in 2019 after watching the impact of the devastating effects of drought. Shocked at the plight of drought-stricken farmers she decided she needed to help "in some small way". Five years on, AHR has completed 35 runs with 1,010 trucks, travelled almost 3.3 million kilometres to deliver 35,741 bales of hay, and helped 3,157 farmers. At the time of writing, donated hay had a value of almost 3.4 million dollars.

AHR is extremely proud to help our farmers—"it's not a hand out, it's a hand up" as Linda always says. "There are other areas desperate for help and our logistics team is working hard planning and scheduling, there's just so many farmers needing help in so many areas, so if you can, please make a donation—100% of your donation will be used to purchase hay."

**You can follow the Aussie Hay Runners convoy and find donation details on their Facebook page:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/aussiehayrunners>**

And, if you're lucky enough to see them on the road, make sure to show your support with a toot and a wave!



# Myall Creek Massacre Memorial Commemoration 2024

**On June 10 1838**, at least 28 First Nations Wirrayaraay people were callously murdered by a group of non-Indigenous stockmen at Myall Creek Station. Among the victims of the massacre were women, children and old men. On December of the same year, seven men were executed for the murders.



*Image courtesy of Kim Miller.*



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Park partnered with Arts North West's First Nations Artisan 'Gather and Trade' markets. Visitors enjoyed craft stalls where they were able to purchase diverse wares from the stall holders. Mini workshops were run throughout the day in weaving, papermaking and bush tucker talks!

The exhibition featured established and emerging artists displaying their craft work—from ochre to acrylics, weaving to sculpture, traditional to modern, with a little wood work, photography and upcycling, the diverse display of crafts captured each visitor's creative imagination.

The exhibition opened at 2pm with artist's talks and Welcome to Country. Participating artists included, Waabii Chapman-Burgess, Jodie Herden, Tess Reading, Tania

Each year, hundreds of people gather to reflect on the massacre at a memorial located close by the massacre site at Myall Creek Station between Bingara and Inverell in Northern New South Wales. The Myall Creek Massacre Memorial was established in 2000 and is recognised as one of Australia's most important centres of reconciliation.

The 2024 Memorial Commemoration was attended by political figures, school groups and dance troupes with podcaster and activist Boe Spearim acting as guest speaker. Boe is a Gamilaraay & Kooma radio host and podcaster who is well known for his production of *Frontier War Stories*—a podcast dedicated to truth-telling about a side of Australia that has been left out of the history books.

The annual commemorative service is held each June long weekend. This year for the opening, Ceramic Break Sculpture



*Image courtesy of Kim Miller.*



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Hartigan, Gai Southwell, Karla McGrady, Madeleine Richey, Ronella Dolly Jerome, Raelene Richey, Krystle Lamb, Tylana Lamb and many more.

The memorial events pay tribute to the strength and resilience of First Nations people in the face of devastating colonial actions and are a reminder of the importance of truth telling about Australia's black history. This event is an opportunity for communities to recover, reconcile and share in First Nations creativity, living culture and stories.

**The 2024 Myall Creek Art Exhibition at Ceramic Break Sculpture Park will continue until July 2024. For further information please contact Barbara or Kerry at Ceramic Break Sculpture Park on 02 6729 4147.**

**Deputy Mayor Catherine Egan and Councillor Tiffany Galvin attended the annual Myall Creek Massacre Memorial Gathering of Commemoration on Sunday June 9, 2024.**

After a very foggy start to the day those in attendance enjoyed the days celebrations in beautiful sunshine.



Image courtesy of Kim Miller.



# Bingara Long Run Skate Park

The dream of the young citizens of Bingara was to have a skate park. Concept plans were created, and Gwydir Shire Council was successful in obtaining \$450,000 in grant funding under the NSW Open Spaces Places to Play Program in 2021/2022. Council contributed towards the total cost to ensure the successful completion of the project.

Bingara's Long Run Skate Park has been constructed at Cunningham Park as part of the Pool Precinct and Gwydir River Foreshore area. Cunningham Park is a prime central location for the community and visitors to meet, exercise, play and relax. The skate park has been designed to work amongst significant existing trees in Cunningham Park. The facility will accommodate all ages from young children to supervising parents of community members and visitors. The skate park will enhance the existing facilities at Cunningham

Park which includes public toilets, children's playground, outdoor exercise equipment, historical steam engine, BBQ and shelters.

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Paul Scully said the NSW Government has invested \$450,000 towards the skate park upgrade.

"Bingara Long Run Skate Park will be a fantastic public open space addition for the local area that residents of all abilities and ages can enjoy," Mr Scully said.

"I'm sure this new skate park will be a huge hit with kids across the New England region as they look forward to trying it for themselves during the winter school holiday period."

The development of the skate park includes skate bowl, quarter pipes, down ledges, down ramps, rails, quarter pipe returns, pump track footpaths and shelters. The orange colour scheme that covers the vertical

surfaces of the park symbolises the popular annual Orange Festival, which incorporates Bingara Central School students and preschool children picking the oranges from the trees in Finch Street that were planted as a living memorial in remembrance of the fallen soldiers of the two World Wars.

The construction contract was awarded to Precision Skate Parks Pty Ltd of Yackandandah, Victoria. The initial earthworks were carried out by Gwydir Shire Council and AC HJ Rose and Sons Earthmoving of Wialda. Precision Skate Parks constructed the skateable areas and the pump track. Gwydir Shire Council staff and local tradesmen completed the footpaths, shelters and landscaping.

The official opening of the Bingara Long Run Skate Park took place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June and was hosted by Council and the Honourable Paul Scully, NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

***Pictured L-R: Bingara Central School students Benji Ricardo, Jymari Robinson, and Daniel Gomez, Deputy Mayor Catherine Egan, Town Utilities and Plant Manager Andrew Cooper, and Bingara Central School student Tobie Cover.***



## Renovations set to improve safety and efficiency at Warialda Visitor Information Centre

Gwydir Shire Council will be undertaking renovations at the Warialda Visitor Information Centre aimed at improving the safety and efficiency of the facility. The renovation project will involve relocating the service area to the eastern wall of the centre, a strategic move designed to enhance staff visibility and safety.

The current layout of the Visitor Information Centre poses potential risks to the safety of staff members. By moving the service area to the eastern wall, staff will have a clearer view of the entrance, enabling them to monitor visitors more effectively and respond promptly to any safety concerns. This new placement is also expected to streamline the flow of visitor traffic, allowing staff to assist customers more efficiently.

To facilitate these renovations, the Gwydir Shire Council's Customer Service and Visitor Information Centre will temporarily relocate to the main Council office on Hope Street. **This temporary move will commence on 15<sup>th</sup> July, with an anticipated reopening date of 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.**

During the renovation period, the Service NSW Office at the Warialda Visitor Information Centre will be closed. However, the Bingara Agency will extend its operations to five days a week to accommodate the community's needs. The Council is also coordinating with Service NSW to arrange for the Service NSW bus to visit Warialda during this period.

The Gwydir Shire Council appreciates the community's understanding and patience during these necessary renovations and looks forward to unveiling a safer and more efficient Visitor Information Centre upon completion.

Council will also be reaching out to both current and new volunteers who are passionate about their community. Council needs your assistance to staff the Visitor Information Centre on weekends and to provide valuable information to visitors. Your involvement will greatly enhance every visitor's experience.



*Bingara &  
Warialda*

LIBRARIES

### OPENING HOURS

BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024

MONDAY

10 AM - 1 PM

TUESDAY

10 AM - 1 PM & 3 PM - 5 PM

WEDNESDAY

10 AM - 1 PM & 3 PM - 5 PM

THURSDAY

10 AM - 1 PM & 3 PM - 5 PM

FRIDAY

10 AM - 1 PM



## Community Election Information Nights

Tuesday 6 August 2024 | 7:00pm  
Bingara | The Living Classroom

Tuesday 13 August 2024 | 7:00pm  
Warialda | Warialda Memorial Hall



# NSW Fire & Rescue

## Bingara Information Session

## Urgent Recruitment Appeal

NSW Fire and Rescue would like to extend an invitation to all Bingara community members to attend an important information session regarding recruitment for our local fire station.

We strive to maintain the highest standards of emergency response. However, our ability to uphold this commitment hinges on the availability of retained firefighters. Regrettably, unless we secure the minimum required number of retained firefighters, the station faces the imminent risk of closure. Despite some promising applications currently underway, we find ourselves far from reaching the critical threshold of 12 retained firefighters needed to keep the station operational. On-Call Firefighters are paid for attendance at incidents, training sessions, community safety and education activities. Please mark your calendars and join us.

Our recruitment Officer Amy will be up from Tamworth to explain the situation, answer questions and share insights into becoming a retained firefighter with NSW Fire and Rescue. Learn about the application process, training, and the vital role in community safety. Hear from Bingara's two current retained firefighters for their first-hand experiences.



**FIRE +  
RESCUE**

Let's come together and support our local fire station to prevent Bingara from losing this vital community service.

Date		Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Time		6.00pm
Location		The Roxy Theatre
Contact		Amy - 0458 554 016



For further inquiries or to register interest, please contact us through our Facebook page or you can **contact Amy directly on 0458 554 016.**

# Happy Days FESTIVAL

*Hosted by the incredible Memphis Moovers!*

## Trivia Night

**6:30pm at The Roxy**

**\$10 pp - Get a table together or  
join one on the night**

**Bar operating - BYO nibbles**



**Contact** For further event details, local attractions and accommodation  
call the Bingara Information Centre on 02 6724 0066 or visit [www.visitgwydir.com.au](http://www.visitgwydir.com.au)

 Bingara, NSW

  
**GWYDIR**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

**THE BINGARA ORANGE TREES**

Planted as a living memorial to Bingara's fallen in World Wars I and II.

Our children (the orange police) are taught the significance of the trees from an early age and are quick to educate anyone who tries to pick the oranges before our

Annual Orange Picking Day. This is a unique Bingara tradition since the 1960's.

**B I N G A R A**

# RANGE PICKING

*Ceremony*

**Bingara Central School**  
in conjunction with  
**Bingara RSL Sub Branch and Gwydir Shire Council**

invite you to attend our

**Annual Orange Picking Ceremony and Harvest**  
**FRIDAY 5 JULY 2024 - commencing at 11:00am**  
*Finch Street near the Bingara RSL*

# Spotlight on Local Business



**GETHRO DRONES** is a local business, based in Bingara, supplying high quality drone photos and videos captured in a variety of settings.

When you need a different perspective of your farm, business or event, you can trust local drone pilot Geoff Pankhurst of **GETHRO DRONES** to get the job done. Geoff's past clients include Gwydir Shire Council, Craddock Building Services, Aussie Hay Runners and Sharway Horses & Working Dogs.



We asked Geoff for 5-minutes of his time to promote his business and some work samples for everyone to enjoy!

I'm Geoff Pankhurst and I retired from the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) two years ago after a career with the same organisation that spanned 38 years. I started **GETHRO DRONES** after I retired, keen to make the most of the many new skills I'd gained during the last 5 years of my employment. During my time with the DPI I gained a wealth of experience in drone photography, flying many missions for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage inspections and "Cap and Pipe" artesian bore projects. I also gained my Remote Pilot Licence (RePL) and Certificate in Aeronautical Radio Operations.

I've enjoyed travelling around the region undertaking drone photography flights for a wide variety of customers including landowners, builders and concrete fabricators, as well as for organisations such as the Gwydir Shire Council.

I've also enjoyed showcasing places of interest in the Gwydir Shire including Cranky Rock, Sawn Rocks, Bingara Golf Course and The Living Classroom.

I've especially enjoyed donating my time to the Aussie Hay Runners during their two visits to Bingara in recent months.

Check out my Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Gethrodrone/> and Follow me to stay up-to-date with my current drone photography and videography work.

When you need a new fresh perspective, contact me to book or find out more information.

**Geoff Pankhurst | 0427 453 383**

**Gpankhurst1962@gmail.com**

Casa remote pilot licence: 1087946



# An Enchanting Journey Through History

## TEA WITH MUSSOLINI

A FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI FILM

Set in the years leading up to World War II, "Tea with Mussolini" follows the journey of Luca, a young boy raised by a group of eccentric British and American expatriates living in Florence. Led by the indomitable and fiercely independent Miss Mary (played with impeccable poise by Joan Plowright), this eclectic group of women, including the vivacious Arabella (Judi Dench), the spirited Lady Hester (Maggie Smith), and the kind-hearted American art collector Elsa (Cher), form an unlikely family bound by their love for art, culture, and each other.

At its heart, "Tea with Mussolini" is a story about the power of friendship, resilience, and the enduring strength of the human spirit in the face of adversity. As fascism rises in Italy and the threat of war looms large, the bonds between the characters are tested, leading to moments of heartache, laughter, and ultimately, triumph.

The film transports viewers to a time and place where elegance and grace flourished amidst the chaos of history. The lush cinematography captures the beauty of Tuscany's landscapes, while the exquisite costumes and set design evoke the glamour of a bygone era.

The ensemble cast delivers stellar performances, breathing life into characters that are as vibrant and colourful as the Florentine streets themselves. Joan Plowright shines as the matriarchal figure of Miss Mary, while Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, and Cher bring depth and nuance to their respective roles, infusing the film with humour, warmth, and humanity.

"Tea with Mussolini" is a cinematic treat. It's a film that transports viewers on a journey filled with laughter, tears, and moments of profound insight. Whether you're a history buff, an art enthusiast, or simply a lover of good storytelling and brilliant acting, you are sure to enjoy this film.

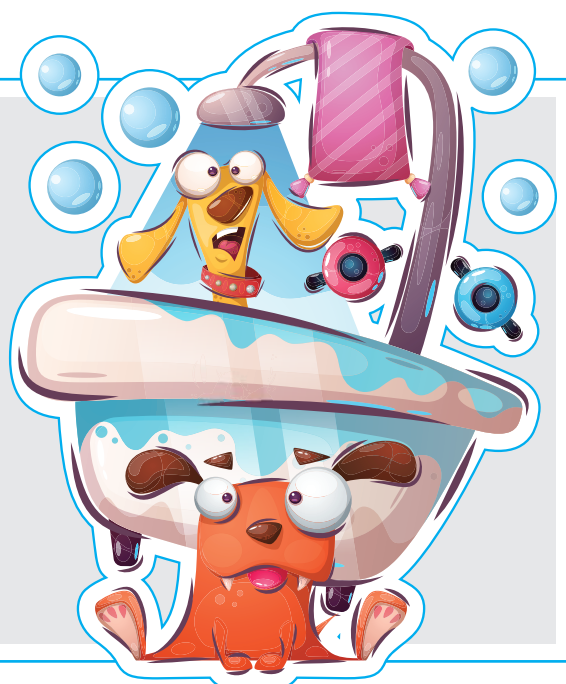
So, come along to the Roxy Theatre in Bingara at 4pm on June 30, and join in with the members of the NWTC Film Club to let Franco Zeffirelli's "Tea with Mussolini" whisk you away on a cinematic adventure you won't soon forget. New members are always welcome.



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2/2 Hall St, Warialda  
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A FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI FILM

# TEA WITH MUSSOLINI

CHER JUDI DENCH JOAN PLOWRIGHT MAGGIE SMITH LILY TOMLIN



**The North West Theatre Company Film Club presents**

**Tea With Mussolini**

**Sunday June 30th 2024 | 4:00pm | The Roxy Theatre**

## News from Bingara Central School



## From the Principal

### SRC Attend GRIP Student Leadership Conference

Our Primary SRC Leadership team of Amelia K, Jess M, Ivy M, Jade W and Faithlyn A travelled to Moree recently for the 2024 Grip Student Leadership Conference—a great opportunity for our school leaders to be involved and actively participate in discussion and activities aimed at young adults stepping forward.

Students were required to collaborate with leaders from other schools and get out of their comfort zone during activities to encourage new and meaningful ideas. We hope that with their new knowledge they can contribute in an even greater capacity and with lasting impact to the Bingara Central School community.

### BCS Breakfast Club boost with Bingara Bakehouse

Bingara Central School has proudly teamed up with local business, Bingara Bakehouse, to ensure our Breakfast Club program continues to offer students the best start to their day.

Every morning all students from Kindergarten to Year 12 have access to toast cooked freshly by our Breakfast Club team.

Foodbank NSW & ACT allows us to serve a range of items throughout the year, including fresh fruit, drinks and other breakfast alternatives.

We know that having a good breakfast improves concentration and readiness to learn. The positive impact of a regular, nutritious breakfast can have on factors such as physical and mental health, attendance, behaviour and academic outcomes are invaluable for our students.

We are truly grateful for the local support of this initiative in our school community.



## On the Sporting Field

It has been another busy month for BCS students on the sporting field. As we head towards our annual Thomson Cup we have been practicing our track and field techniques. You may have heard the drumming as our Sporting Houses of Bradman, Laver and Fraser fine-tune their marching skills in preparation for first points on the day in the Marching Challenge. We look forward to the carnival on Friday June 21.

This month, Stage 5 student Jarrod P travelled to Wollongong to prepare for and compete in the U15s Rugby League NSW CHS Championship. As a member of the North West team he played three matches against President's, Sydney Red and Northern teams. Jarrod says he had some good game time and was able to make some good runs in each match.

We congratulate Jarrod who will also compete at the upcoming NSW CHS U15s Rugby Union Championships at Tuggerah.



Our MC Boccia team of Izaak W, Zander K, Roman K, Anton G and Novak B have been participating with great commitment in the NSW School Sports Unit Boccia Competition. This was a new sport to each of our students and they have learned some great new skills as they came up against Inverell

and Quirindi.

## Brooke Wall

Principal  
Bingara Central School

# Charge batteries responsibly



Learn more on fire safety



## News from St Josephs School Warialda



## From the Principal

Thank you to all students, staff and families for their respectful participation at the ANZAC Day Ceremony and in the march. (1)

St Josephs has welcomed Tharawonga Mobile Resource Unit to their school. Tharawonga is a Mobile Long Daycare service that is overseen by a qualified Early Childhood teacher. All educators are either Certificate III or Diploma trained. The service accepts children from the age of 2 to 6 years of age with programs centred on children's areas of interest and appropriate developmental stage. A lot of nature appreciation is built into the programs and children are taught the value of living in rural communities. The service mostly operates from local town halls or schools where staff bring equipment and resources with them each day for the children's education.

We are excited to announce that Tharawonga will now be operating from St Josephs Hall every Friday 8:30am-4:30pm during school term time. We are thrilled to join with Tharawonga to bring much needed

childcare to the community. For more information or enrolments please contact **Tharawonga Director, Emma Read - 0428 291 208.**

Rebecca from Good for Kids visited us to discuss healthier options for our lunch boxes. We encourage students to have a healthy eating option between our morning sessions to reenergize the body and mind. Together with Rebecca the children made a smoothie using a bicycle (and their muscles) to power the blender. Students went home with a fridge magnet booklet about options to swap it for a healthier choice. Since the visit from Rebecca we have seen some fantastic healthy options in students lunch boxes. Well done students. (2)

Thank you to all the businesses who donated to our Monster Mother's Day raffle. Your donations are very much appreciated. We had 15 massive gift baskets that went out to some very lucky people. Thank you to students and parents for selling tickets and to everyone in the community who supported us by purchasing tickets.

**Cross Country:** On Monday 6th May we returned to Gravesend for our

joint Cross Country with Pallamallawa Public School and Gravesend Public School. Thank you to staff, students and volunteers for running a wonderful event.

We were very lucky to be visited by the Immaculate Sisters and Armidale Brothers during the week. They brought the message of God in a very positive and engaging way by singing, dancing and having fun with our students. They have come to visit our Parish and the area to immerse themselves within our culture and community. Our Parish and School have been extremely fortunate to have these visits and look forward to many more. (3 & 4)

**Garden update:** Our students got their hands dirty and helped to freshen up our school gardens by planting some Australian Natives. Students prepared the garden by weeding and adding some nutrients back into the soil to give the plants extra growing power in their new home. (5 & 6)

**Mathew Mills**

Principal

St Josephs School Warialda



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# Kindergarten TRANSITION DAYS

*at St Joseph's Warialda*

Dates: 25 June (Term 2, 2024)  
30 July, 13 & 27 August, 17 September (Term 3, 2024)  
Time: 9am - 11am

## THESE DAYS OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY;

- to introduce families to our school community!
- for your child to meet some of their school friends and teachers!

\* If your child attends Warialda Preschool on Tuesdays, we can walk them back at the conclusion of the transition.



## Contact Us!

(with any questions or to confirm your attendance)

Phone: (02) 6729 1328

Email: [waradmin@arm.catholic.edu.au](mailto:waradmin@arm.catholic.edu.au)

Address: 25 Plunkett Street, Warialda NSW 2402

 @stjoeyswarialda



## News from Warialda Public School



## From the Principal

**The Warialda Public School community continues to flourish with seemingly endless opportunities available in and beyond our classrooms.**

The quality of teaching available to our students is of the very highest standard with all of our staff having the common belief that they can achieve success by knowing, valuing and caring for all 216 students.

It's that time of year where we focus on preparing our incoming Kindergarten students for the year to come. Our renowned Busy Bee Kindergarten Transition program has commenced and our incoming students have already started adjusting to the routines of big school! We also hosted our annual Parent Information session that was well attended and provides all participants with the opportunity to start building strong relationships. We know the power of highly effective relationships and we work extremely hard to create and maintain these.



Our P&C continue to support the students of WPS in so many ways. This wonderful group have once again committed to providing financial assistance to our major excursions. A fundraiser that has just wrapped up is the annual Pie Drive. This fundraiser is always well supported and is much loved by our school community who love filling up their freezers with pies at this time of the year!

A huge congratulations is extended to our phenomenal choir who has received high praise from the judges at the Inverell Eisteddfod recently when being awarded first place in: Music School Groups K-6 M47. Our students performed two beautiful songs that had the audience in awe of their talent! Congratulations to our choir and dedicated teacher, Mrs Sarah Dawson for this wonderful achievement.

Our PSSA sporting commitments continue to keep our students, staff and families very busy. All of the PSSA competitions take the form of a knockout, meaning that losing ends that particular competition. Whilst we don't like to focus on winning, it goes without saying that by winning, a

team gets more opportunities to play and ultimately improve. Our knockout tennis, netball and soccer teams have all wrapped up their respective competitions. However, our cricket, basketball, touch football and rugby league teams remain alive in their competitions.

Since 2021, our WPS rugby league team has made every North West final. In 2024, we made our fourth consecutive final and claimed a third North West title in four years. What is the secret to our success? Hard work and passion! The team faced an almighty task in a first up game against Glen Innes Public School who have a very strong junior program. From the very first set, our team showed clear intent and went on to record an emphatic 40 - 10 win. This win put us into the North West Final against the giant killing - Timbumburi Public School. Our team had no idea what to expect from TPS but it didn't take long to establish that the final was going to be a classic arm wrestle. Whilst WPS held a 12-nil halftime lead, it felt more like nil all with the game being absolutely brutal. When the fulltime siren sounded, our WPS team had crafted away to claim a famous 28 nil win placing them in the

top eight teams in NSW. Whilst winning is fun and can be impressive, the real highlight of the day was the teamwork and sportsmanship shown by all of our players. Each of the players involved were simply amazing and as a school community, we could not speak more highly of their conduct on and off the field. The team will now continue to train diligently in preparation for a state quarter final in Term 3.

Recently we hosted the WPS Health Day with a lineup of superstar professionals from HealthWISE on site delivering amazingly important messages to our students. The team consisted of:

**Leticia Kearney** | Primary Health Care Nurse - Oral health

**Chris Connor** | Senior Primary Health Care Nurse - Personal Hygiene

**Sue Manttan** | Care Navigation, Primary Health Care - Back Pack Program

**Ellen Gordon** | Physiotherapist - Exercise, sport and stretching

**Snr Constable Fiona McCormack** - Cyber bullying and cyber safety

With so many important messages being given, we hope that our students were totally inspired to put into practice their new learnings. Our sincere appreciation is extended to this wonderful team who were so patient and informative with our students!

Also, a special vote of thanks to Chris Connor who coordinated the crew.

Our Premier's Debating Challenge teams have been in the thick of the action participating in debates against Barraba, Moree, Bellata and more. This 'sport' is so exciting and challenging! We love watching our students develop not only their confidence but also their understanding of debating etiquette and complex arguments. We look forward to seeing these teams progress deeper into this brilliant program.

**Dan van Velthuisen**  
Principal  
Warialda Public School



# Career Opportunity

## Student Support Officer | Moree Campus



Are you a skilled administrator with a passion for education? Do you have an interest in community connection and technology? This position is for you!

Community College Northern Inland Inc. (CCNI) is a not-for-profit registered training organisation (RTO) specialising in a range of nationally accredited adult education programs.

### Position Purpose

Community College Northern Inland currently has an opportunity to join our Moree Campus, 4 days per week. The Student Support Officer will, with the campus team and the rest of the CCNI team, ensure that CCNI's practices and behaviours comply with the Standards for RTO's by providing students with quality outcomes through the five key phases of the student experience—Marketing and Recruitment, Enrolment, Support and Progression, Training and Assessment and, Completion.

Our successful applicant will also deliver digital access to communities via The Hub—a 4WD vehicle equipped with powerful portable internet connectivity. The right person will be able to make a powerful impact in the Moree Plains—helping specialised services, employers and the general public access broadband free of charge with support.

This position is a part-time, fixed term contract until June 2025.



### Essential criteria

- Strong communication skills and commitment to customer service.
- Excellent skills in Microsoft 365 or similar cloud system including Word, Outlook and Excel.
- Excellent skills in email and file management.
- Experience using third-party software and apps such as student management systems, office software and social media platforms.
- Accurate data entry skills.
- Ability to work independently with a minimum of supervision.
- Experience in a confidential environment and able to use good judgement (common sense).
- Demonstrated experience in community project management, including the ability to facilitate groups, organise events, and proven ability to develop and maintain relationships with key stakeholders and community organisations.
- Effective time management skills and the ability to work to strict deadlines.
- Strong understanding of Kamilaroi culture and community.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to work with a broad range of people from a variety of backgrounds and experiences as well as highly developed verbal and written communication skills.
- Current Driver's license and the ability to travel into country areas and on dirt roads.
- To be appointed to this role you must provide a current Working With Children Check and a National Police Clearance Certificate.

### Desirable criteria

- Certificate IV Training and Assessment.
- Business or administration qualifications.
- Understanding and experience of the vocational education and training sector.

### Ready to apply?

Submit your application, including cover letter, current resumé, and brief written responses to the essential criteria via email to [hr@ccni.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hr@ccni.nsw.edu.au). Applications that do not address the essential criteria will not be considered.

**Applications close: Monday 1st July at 5pm.**

# SKATE



## Skate Event to Roll Out in Warialda

Young people in the Warialda area are encouraged to sign up for a free Skateboard and Scooter workshop during the July school holidays.

The event will be held Monday 15 July and will see professional skateboarders from Totem Skateboarding in Warialda for the first time.

Project coordinator, Christy Galbraith, says the event is being hosted by non-profit group Regional Community Builders, who host free youth events across north west NSW.

Ms Galbraith explained Totem leads workshops for skateboarders and scooter riders across the country, teaching beginners through to advanced level youth.

"Totem have been running these workshops since 2010 and their staff have competed as high as Olympic level skateboarding".

"The free event in Warialda is open to young people aged 6 - 24 years and is a great opportunity to try skateboarding for the first time and for those who are more experienced, to learn some new stunts and tricks", she said.

"Skateboarding is an inexpensive and readily available sport and Totem are terrific teaching youngsters how to

enjoy themselves safely and also develop confidence to try something new".

The event starts 10.00am and finishes at 2.00pm on Monday 15 July at Warialda Skate Park in Holden Street.

Thanks to funding from the New South Wales Government, the event is free, with lunch for participants included and prizes on offer. Boards, helmets and safety gear are available for participants who don't have their own.

**MONDAY 15 JULY  
10AM - 2PM**



Registration for the event is now open and available online at <https://bit.ly/3KwQX6f>.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Cancer Council**  
Australia's Biggest  
Morning Tea



## Carinda House Happenings

Members of Carinda House and CWA would like to thank the Warialda community for their generous contributions to our 23<sup>rd</sup> annual successful Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea—we raised \$2,150.

We'd also like to thank Chris Connors and Margie Burns for giving of their time on the day. Patrons were reminded of the need to participate in cancer checks regularly. Early diagnosis is vital and a sure way to beat the Big C.

We'd also like to congratulate the winners of our multi-prize

raffle; the prizes were all donated for the day.

The winners were: Cheryl Moorhead, Kerry Kent, Linda Prentice, Tracy Callister, Pauline Baker, Mr Corlette, R. Harris, Margaret Rose, Clem Bower, Deb Turner, Annette Ford, Julie Corry, Rose Mangion, Libby Cotter, Rev Steve Cimarosti.

*Pictured below: Carinda House President Lanna thanking Chris Connors*



## Warialda Hospital Auxiliary **June update**

Warialda Hospital Auxiliary will hold the AGM on Monday June 24 at the Warialda MPS commencing at 2.00pm in the Activities Room.

All members are invited to attend and new members are also encouraged to join this wonderful organisation that has been raising money to support our hospital for 83 years.

Members have had a busy time selling tickets in our raffle of a Weber. The raffle was drawn on Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> and congratulations to the Clarke family who were the winners. The family was delighted and pleased to win such a great prize. Thank you to everyone who supported the Auxiliary by purchasing tickets.

Members were saddened at the sudden death of our member Mitzy Anderson at the beginning of May. To Mitzy's family and partner John, the Auxiliary offers condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The Auxiliary has recently purchased bed cradles for long stay patients and we are awaiting the arrival of two special sitting to standing chairs also for the long stay patients. All money raised by the Auxiliary is used to support patients, doctors and staff of our Warialda MPS.

If you are new to the town/district volunteering is a great way to meet the locals and give support to our hospital. Please put Monday June 24 in your calendar and come along and join the Auxiliary.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



Lifelong Bingara resident, Beulah Molloy, celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2024.

Beulah was surprised when family members started arriving at her Bingara home on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, without notice. Nearly all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren made the trek and celebrated with a lunch at the Imperial Hotel on Saturday.

Beulah Molloy xx

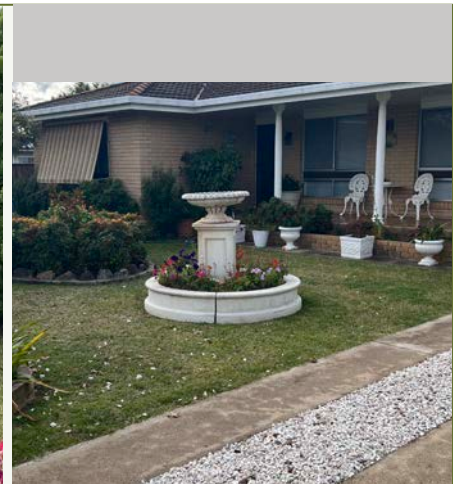
## Bingara

## Garden Club

Welcome to a meticulously maintained and attractive garden at 7 Riddell Street in Bingara.

Shirley Keating has won the **Encouragement Award** for June 2024. Hers is an established garden with a backdrop of older trees. Filling the front and side gardens is a proliferation of greens and colours all reflecting the changing seasons and an ever-generous Autumn.

Birds of paradise, hippeastrums, gerberas, petunias, shasta daisies and iceberg roses are flourishing while agapanthus and hydrangeas wait for spring and November lilies and camellias.



# SKATEBOARD & SCOOTER SESSION

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★ Beginners - Intermediate levels welcome!

**MONDAY 15 JULY  
10AM - 2PM**

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- August 28
- September 25
- October 30

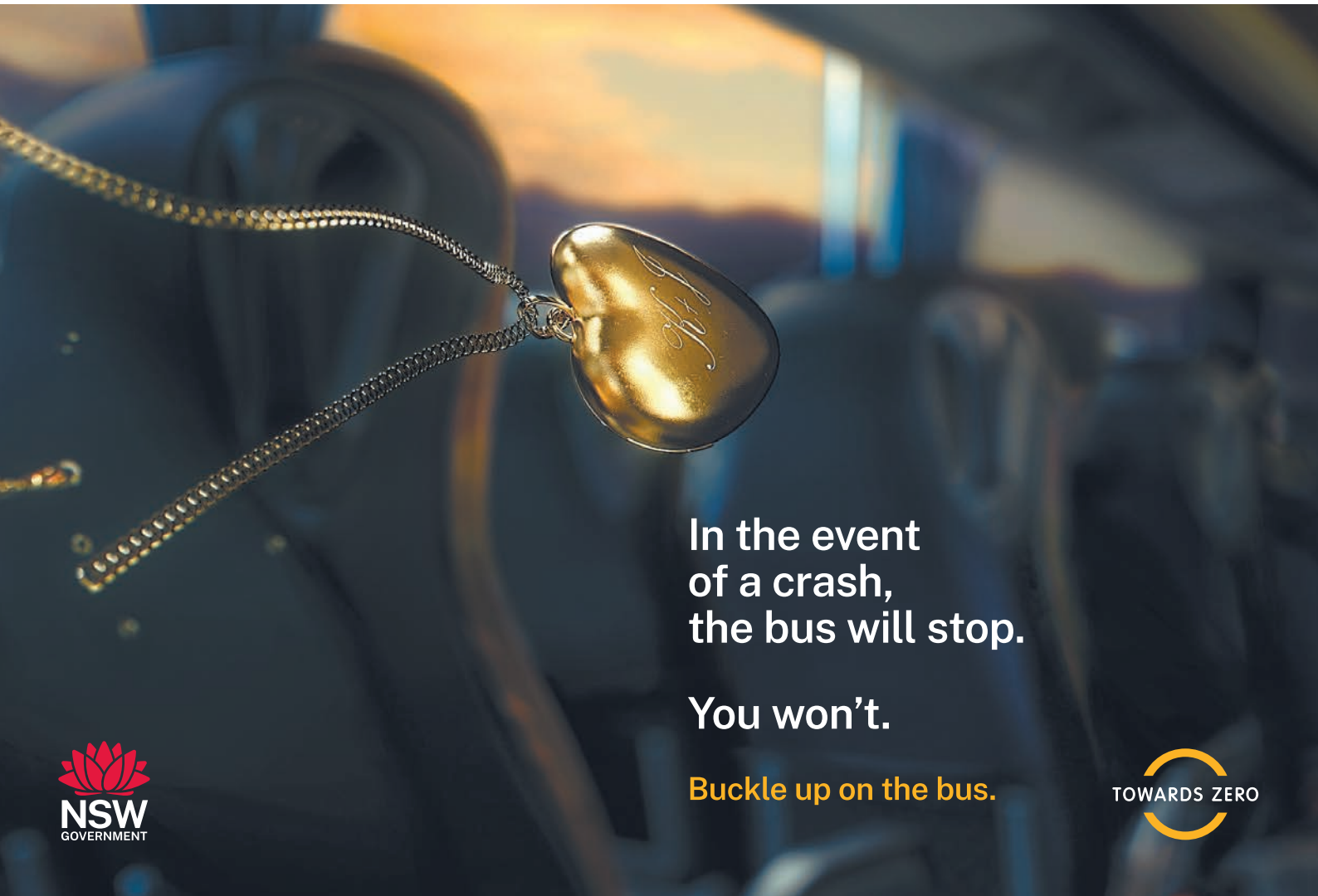
For appointments, contact the Warialda Medical Centre on **02 6729 1520**

**Next visits to Bingara**

- June 27
- August 29
- September 26
- October 31

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





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**65%** as at 17 June 2024



# Bingara Golf Report

Submitted by John Gill

## Bingara Golf Championships 2024

Falling rain on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May did not deter 20 Bingara golfers who turned up to nominate for the first of four rounds of golf, held over two weekends. By round four, the field had fallen back in numbers due to illness, and other commitments. To all the winners, congratulations, and the ones that missed out—see you in 2025.

### 2024 Results

<b>Bingara golf champion and A Grade winner</b>	Shane Thomson - Congratulations Shane
A Grade Runner up	Brad Craddock
A Grade nett winner	Brock Galvin
A Grade nett runner up	Ron Armstrong
B Grade winner	Danny Capel
B Grade runner up	Col Whitfield
B Grade nett winner	Mick Phillips
B Grade nett runner up	Garry Hincksman
C Grade winner	Gerry Amer
C Grade runner up	Mick Walton
C Grade nett winner	Dave Armitage
Veterans winner	Danny Capel
Junior winner	Brock Galvin



### Results of winners for each day

Round one 11/5/24 winner	Gerry Amer
NTP	
7/16	Col Whitfield
9/18	Shane Thomson
2nd best shot 6/15	Shane Thomson
Round two 12/5/24 winner	Brad Craddock
NTP	
7/16	Brock Galvin
9/18	Shane Thomson
2nd best shot 6/15	Shane Thomson
Round three 18/5/24 winner	Ron Armstrong
NTP	
7/16	Ron Armstrong
9/18	Mick Phillips
2nd best shot 6/15	Damien Galvin
Round four 19/5/24 winner	Peter Smith
NTP	
7/16	Rick Burton
9/18	Col Whitfield
2nd best shot 6/15	Ron Armstrong

Winners of the  
Bingara Golf Championships 2024



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**Contact Geoff on: 0427 453 383  
or Gpankhurst1962@gmail.com**

## SAVE-THE-DATE

BINGARA CENTRAL SCHOOL EXCURSIONS FUNDRAISING EVENT

**SAVE THE DATE**

**3 JULY 24**



*Beef Tasting*

Time slots will be the same as last time

3:30pm - 4:30pm

4:30pm - 5:30pm

5:30pm - 6:30pm

**More details to come**

## SAVE-THE-DATE

**JUST DANCE**  
*Rock and Roll*  
**LINE DANCING**

Saturday 6 July 2024 | The Roxy Theatre, Bingara

Beginner Rock and Roll Line Dancing Workshop | 9am - 11am | \$5

Dance Social | 2pm - 6pm | \$5



DJ Ian Duke from Newcastle | Rock and Roll Demonstration | Ukulele Performance | Aunty Violet's Attic Vintage Clothes and Items | Balloon Bingo | Photographer

Hot dogs, popcorn, drinks, coffee van, afternoon tea table and lolly bar.

Free entry for spectators.

# What's on

## JUNE 2024

<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	NSW Fire & Rescue - Bingara Information Session - Urgent Recruitment Appeal - 6.00pm - The Roxy Theatre - Contact Amy 0458 554 016
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Adam Harvey & Beccy Cole - Warialda Memorial Hall - 7.30pm - <a href="http://www.stickytickets.com.au/QLSOZ">www.stickytickets.com.au/QLSOZ</a>
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Northern Tablelands By-Election
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Tharawonga Ladies Lunch - 9.30am - Tickets \$35 - RSVP to Emma-Rose 0467 889 957
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Warialda Hospital Auxiliary AGM - Warialda MPS - 2.00pm in the Activities Room
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Beginner Line Dancing Lessons - Warialda Memorial Hall - 9.30am to 11.30am
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Warialda Wombats Rugby League - Friday night game Indigenous Round - Warialda vs Tingha at Jim Payne Oval (May change to a Saturday)
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	NWTC Film Club "Tea With Mussolini"

## JULY 2024

<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Gravesend Community Group AGM and General Meeting - Old RSL Club Gravesend - 6.00pm - Soup and a bread roll for \$5 - 6.30pm Start
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Youth Exchange - Contact Suzanne Webber for more information on 0427 241 931
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Bingara Orange Picking Ceremony
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Just Dance Rock 'n Roll Line Dancing - The Roxy Theatre, Bingara
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Bingara Happy Days Orange Festival
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Warialda Wombats vs Narwan - Jim Payne Oval
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Skateboard & Scooter Session - 10.00am to 2.00pm - Warialda Skate Park, Holden Street - Register at <a href="https://bit.ly/3KwQX6f">https://bit.ly/3KwQX6f</a>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	"1980's Before we were offended" - Doors open at 6.30pm both evenings
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	NWTC Film Club "Inherit the Wind"

## AUGUST 2024

<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	The Fish That Wanted to Fly - 11.00am - The Roxy Theatre, Bingara - <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/CRDZX">www.trybooking.com/CRDZX</a>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	FABBA - The Roxy Theatre, Bingara - Tables of 10 or theatre seating - Tickets available July 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Bingara Races - Tickets available in July
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	NWTC Film Club "A United Kingdom"

# 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
<b>Minister Steve Cimarosti</b> 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.