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Moylan delivers inaugural speech marking first sitting week as MP

MEMBER for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan MP has delivered his inaugural speech in the Legislative Assembly of NSW Parliament this week, marking his first parliamentary sitting week as an MP.

Mr Moylan delivered his speech in front of a gallery of family and friends and used the opportunity to reflect on his journey to becoming an MP.

"To be able to stand up in Parliament and fearlessly represent the people of my electorate is an honour and incredibly humbling," Mr Moylan said.

"Like most country kids, my memories of childhood all revolve around the family farm. Like all farm kids, I grew up driving utes, operating machinery, farming

paddocks, shooting pigs, and working cattle. It was a great way to grow up."

Mr Moylan spoke about his time as a boarder at St Joseph's at Hunter's Hill and then, as a St Albert's College student at the University of New England in Armidale.

"Joeys taught me the value of hard work and never giving up, lessons I hope that will stand me in good stead in this place," he said.

"After I finished year 12 at Joeys, I was keen to get out of Sydney and back to the country. I followed my brother and enrolled in a combined law degree at the University of New England.

"Today I proudly wear a UNE tie in the Chamber. During my five years at UNE, I was a St Albert's College kid. Like so many people across my electorate of Northern Tablelands, I say that I am ex-Albies with a lot of pride."

Mr Moylan said he spent 21 years as a lawyer at Webb and Boland with some incredibly gifted and honest lawyers.

"At times, though, the work was tough, particularly between 2017 and 2022 when there appeared to be what is best described as a legal war of attrition against our farmers in the north of the State," he said.

"Ultimately, though, it was those tough years that steered me towards politics. I saw firsthand how the laws that are made in this place can have fantastic results for country people but can also have devastating results.

"I look forward to doing what I can in this place for the short time that I will be here to look after those of us in the regions."



Brendan Moylan delivers his inaugural speech in the Legislative Assembly of NSW Parliament.

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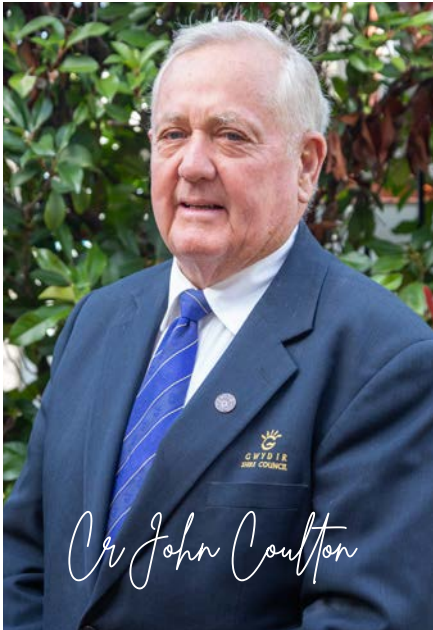
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From the Mayor

The existing Gwydir Shire Council held its last meeting on Wednesday 7th August 2024. The existing Council is now in caretaker mode. A new Council will be declared following the Saturday 14th September 2024 election. Be assured though that Council's services and operations will continue as business as usual through the caretaker period.

Nominations and registrations of candidates and groups for the 2024 Gwydir Shire Council elections close at noon on Wednesday 14 August 2024. I encourage people to nominate and register. I was elected to Council in a

By-Election on 11th July 2009 and two months later I was elected as Mayor.

My fifteen years as Mayor have been extremely humbling. I have immensely enjoyed working with different Council teams throughout my fifteen years, and all that we have achieved. Gwydir is a special place to live.

Looking forward, I remain hopeful that the Circular Economy initiative will come to fruition as it will employ many and will greatly boost our economy.

During this period, I have been privileged to work closely with my Deputy, Cr Egan.



From the Deputy Mayor

I am proud to be the first female Councillor elected to Gwydir Shire Council in 2004. After being on Council for twenty years it is now time to move on. I will miss my Council life and am very grateful to my constituents and fellow Councillors for entrusting me with the role of Deputy Mayor for almost seventeen years.

During my time on Council I have been passionate about our libraries and I believe Gwydir delivers the best of service to all ages through a myriad of programs which include a Writers' Group, Home Schooling and After School programs, a Community Support Hub, Be Connected Tutorials, Book Club, Storytime, STEM Craft Sessions, Teenage Quiet Room Chill Out, visits to and by the residents of local Aged Hostels and Hospitals. There are also Senior Craft Sessions,

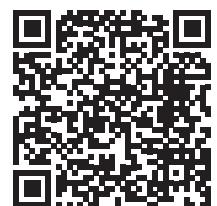
exam supervision, external study assistance, and home deliveries.

The Bingara and Warialda libraries are very busy places with many happenings. During the recent school holidays and in the absence of Vacation Care, children and youth attended many activities which were delivered by Gwydir and regional library staff. These activities included a Lego Day, A Walk Among the Tombstones, Pizza Making, The Great Big Gwydir Book Hunt, HQ visit – Wind Skateboards, Cooking Session, Teddy Bears' Picnic, Teenage Movie Session, and Crazy Cupcakes.

I am delighted that the building contract for the new Bingara Council Chambers and Administration Building has been signed and the building is about to commence.

NSW Local Government Elections 2024

The **NSW Local Government Elections 2024** has been scheduled for Saturday 14th September 2024. Scan the QR Code for more information.



Update from Council

IB Bore Road Upgrade

Works continue on the SR9 IB Bore Road upgrade near North Star this month. This project is jointly funded by the Fixing Country Roads Program (\$9.54m), and the Federal Government's Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (\$2m).

Over half of the project's length, approximately 11.5 kilometres has been completed. The team is continuing with the next 5.5km with stabilising and gravel carting completed, this section is to be sealed by the end of August.

County Boundary Road Upgrade

The County Boundary Road sealing project is jointly funded by the Federal Government's Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) Program (\$9.75 million) with Council contributing an additional \$2.44 million.

Stage 2 of 4 Stages of the project was completed in June 2024 and Stage 3 earthworks construction with formation works well underway. It is expected that the 12.3 kilometre long project will be completed by April 2025.

Maintenance

General maintenance continues on Regional and State roads, including vegetation control, slashing, whipper snipping and spraying of guideposts and guard rails and sign maintenance.

Seal maintenance is ongoing on all State, Regional and Local Roads as potholes continue to develop. Maintenance crews have completed drainage repairs on Whitlow Road, Gineroi Road, Yallaro Road and culvert repairs on Langley Road.

Shoulder maintenance and drainage works have now been completed at Hollymount.

Warialda Truck Wash

The truck wash facility was used by 145 trucks during June with an average wash down time of 57 minutes and total water used was 850kL. The estimated income for the reporting period of June is \$10,899.24 less monitoring fees and expenses.

Solar Aerator was installed at the truck wash ponds in June. The aerator oxygenates the water to prevent the pond turning anaerobic.

Warialda Rail Recreation Ground

Warialda Rail Recreation Ground saw the construction of new accessible amenities and installation of a new onsite sewerage management system. New accessible amenities have also been constructed at the Upper Horton Sports Ground (see below).



At the Warialda Recreation Ground a new electronic scoreboard has been installed (see below).



Gwydir Country Education Fund

Gwydir Country Education Fund is providing financial assistance to eight local students in 2024. Recipients are able to claim reimbursement for education related expenses including laptops, computer accessories, textbooks, uniforms and work boots, fuel and accommodation. Total funds distributed in 2024 amounts to \$11,618.11.

Plunkett Place

People in Wialda have been asking what is happening in Plunkett Street. On the block that houses the Wialda Shop of Opportunity three other new developments have occurred, the first being the **Koala Haven** that once furnished, will offer accommodation for persons with mobility issues and double as a short-term respite facility for hire by service providers.

The **Sr Elizabeth Kenny Units** are located behind the Koala Haven. These buildings have been named after the Wialda born Sister Kenny. Sister Elizabeth Kenny was a self-trained Australian bush nurse who developed an approach to treat polio that was controversial at the time. She worked internationally and is credited for changing the work through opening the modern-day era of rehabilitation medicine and physical therapy. These two units are already in use for short term accommodation for visiting medical professionals who work at the Medical Centre, Multi-Purpose Centre (Hospital) and Naroo Aged Care Facility.

Yet to be named the large building that fronts Plunkett Street will be home to Challenge Disability Services. This building is also designed to support individual needs to allow access to a Day Centre and perhaps respite services in the future.



Above: The Koala Haven



Above: The Challenge Building

The Living Classroom

During the reporting period a fully integrated sound and video conference system was installed.

The internal road works have commenced. These works seek to address rain and stormwater issues and will see a car park formed.

The Living Classroom is also being connected to the town water and sewage system by Council staff.

Building works have also commenced on the Interpretive Centre.

Bingara Riverside Project

Council is still awaiting Soil

Conservation Services to commence onsite works. It is hoped that they will commence works on 12 August 2024.

Gwydir Oval Grandstand

The Gwydir Oval grandstand has had bird proofing installed.

Bingara Showground

Construction of the new campdraft yards and facility at the Bingara Showground is almost complete. An access road was constructed by Council in April. User group working bees have almost finished de-constructing the old yards. The

additional lighting pole was installed on the main arena in June.

Bingara Council Administration Building

The Regional Planning Panel has now approved the DA for the building.

Contract documentation has been reviewed and contracts were signed at the last Council meeting on Wednesday 7 August 2024.

The contaminated material stockpile has now been removed from the site and Council is currently awaiting a validation report from SMK before commencing with filling of the site.

Warialda's

Shop of Opportunity

Warialda's Shop of Opportunity (WSO) is nearing completion. This has been a mammoth effort from community volunteers to bring the shop back from the brink of extinction. With new foundations and a facelift the building has come alive.

A Bit of History

George Bowman purchased the land that this structure was built on in 1857. It's not known when the actual structure was built however it is known that it was in existence as a garage in the early 1900s. The existing structure was known to be used as a General Store, purchased in 1937 and operated by Jim Bowman who supplied everything from engine oil and cleaning products to boiled lollies, groceries, and broken biscuits. It is unclear when this business ceased to exist. Many locals still talk about the joy of entering Jim Bowman's shop and have fond memories of his humour and kindness to families during hard times. This has never been forgotten. It is known that Jim Bowman had numerous fruit trees on his block—the fruits of which he circulated to needy families with the most memorable of those being his pomegranates.

It is proposed to plant a Community Orchard that will form part of the plan to landscape the Plunkett Street Block that is home to the WSO. Members of the Public will be encouraged to fund \$60 for a fruit tree to be included in the Orchard. The donors will be noted on a plaque or on signage adjacent to the Orchard. We already have a commitment from a family to purchase two pomegranate trees.

Who is behind the WSO?

The Warialda Community Warriors (WCW) will be the Committee of Management for the Op Shop. The WCW is a group of volunteers operating as a Section 355 Committee of Council who were originally formed to raise funds for needy projects in Warialda and District.

The WSO will operate using volunteers and Challenge Disability Services clients and staff. All funds raised will be returned to community projects and initiatives. For the WSO

to operate efficiently additional funds need to be obtained to purchase and install a sorting shed for the back room operations. A fundraising 60s Ball will be held on the 26th October 2024 to raise funds for this development. Tickets are only \$40 and can be purchased by scanning the QR code.



What can you expect at the WSO?

The WSO is expected to be home to the following:

- bric-a-brac
- shoes
- books
- crockery and cutlery
- household items
- harvest share
- recycled clothing
- linen
- toys
- art works
- small furniture

Other plans include the development of a small seasonal nursery.

When Will It Open?

At this stage we are unsure of an opening date. We are keen to under-promise and over-deliver so at this stage we will say it will be open in 2025. Once set up it will be open as many hours as the volunteer pool can staff it.

For more information, contact Warialda Warriors President Angela Turner on 0458 021 045.

"Our Rock & Roll Journey"
**JOHN WOOD &
DAVE ALLEN**

THE ROXY THEATRE, BINGARA

7:00PM

30TH AUGUST 2024

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"Our Rock & Roll Journey" - the John Wood & Dave Allen Show has regrettably been cancelled by the artists.

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LEARNING FOR LIFE

Welcome to Term 3 2024

Term Two reflections

A big thank you to those who attended Balance and Bones, the exercise class on Monday mornings and those who attended Armchair Travel and enjoyed Rebecca and Danny's trip from Anchorage in Alaska to Portland, Oregon on a motorbike! Many beautiful felt slippers were made, thanks to Linda Daley-Lovett. Opals were explored with Sandy De Jonge. Pilate's people continue to enjoy being flexible after the Saturday morning session. Coffee after is always delightful.

U3A Committee gives thanks and appreciation to the people who presented the various activities and who were willing to share their experience and skill.

Please let any of the committee know if you have a skill that you could share, be it for a few hours, one day, or weekly during the term. We hope you find something of interest during this term and join the activity.

If you have any friends who are not already members of Bingara U3A and who you think might be interested in any of our activities, please feel free to forward this newsletter to them.

Annual fees are due and remain at \$20 for the financial year 24/25.

We are hoping to run an Introduction to Lead Lighting at some stage.

Please register your interest by sending an email to bingarau3a@gmail.com

Term 3 Activity Summary

Wednesday 14th August

Armchair Travel: Visit Northern Italy with Garry and Linda McDouall at The Living Classroom, 6.00 for 6.30pm. You could bring a plate of food to share and BYO to enjoy the evening. No cost.

Monday 19th August

"Face make-up for looking good after 50" with Emma Jewel in the Green Room, Roxy Theatre at 10.00am. A fun filled morning discussing your own make up (bring it with you), what really suits and how to improve your style. Emma will have a small kit available to purchase, if interested.

Monday 2nd September

"Spring clean your windows with ease" demonstration by Sandy De Jonge at her place, 6 White Street, Bingara at 9.30am. Tea and coffee will be available. A plate of biscuits to share would be welcome. No cost.

Monday 16th September

Week 1 - "Water Colours for Beginners" with Jo Waters at The Living Classroom 9.30-11.30am. All materials provided at a cost of \$8.00. This first week Jo will look at what is watercolour, how it works, discussion of materials and tools and how to use them, what does not work and getting paint on paper to practise.

Tuesday 24th September

Week 2 - "Water Colours for Beginners" with Jo Waters at The Living Classroom 9.30 - 11.30am. Trying out special effects, textures, problem solving and experimentation. \$8.00 if joining for the second day.

Pilates – runs weekly on Saturday from 10.00am – 11.00am at the Gwydir Health Hub on Maitland Street, Bingara. Cost \$5 per session. Although many of the group have been attending Pilates for a number of years, we are happy to welcome new participants. Coffee afterwards is always welcome.

Pilates aims to enhance your physical strength, flexibility and coordination as well as reduce stress, improve mental focus and foster an improved sense of well-being.

Balance 'n' Bones – every Monday morning at Community College (St Mary's Hall) from 8.00am. No cost. It has been very successful and is thoroughly enjoyed by participants. Some have reported increased flexibility and balance and most people have become regulars. We all work to our own level of ability.

BnB is an exercise programme for mobile, mature-aged participants at various fitness levels. It is a fun workout aimed to increase flexibility, balance, coordination and bone strength. It is DVD-based and was developed by an experienced and qualified fitness instructor especially for the U3A NSW Network and its members.

You will need loose, comfortable clothing, flexible shoes such as joggers or sand shoes, and water. Some exercises use weights – bring them if you have them otherwise we have a few which can be used. It is possible to do the exercises without weights particularly if you have shoulder problems.

If you are interested in attending any of these activities, please RSVP to bingarau3a@gmail.com or text the Secretary on 0412 081 642.

It is really important for us to know how many people will be coming to any activity as some activities have limited numbers. If you are ready to become a member of Bingara U3A, please pick up a membership form from the Visitor Information Centre. Cost is only \$20 for the year. Please note Membership Fee is now due for the Financial year 24/25.

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Australia is a lonely land,
Still unexplored and savage.
And dreadful animals abound,
That prowl the bush without a sound
and lurk until the night comes round
To kill and steal and ravage.

A panther lives at Coolatai,
Near Warialda town,
In scrubby country to the east,
'Tis said that this ferocious beast,
Will wait to make a grizzly feast,
Of travellers coming down.

The Panther utters dreadful roars,
As round the hills it races,
And when these frightful sounds are heard,
They terrify both beast and bird,
And even frightens big Brian Jurd
When pigs at night he chases.

The Shire workers claim one day
Its followed Billy Shearer,
But in his youth he'd football played,
A record through the scrub he made,
With all his old-time speed displayed.
The panther got no nearer.

It sometimes fights the township dogs,
On days it feels competitive,
And all the locals shake with fear,
When dreadful barks and roars they hear,
And all run down to Doctor Gear,
To get themselves a sedative.

On moonlit nights it comes to town,
and scares the children silly,
and eats up every fowl and duck,
and watches Billy Shutes' Truck,
In hopes of grabbing Billy.

There's fellas tried to catch the thing,
And win some fame and glory
and many claim no beast exists,
But once through alcoholic mists,
'Twas seen by him, Bob Cole insists,
And who would doubt his story.

And so the panther legend thrives,
No lies the tal can sully,
And silently it prowls the night,
And blokes who say the yarn's not right,
Will swear and drink and want to fight,
As far as Kelly's Gully.

A UNITED KINGDOM

The North West Theatre Company Film Club
presents Historical, Political, Drama/Romance
(should be something for everyone!)

Our August film is "A United Kingdom", a 2016 biographical romantic drama based on the true-life romance of Seretse Khama, heir to the throne of the Bangwato tribe in then Bechuanaland Protectorate now Botswana—with his wife Ruth Williams Khama. David Oyelowo and Rosamund Pike portray Seretse and Ruth, respectively.

Seretse studied law in London immediately after World War II. There he meets an Englishwoman, Ruth, whom he eventually marries in 1948, despite the protests of both their families and opposition from the British Government, which is concerned about relations with South Africa and the stability of the entire region of southern Africa.

The National Party government in South Africa is unhappy and fears that the marriage of a black king to a white woman in neighbouring Bechuanaland will inspire unrest, as it was in the process of making such a marriage illegal.

The British prime minister, Clement Attlee, is unhappy because Britain needs South Africa's gold and he believes that destroying the Khamas' marriage is a price worth paying.

Seretse is unhappy as he discovers that the British have allowed a US mining corporation to prospect for precious stones. He is eager to make sure that, if anything is found, the exploitation of the country's resources should solely be done by the people of Bechuanaland.

Are we unhappy or do we get a happy ending? This film is well-acted, solidly crafted, and presents an absorbing look at a singular true-life love story.

So, come along to the Roxy Theatre in Bingara at 4pm on September 1 and join in with the members of the NWTC Film Club. New members are always welcome.

DAVID OYELOWO
ROSAMUND PIKE

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Students graduate from Aged and Disability Care training ready to make a difference



Wialda High School Careers Adviser Martin Bower congratulates graduating SBAT Brayden Dufty on his successful completion of the CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support.



On Wednesday 24th July, Gwydir students were joined at CCNI's Bingara Campus by Vocational Education and Training Manager Vicki Zammit, trainer Bernadette Meppem, Wialda High School Careers Adviser Martin Bower, representatives from local Aged Care facilities, close supporters, family and friends as they received recognition for the successful completion of their training in the CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support.

Certificates were awarded at the morning tea for students including Julie Cobcroft, Chloe Dennis, Beryl Dixon, Alison Froome, Jamie Kilgour, and Tayla Lee. School-based trainee Brayden Dufty was among the students to graduate with the award of a Certificate on the day.

School-based traineeships (SBATs) are a great way for students to set themselves up for the career they want while completing their HSC. Students undertaking a vocational education and training (VET) course as part of a school-based traineeship (SBAT) have the opportunity to achieve a nationally-recognised VET qualification as well as their HSC, and gain valuable work skills and experience through paid employment.

The College supports a quality care support workforce by providing the latest aged and disability training to school-based and adult learners in campuses across the Northern Inland. Classes are face-to-face, delivered by industry-



Jamie Kilgour receiving her Certificate.



Chloe Dennis receiving her Certificate.



Tayla Lee receiving her Certificate.



Alison Froome receiving her Certificate.



Beryl Dixon receiving her Certificate.

First Aid

experienced trainers, and timetabled one or two days each week to provide opportunities for study to students who have responsibilities that make it difficult to attend college on a full-time basis, or who may be working part-time.

As part of their training, students undertake work placement in local aged care facilities and this provides a valuable opportunity for them to learn practical skills that will increase their understanding of the work done by care workers, and to develop relationships with potential future employers in the aged care sector.

The relationship between CCNI and its students doesn't end with their graduation—the college also provides ongoing skills updates with training in infection control, manual handling, mental health and a range of CPR and first aid.

The aged care industry presents a promising and stable employment future for rural and regional students, offering opportunities that might be scarce in their local areas. Unlike city-based job seekers who have a wider array of career options, students in rural and regional communities often face limited prospects. The demand for skilled workers in aged care, however, provides a vital pathway for these students to secure meaningful, long-term employment within their own communities, ensuring they can contribute to the well-being of their elders while building fulfilling careers close to home.

This year, the college has 88 students enrolled in the Individual Support qualification, many of whom are already working in the aged and disability care industry.

Watch this space as we follow their stories.

Provide First Aid



HLTAID009 Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation

HLTAID010 Provide basic emergency life support

HLTAID011 Provide first aid

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News from Bingara Central School



From the Principal

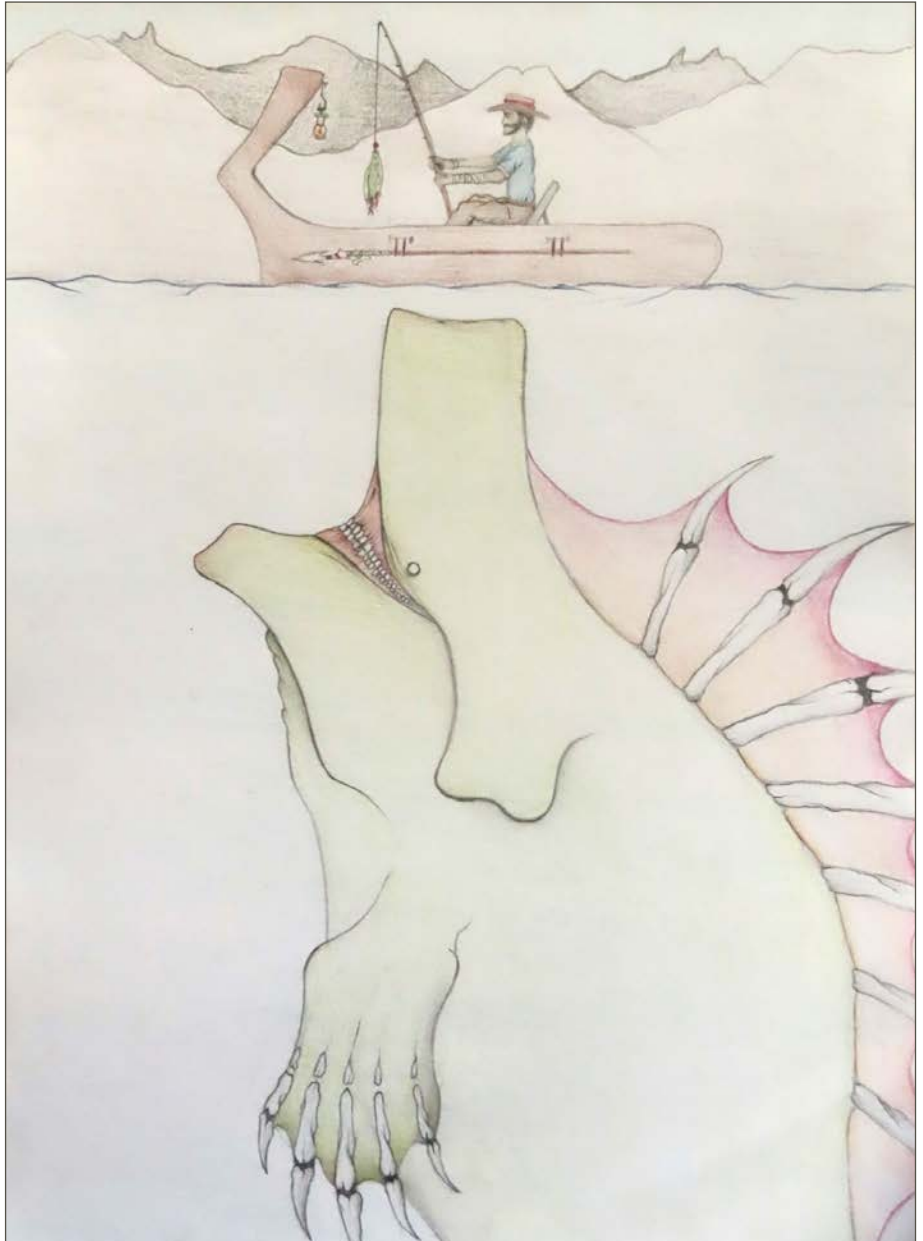
Let's Hang It Exhibition

We have been thrilled to learn that Stage 5 student Daniel G is amongst a group of 60 finalists in the 2024 University of New England School Acquisitive Art Prize. This is an amazing achievement for Daniel, particularly given that it is his 7th year in a row as a finalist.

In 2024 there were 553 art entries from 46 schools with the selection committee commenting, "there was wonderful expression of creativity and diverse styles represented making the selection process very difficult, given the high standard across all entries".

Daniel's artwork was subject to judging by a local artist and Director of New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM), Rachael Parsons before being displayed in the gallery.

The opening of the 2024 UNESAP Let's Hang It! exhibition was held on Friday 26th July 2024 in Armidale and the exhibition will remain on display until Sunday 11th August 2024.



Regional Athletics Success

This month, nine students travel to Tamworth to compete in a number of athletic events. We are pleased to announce that four students have been selected in the North West Team to compete later in the Term at the State Championships in Sydney.

Steph P - 13yr Girls: 2nd discus, 2nd javelin, 3rd (reserve) shot put

James I - 14yr Boys: 2nd high jump

Jarrold P - 15yr Boys: 1st javelin, 2nd shot put

Liam J - 15yr Boys: 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 3rd (reserve) high jump.

Our 15yr Boys 4 x 100m relay team consisting of Liam J, Jarrold P, James I and Jonte M had a close finish coming home with a 3rd (reserve).

We are very proud of all the students who competed on the day displaying true BCS GRIT and sportsmanship. We look forward to seeing Steph, James, Jarrold and Liam represent our Bingara Central School and the North West at the NSWCHS Athletics Championships in September.

Welcome Dr Catherine Sullivan



BCS has welcomed a new staff member this term with Dr Catherine Sullivan joining our dedicated team. Dr Sullivan will be teaching Mathematics and is already inspiring our Secondary students in their learning.

Dr Sullivan has a background in Engineering – as both a university lecturer in Mechanical Engineering for 11 years as well as working in design and testing and modelling smoke movement in structural and bush fires.

Having always wanted to become a school teacher the opportunity to join a program for physics and maths teacher arose after moving to the region in 2022.

Brooke Wall

Principal
Bingara Central School

Are your children spending a lot of time online?

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eSafety Commissioner

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It can be easy to spend lots of time online. Being aware of how often and why your children go online can help you work out a healthy balance with other activities.

@eSafetyOffice has helpful advice on how to get started.



News from St Josephs School Warialda



From the Principal

Reminder: Book Week Costume Parade

Don't forget! The Book Week costume parade will be held on Tuesday, August 27th at 9.00am. Students are encouraged to dress up and wear their costumes all day. It's a fantastic opportunity to celebrate creativity and a love for reading.

Celebrating Athletic Excellence

Congratulations to Jaxon Moore and Lauren Bates for their outstanding performance at the combined athletics carnival with Pallamallawa Public School and Gravesend Public School. Both students were awarded Age Champions, showcasing their dedication and athletic prowess.

Gwydir Spirit Award

St Joseph's was honoured with the Gwydir Spirit Award at the joint athletics carnival with Pallamallawa Public School and Gravesend Public School. This award is presented to the school that demonstrates a strong



Katana Allend-Grande accepted the Gwydir Spirit Award award on behalf of St Joseph's.

sense of school spirit. Katana Allend-Grande accepted the award on behalf of St Joseph's. Congratulations to all students for showcasing exceptional school spirit!

Academic Success in Religious Education

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Armidale participate annually in the Diocesan Religious Education Test. This year, Lauren Bates received a Certificate of Achievement with distinction, while Jada Jones earned a Certificate of Achievement with credit. Well done to both students for their hard work and commitment.

100 Days of School Celebration

Thursday, August 1st marked the 100th day of school for 2024. The school celebrated this milestone by dressing up as 100-year-olds, reflecting on the year's achievements, and recognising individual student accomplishments. It was a day filled with joy and community spirit.



Faith Formation Day

Staff members attended the annual Faith Formation Day at the Bingara Living Classroom. Guided by inspiring women from the Armidale Office, the day was a meaningful experience. Special thanks to the Gwydir Shire Council and Imperial Hotel for their support in facilitating the event. The school looks forward to participating again next year.

Community Involvement

The school community came together to support various events over the holidays. Families and staff volunteered for face painting at the Orange Festival and helped cook a BBQ at the clearing sale. These efforts raised much-needed funds for school camps and events. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved for their dedication and support.

St Joseph's continues to thrive, thanks to the hard work and spirit of its students, staff, and community. Here's to more achievements and celebrations in the future!

Mathew Mills

Principal

St Josephs School Warialda



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)

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Warialda Branch of CWA update



Warialda CWA branch continues to be involved in activities around Warialda and wider CWA programs. The Opshop at the local CWA rooms has provided a welcome opportunity for locals to declutter or find that bargain with many items of outstanding value

being available. Following on from the winter sales, the ladies are getting ready to start stocking Spring clothing along with the bric-a-brac. We would like to thank those customers who have made donations to the Royal Far West. This organisation has, over the years, assisted many children from this district but is now in need of major building upgrades to meet modern demands. CWA of NSW has made it a focus this year.

The first week of September is NSW CWA Awareness Week when we will be focusing on our key areas for 2024 and providing information about the CWA to the public. Keep your eyes open for information events. Warialda Branch is planning a Market Day at the CWA Rooms in Stephen Street on Saturday 14th September. Stall sites can be arranged by contacting Warialda CWA. This date is also Council Election Day. We hope for a successful day as it will boost our funds for assisting our designated organisations like the Royal Far West.

CWA NSW country of study is France. In the past, Warialda Branch has hosted successful events focused on raising Primary School aged children's awareness of other countries. With the Olympics this year and the crowded school curriculum, we have opted for a colouring competition featuring fairy tale characters. Many of the favourite tales have been handed down through French culture and France has provided the inspiration for many illustrations. There has been an overwhelming response by the children, now we would like the public to judge the winners of the sections. We had originally planned to use the Warialda Newsagent to display the numbered entries for voting but will be looking for an additional window. Look for additional information on the Town Notice Board. There will be manned voting tables on the 14th and 15th August near the Newsagent for you to cast your vote. Results will be released at the Warialda Branch International Lunch on 22nd August, and displayed at the Newsagent after.

Bingara Branch of CWA update



Bingara CWA branch recently unveiled a Blue Plaque in honour of Grace Munro who was co-founder and first president of The Country Women's Association of NSW. Blue Plaques connect the public to the hidden history and heritage of NSW by sharing the fascinating stories of the people and events that were important in shaping our state.

The Bingara CWA was one of 14 out of 117 nominations who were successful. It was officially announced in December 2023 by Minister Penny Sharpe but the group had to await installation of the plaque and a date for its unveiling from the minister's office. July 2nd was chosen as it was close to the Orange Festival and visitors to Bingara could view it when walking around town.

President Marg Foster and Maruschka Loupis, Heritage NSW Blue Plaque Program Officer, unveiled the plaque with members from Bingara branch, Gwydir Group CWA, local residents and team members from Heritage in attendance. Morning tea followed with scones and a cake which was cut by Gwydir Group Patron Mrs Roma Bundock.



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Photos courtesy of Kim Miller, Surroundings Photography, Bingara.

Opposite page: Gwydir Group Patron Mrs Roma Bundock, cutting the celebratory cake.

Above: CWA members met for morning tea with scones and cake to celebrate the unveiling of Bingara's Blue Plaque.

Left: President Marg Foster and Maruschka Loupis, Heritage NSW Blue Plaque Program Officer unveiled the plaque with members from Bingara branch, Gwydir Group CWA, local residents and team members from Heritage in attendance.

ROSS COOPER OPTOMETRIST

Next visits to Warialda

- August 28
- September 25
- October 30
- November 27

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

Goondiwindi 07 4671 1550

Next visits to Bingara

- August 29
- September 26
- October 31
- November 28

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



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Naroo Residents News & Outings

It was a busy month this month with multiple residents having birthdays, one remarkable resident turning 102.

Chair exercises have been a hit in the morning with the cooler weather, even the staff have been joining in adding to the fun and energy.

An afternoon of painting in the sun was also a hit with residents enjoying the warm sun and provided a wonderful opportunity for some fresh air.

Residents and staff were invited to the Wialda MPS to a special appearance from Adam Harvey with the residents being a little starstruck, an exciting time for all!

A delightful drinks and nibbles afternoon was had with special guests from the Anglican Ukulele Group, adding a musical touch to the gathering.

Naroo Hostel Fundraiser

Thursday 1st August saw the running of the annual Golf & Cards Day at the Wialda Sports Club. Thank you to all who participated especially those travelling from Goondiwindi, Moree, and Inverell.

24 Golfers, 32 Bridge players, 13 Five Hundred players and 12 Scrabble players enjoyed good weather, fun and great food. Naroo Auxiliary and Rotary provided a lovely lunch and the venue looked magnificent. Wialda Bridge Club was able to hand over all their profits to Rotary for the Naroo Hostel—\$1,801.50, being door takings, raffle and sale of slices. Hoping more will join us next year. Save the date. First Thursday in August.



The Wialda Bridge Club meets Tuesdays at the Community Support room to play at 11:30am. Anyone wanting to play or learn Bridge please contact Ann Willis on 0428 291 902.

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Garden Club

The Bingara Garden Club has held its AGM with office bearers Elaine Pfeiffer (Chairperson), Alec Lucke (Secretary), and Carole Rattray (Treasurer) remaining unchanged. The re-election of office bearers is a reflection of an overall lack of vitality in the overall membership.

In recent years the club has used the Senior Citizens Rooms as a fall back venue when not holding meetings in gardens. Because the Garden Club has historically held their meetings on the fourth Thursday morning of each month and this clashes with some Senior Citizens activities the club has voted not to change and explored other options. Presently the Bingara Sporting Club is firming as a probable venue.

The August meeting will be at the residence of Alec and Heather Lucke at 27 Riddell Street, Bingara on 25th August following morning tea at 10 o'clock. New or aspiring members are welcome as we set about trying to restore the fortunes of the club to its former glory days.



New England Garden Trail

We are a group of community volunteers with a love of gardening and desire to do something positive for our town, our community and our region. The New England Garden Festival Inc. is a not-for-profit organisation hosting a feature event for the New England region to showcase the beautiful gardening potential plentiful in our area, whilst supporting Can Assist by raising funds for local patients, and their families, suffering from a cancer diagnosis.

We aim to bring together gardeners, experts and the community for fun and educational activities, along with a great range of market stalls selling garden-related products. A number of inspirational gardens will be open, along with winning gardens in the Armidale Garden Competition.

The inaugural New England Garden Trail, organised by the New England Garden Festival team, will travel across 6 country towns in the beautiful New England region in 7 days, opening approximately 18+ cold climate gardens to visitors. Each town will open their three gardens between 9am-2pm and Walcha is the first date on Thursday 31st October, 2024. Visitors are encouraged to stay in each town the night before to make most use of the gardens' opening hours. When the gardens close, visitors are encouraged to visit the locally recommended 'hot spots' from each town before moving on to the next town. It will be every gardeners favourite pastime over seven days in the glorious New England. Disneyland for gardeners!

Dates of the Garden Trail:

October 31 (Walcha), November 1 (Uralla), November 2/3 (Armidale - New England Garden Festival), November 4 (Guyra), November 5 (Glen Innes) and finishing on November 6 in Tenterfield.

Specific garden details will be published closer to the event. Find out more at <https://negf.com.au>

Dying to Know Day 8 August

Dying to Know Day successfully engaged with community and informed attendees of some choices available to us regarding death and dying. Discussions were thoughtful with an overriding agreement that conversations about End of Life Choices should be part of our social fabric. We plan for births and marriages so why not actively engage with how we die.

Thank you to our supporters: Proveda, Groundswell, Dying with Dignity, National Advance Care Planning Support Service, NCAT, DCJ, NSW Health, NSW Trustee and Guardian Office, Carer Gateway, Services NSW, Gwydir Shire Council, Bingara Tourism, The Gwydir News and our hosts Margret and Mike at the Imperial Hotel. **Join the conversation.**



Damien Acres' #69 competing in the Queensland Junior Sedan Title at Maryborough Speedway in June.

Acres Speedway Team gearing up for another season at the Speedway

by Rick Turner

Warialda's Damien and Brooklyn Acres are about to begin their third season of Speedway racing after having varying success over the last two years.

In their first season during 2022/23, both were racing a Daihatsu Charade in the Junior Sedan class. After several race wins and Podium placings, Brooklyn finished the season as the second highest points scorer of the Gunnedah Speedway Club while Damien finished his season on the podium at Tamworth Speedway.

For the 2023/24 season which has just finished, Brooklyn had turned 17 and progressed to the Senior class of RSA 4-Cylinders. Damien at 16, was still a Junior. Probably however, this year was one to forget. The Charade was lacking the power of most of the other cars in the 4-Cylinder class and Brooklyn was unable to repeat her successes of the previous year. She did however, compete in the NSW 4-Cylinder Championship at Lismore where unfortunately she had mechanical problems and didn't finish the Title race.

Damien started off the season in style, placing third in the

Feature race at the renowned Hi Tech Oils Toowoomba Speedway in October and fourth in the NSW Junior New Stars' Championship at Cullen Bullen in December. In January, he competed in the Australian Junior Sedan Championship at Grafton. There were 71 drivers from all over the country and Damien performed extremely well. However, his luck soon ran out. While competing in the King's Royal event at Kingaroy Speedway a week later, he rolled the Charade in a spectacular fashion, virtually destroying the car. Whilst their grandfather, Rick Turner attempted to get the car back into racing shape, the damage was too extensive and the car would just not handle in its few remaining race outings.

And so, Grandpop set about building a completely new car, a Mitsubishi Mirage, a project which took two months. It was ready just in time for Damien to compete in the Queensland Junior Sedan Championship at Maryborough in June. Being a new car, Damien was reluctant to push it too hard and was content with using the meet as a practice run to sort out the inevitable teething problems.

The first real test for the Mirage was when he raced at the Sydney International Speedway's Sunday Sedan Sizzler on July 14th. Track conditions were less than perfect, but he still managed to finish his two qualifying heats in 6th place.

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Below: Brooklyn standing beside the new racecar, a Mitsubishi Mirage.



Below: Damien suited up and ready to race at Sydney International Speedway in July.



In the 25-lap, 21-car Feature race Damien was one of the big movers. From starting in position 17 he drove a very calculated race, avoiding the trouble spots on the track and several incidents including a spectacular rollover by the leader at the time, NSW Junior Champion, Wyatt Lawler and finished in a very credible 9th spot. It appears that the new car has loads of potential.

The Sydney meeting brought an end to the season. The new season for the Acres Speedway Racing Team will start on September 21st with a meeting at Toowoomba Speedway

where Damien will race followed by a 2-night meet at Narrabri when both siblings will compete.

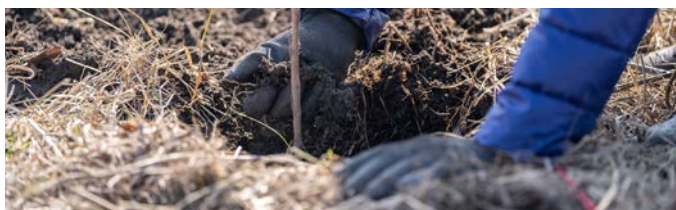
After that, the calendar for the Acres Team is pretty full with racing almost every weekend up until June next year. The big events for the year include the Queensland Junior Sedan Championship which will be held at Kingaroy in December and the same track will host the Australian Championship a month later. Damien, in his last season as a Junior will compete in both. Brooklyn will again race in the NSW 4-Cylinder Title event at Gunnedah Speedway in March.

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Bingara wins Grade 7 Open Pennants State Title

At the end of June, a 14-member team of Bingara Bowlers comprising 12 men and 2 women, together with their Manager John Sullivan and some vocal supporters, travelled to Guilford in Sydney to compete in the State finals of Grade 7 Open Pennants Lawn Bowls.

Having won through preliminary rounds against Barraba, Manilla and South Tamworth, Bingara then won their next games against Bendemeer and Murrurundi as well as Inverell Sporties. The latter games were all played at the South Tamworth Bowls Club over a weekend.

This paved the way for a State Play off in Sydney hosted by the Merrylands and Guilford clubs. With over 100 clubs originally participating in this competition, it was a major achievement to get this far. Undaunted however, Bingara continued its dominance defeating Sydney teams from Austral, Hunters Hill and Harbord.

This was followed by a convincing win over Leeton from the Riverina in the quarter finals, and another win over Hunters

Hill who had got to the semi finals by beating Cabramatta.

The final 2 matches were played at the Merrylands Bowls Club who also own the Guilford Club. In trying conditions where it drizzled rain all day, Bingara once again defeated Hunters Hill in the morning game to make the final against Tura Beach from the South Coast, where Bingara were convincing winners.

Following the presentation of the State Pennants flag in Sydney, as well as individual medallions to the players and manager John, Bingara celebrated their win by marching in the Orange Festival Parade the following weekend.

The team is indebted also to the selectors, supporters and all those who bought raffle tickets to help the travel and accommodation funding.

Anyone interested in participating in this great sport is encouraged to contact the Bingara Sporting Club. Social bowls is played every Wednesday and Saturday at 1.30pm.

Contact Graeme Mack on 0427 247 126 or Allister Lemin on 0429 368 990.

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Grade 7 Open Pennants State Title Winners

Back row from left: John Sullivan, Gary O'Neil, Stuart Dixon, Don Mack, David Withers, Greg Zampa, Graeme Mack, Trevor Galvin
Front row from left: Graham McManus, Jack Walton, Jill Carmody, Bev Roberg, Col Roberg, Wayne Wilkins, Alister Lemin

Bingara Golf Report

Ambrose Championship 2024

Submitted by John Gill

On Sunday 28th July Bingara Golfers played 27 hole Men's 2-Person Ambrose Championship for 2024, with 10 pairs taking part on the day.

2024 Results

Winners	Tom Fullerton Shane Thomson
Runners Up	Pete Smith Tyrone Greacen
Nett Winners	Ron Armstrong Col Whitfield
Nett Runners Up	Hayden Mack Brad Craddock
Nearest to Pin	7/16 Robert Northcott 9/18 Ian Egan
Best Second Shot	6/15 Tom Fullerton
Jackpot Ball	Doud Ferguson 3 balls DNP

Bingara Golf Events

Thursday 9 Hole Chook Run 1.45pm, 2pm Tee

Saturday Mixed Golf

12.00pm, 12.30pm Tee

Sunday Golf

12.00pm, 12.30pm Tee

Tuesday Ladies Golf

Contact 0428 241 415

FEATURED BUSINESSES

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SAVE-THE-DATE

BINGARA DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

September Monthly Meeting

Friday 20th September 2024
starting at 10.30am

The meeting will be held
at the museum complex

16-20 Maitland Street Bingara

For further information please phone
0428 345 600



WARIALDA CWA BRANCH

The Warialda CWA Branch
is hosting a Market Day at the CWA
Rooms at 8 Stephen Street, Warialda
on Saturday 14th September.

Contact Warialda CWA to book a site.

What's on

AUGUST 2024

Friday 16 th	Mexican and Margs Trivia Night Fundraiser for Bingara Central School - 6.00pm at The Roxy Theatre, Bingara - \$30pp tables of 8
Saturday 17 th	Warialda Wombats Ladies Day - For more information visit www.facebook.com/WarialdaWombats
Saturday 17 th - Sunday 18 th	Gravesend Campdraft - 8.00am start both days
Monday 19 th	Bingara Community Op Shop AGM - 10.00am - at the Op Shop, Bingara
Tuesday 20 th	Storytime at The Roxy Cafe, Bingara - 10.30am - \$6 for a mini cupcake and a milkshake
Tuesday 20 th	Warialda Community Health Outreach Clinic - Gravesend Hall from 10.00am - 12.00pm
Friday 23 rd - Sunday 25 th	Warialda Campdraft - 12.30pm start Friday - 6.30am start Saturday and Sunday
Saturday 24 th	Bingara Races - \$20 Adult - First Race 1.00pm
Saturday 31 st	Grazing on the Gwydir - Market Stalls - Food - Entertainment - Along the Gwydir River, Bingara
Saturday 31 st - Sunday 1 st	Coolatai Campdraft - 6.00am start both days

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday 1 st	NWTC Film Club "A United Kingdom" - 4.00pm at The Roxy Theatre, Bingara
Thursday 5 th - Friday 6 th	Legacy Street Stall, Bingara
Friday 6 th - Sunday 8 th	Bingara Campdraft - 12.00pm start Friday - 6.30am start Saturday and Sunday
Saturday 7 th	County of Burnett CWA Spring Fair - 9.00am to 2.00pm - Food and markets
Saturday 7 th	Unleash the Black Dog Ball - The Roxy Theatre, Bingara - \$100pp - Tables of 10 - 5.00pm doors open
Tuesday 10 th	Warialda Community Health Outreach Clinic - Croppa Creek Hall from 10.00am - 12.00pm
Friday 13 th - Sunday 15 th	Warialda Off Road 200 - Gragin Road, Warialda
Saturday 14 th	Warialda CWA Market Day - 7.30am start - BBQ and morning tea available - CWA House Warialda
Saturday 14 th	NSW Local Government Elections 2024
Thursday 19 th	Warialda Community Health Outreach Clinic - North Star Hall from 10.00am to 12.00pm
Friday 20 th	Bingara District Historical Society - Monthly Meeting - Starting at 10.30am at the Museum Complex, 16-20 Maitland Street, Bingara
Saturday 21 st	Warialda Honey Festival - Warialda Recreation Ground

Church Notices

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISHES WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Bingara	Sundays 8.00am
Delungra	Sundays 10.00am 4 th weekend 6.00pm
Warialda	Saturdays 6.00pm 4 th weekend 10.00am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Bingara	2 nd and 4 th weeks - Rosary 9.30am/Mass 10.00am
Warialda	1 st and 3 rd 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

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