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# Moylan continues to back nurses and midwives push for better pay

NORTHERN Tablelands MP Brendan Moylan continues to support hardworking nurses and midwives across his electorate and regional NSW, in their concerted effort to push for fairer and more appropriate salaries.

Mr Moylan has made further comments amidst widespread media attention, reaffirming his position to support the nursing profession.

"As the first member of the Coalition to come out and publicly back our nurses, it is pleasing other State MP's have now done the same," Mr Moylan said.

"As I have said before, nurses are the backbone of our health system and without them, hospitals would grind to a complete halt. "I recently met with President Emma Ratajczyk and Secretary Warren Isaac of the Armidale Branch of the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association and heard their concerns firsthand.

"Other states and territories pay nurses up to 18 percent more than New South Wales, this is resulting in many of our local nurses moving to Queensland.

"Nurses are highly trained and highly skilled individuals and yet the average salary of first-year nurses is approximately \$70,000 which is lower than the average income of a 'stop-go' worker in NSW.

"Everyone in our community values nurses. It's about time the State Government does as well."

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# Prepare for Bush Fire Season with **Get Ready Weekend 2024**

As the bush fire season approaches, it's crucial for NSW residents and landowners to be aware of their risk and take steps to protect their homes and properties. To help you prepare, the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) hosts **Get Ready Weekend** events every September, providing valuable information and resources to ensure you're ready for the upcoming bush fire season.

Contact your local RFS brigade to learn more about the **Get Ready Weekend** events happening near you. These events, held across approximately 500 locations in NSW, aim to raise awareness and promote the Get Ready message and preparedness in your community.

By attending these events, you can gain insights into creating a Bush Fire Survival Plan, maintaining a defensible space around your property, and understanding Fire Danger Ratings. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with your local RFS brigade, access essential resources, and ensure you're well-prepared for the bush fire season.

#### **GET READY** WARIALDA

Warialda Recreation Ground 38 Holden St, Warialda 2402 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 10:00AM - 4:00PM

#### **GET READY** BINGARA

Bingara Fire Shed 4 Memorial Ave, Bingara 2404 Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024 9:00AM - 2:00PM

In an emergency call Triple Zero

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Bushfire Information NSW Rural Fire Service

1800 679 737



There were more than 930 residential fires across the state during spring last year with 400 of these fires starting in kitchens or cooking areas. As the weather warms up, FRNSW is urging the public not to become complacent about home fire dangers. Complacency and inaction are the biggest risk factors when it comes to home fire safety.

For tips on keeping fire safe visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au

NSW Rural Fire Service Website

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# **2024 SPRING FIRE SAFETY**

#### **Reducing kitchen fires during Spring**

There were 937 residential fires across NSW in Spring last year, and 43% of them started in kitchens or cooking areas.

The majority of fires occurred because people got distracted while cooking, a behaviour that firefighters are urging people to change.

Do not leave food unattended whilst cooking. Leaving the room for a matter of seconds has the potential to destroy a home, belongings and most importantly lives.

If a fire does occur in your kitchen:

- Never throw water on a stove top fire water can intensify the flames.
- Have a fire blanket nearby to place over the fire and smother the flames.
- · Have a working smoke alarm.
- Get out and stay out. Do not risk your life by going back in for a few belongings.

Most importantly, if a fire does occur, get out, stay out and call Triple Zero (000).

For more tips on keeping fire safe visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au

#### Understanding the risks of lithium-ion batteries

In 2023, there were 272 lithium-ion related fire incidents, making it the fastest growing fire risk in New South Wales.

While lithium-ion batteries are crucial to the clean energy transition, they can pose serious threats to human safety if they malfunction.

When it comes to charging and storing lithium-ion devices:

- Always charge larger devices, such as e-bikes, e-scooters and power tools outside, away from living spaces and exits.
- Never sleep or leave home while lithium-ion battery devices are charging.
- Disconnect the device from its charger once it is fully charged.
- Never leave devices charging on beds, sofas or around soft materials.
- Always store lithium-ion batteries and products in cool, dry places and out of direct sunlight.

Most importantly, if a fire does occur, get out, stay out and call Triple Zero (000).

For more tips on keeping fire safe visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au

## Spring clean for fire safety

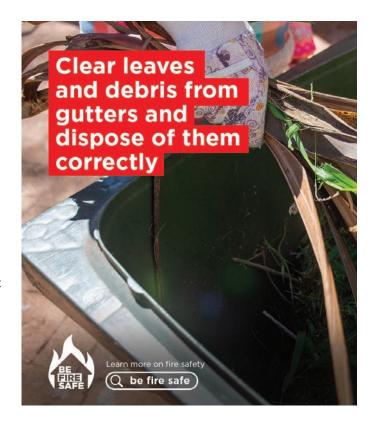
Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) is encouraging the community to spring clean responsibly to

help reduce the risk of fire on their properties.

When it comes to spring cleaning, keep you and your family safe from fire by:

- Clearing out any rubbish, old newspapers, cardboard boxes and any other unused materials that could fuel a fire.
- Rolling, not folding electric blankets when putting into storage. Folding can damage the wiring. Check the hose and connections on any LPG-fuelled barbecues before use.
- · Clearing leaves and litter from gutters.
- Making sure you have a working smoke alarm.
- Most importantly, if a fire does occur, get out, stay out and call Triple Zero (000).

Fire and Rescue NSW encourages residents to book a safety visit. Local firefighters will come to your home to conduct a fire safety inspection and will install a working smoke alarm, free of charge, if required.







## In the News

# Get ready for the Honey Festival this weekend

This article was originally published by STA FM by **Gerry** | Sep 17, 2024

https://stafm.com.au/get-ready-for-the-honey-festival-this-weekend/





The 17th Warialda Honey Festival is back again this year being held at Jim Payne Oval in Warialda this Saturday.

Some of this year's attractions include Beezotted holding a native bee information stall with stingless viewing hives, solitary bee hotel examples, information on how to make bee hotels and stingless bee honey for tasting along with Warialda's famous mascot Bieber the Bee.

There will also be the announcement and presentation of the Fay Honour and Debbie Ford Busy Bee Award as well as Busy Bee Scavenger Hunt, kids rides, a gumboot throwing competition as well as various market stalls including jewellery, hair and community engagement stalls.

The Warialda Honey Festival kicks off at 10.00am and runs through until 2.00pm and for more information, head to the Warialda Honey Festival Facebook Page.

# Letter to the Editor

People may remember the local community was in a relatively dry period when the Weather Bureau predicted a drier than usual 2024 winter. For gardeners who experienced the Millennium drought this rang alarm bells. The Bingara Garden Club wrote to Council explaining that under drought conditions gardeners have great difficulty maintaining their gardens and beautification coupled with increased costs. Despite commendable efforts, lawns, special and or rare plants are often either lost or damaged.

It was pointed out Bingara has a copious allocation of water while regional cities around us often have severe water restrictions. Correspondingly, Council was asked to reduce urban water charges by a third upon declaration of drought. With adoption of the right policy Bingara could showcase itself to advantage.

The belated reply was empathetic but Council was not sure it could comply with the request under the Local Government Act. Upon a drought declaration, Council therefore suggested individuals write to them asking for the discount.

Since there has been no policy announcement, the Garden Club brings this to public notice as we do not think it is appropriate that only members of the Garden Club might potentially benefit. Perhaps, this policy could be considered and reinforced by the new Council?

Name and address supplied





# Mustering Community Spirit at Delungra

With a population numbering in the hundreds, the small farming community of Delungra, west of Inverell, is tackling community needs with gusto thanks to a newly established group and the cando attitude of four local women.

**Muster Up Delungra** is a non-profit community group, which formed in 2023 when local women, Leah Bennett, Tammy Taylor, Mandy Mepham and publican Felicity Menchin banded together to do good in their community, bolster the number of events held in Delungra and provide locals with a chance to get to know each other.

The committee is a mixture of long term Delungra locals, newer arrivals and includes both farm and town based residents and Chairperson Leah Bennett says all are united in helping their community.

"Living through the drought and then COVID meant many events, social outlets and volunteer run activities really suffered and we decided it was time to do something about reigniting community activity in Delungra."

The busy team of four juggled their own working lives, children, grandchildren and the ups and downs of life and soon commenced a steady stream of activities to raise the spirits of their community, which have ranged from a school holiday kids' movie to fundraising for the Biggest Morning Tea.

"We have also been working with community connectors and grant writers **Ladybug Projects** in Inverell to assist us with obtaining funding to supplement our fundraising activities."

"Delungra has certainly had its fair share of hardship and heartbreak, but we have a terrific farming community and the residents of our little town, as well as the businesses, have been very supportive."

"The local service station stepped up to provide the location for our successful fresh flower stall for Valentines Day. The local blokes really committed to spoiling their special ladies. We also had great support from the local area with our Easter Egg raffle."

Fittingly, Muster Up Delungra recently spent some of their



Famed funny man Peter Rowsthorn will perform in Delungra on 19 October.

hard-won fundraising dollars helping the volunteer run bowling club refurbish their bistro chairs.

The gang is also gearing up for their most ambitious event to date and will be hosting nationally loved comedian and Kath and Kim favourite, Peter Rowsthorn in Delungra for a live show and three course dinner on 19 October at the Delungra Multi-purpose hall.

"The event coincides with Mental Health Month and we wanted to offer a great laugh, delicious dinner and



something special for Delungra by bringing Peter to town".

Tickets are now on sale and the celebrated Smo-King BBQ will be providing the three-course meal for event goers.

Muster Up will also be attending the Delungra Shear 4 Life event on 7 September with a refreshments stall and will be bringing in the Macintyre Lions jumping castle so the kids can jump for free. This event brings the best shearers from across the nation to Delungra, competing for more than \$30,000 in prizes.

Proceeds for the event will be shared between Delungra Public Schools P&C Committee and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

The ladies at Muster Up say the group is also planning a range of future events, including youth activities, a women's wellness event and events for farmers to get together and socialise. For updates on Muster Up Delungra and their events, visit their Facebook page.

#### @MusterUpDelungrainc

Leah Bennett - Chairperson Muster Up Delungra Inc musterupdelungrainc@gmail.com

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Arts North West is offering Quick Response Micro Grants of up to \$1,000 for independent professional practising artists across all art forms, community groups and arts organisations to support their creative endeavour.

Arts North West Micro Grants are designed to support the continuation of locally determined community arts and cultural practice in uncertain times. Eligible artists must be based in the New England North West of NSW.

This funding aims to be as flexible as possible. Projects do not require a specific outcome but can focus on skills development or capacity-building. Eligible activities can include:

- · Workshop delivery or access to training.
- Equipment or materials required to develop and/or deliver an exhibition, workshop or development.
- · New ways of marketing or sharing your arts business.
- · Paying yourself as an artist for a particular project.

Applications close at 11.59pm on Wednesday 23 October 2024.

Download or complete an application form online by visiting https://www.artsnw.com.au/arts-north-west-micro-grants

For further assistance regarding the Micro Grant application process, please contact Arts North West Executive Director Lauren Mackley on 0493 316 463 or via email rado@artsnw.com.au

# RED, WHITE AND BRASS

The North West Theatre Company Film Club offers a most unusual and uplifting comedy for September.

"Red, White and Brass" is a 2023 cinematic gem from New Zealand that beautifully blends humour, heart, and culture into a story that resonates with audiences of all ages. Based on an incredible true story, this film follows the journey of Maka, played by the charismatic John-Paul Foliaki, and his friends as they form an impromptu brass band to support their beloved Tongan rugby team. With little experience but a lot of heart, they embark on a journey that is as hilarious as it is inspiring.

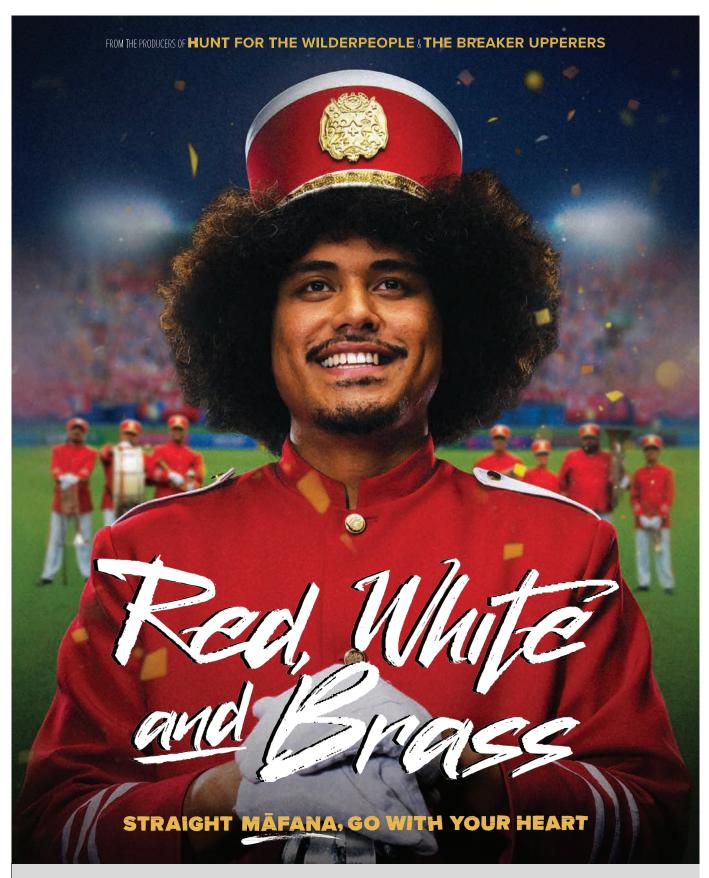
The movie is brought to life by the talented cast, including Dimitrius Schuster-Koloamatangi, who delivers a standout performance, and newcomer llaisaane Green, whose portrayal adds depth and charm to the story. Their chemistry on screen is infectious, making the characters' struggles and triumphs feel authentic and relatable.

Writer Halaifonua Finau crafts a screenplay that is both funny and touching, capturing the essence of Tongan culture and the universal themes of friendship and perseverance. The script is peppered with moments of genuine emotion, balanced perfectly with light-hearted comedy that will leave audiences laughing out loud.

Director Damon Fepulea'i showcases his knack for story-telling, guiding the film with a deft touch that highlights the vibrant culture and the strong sense of community that drives the narrative. His direction brings out the best in the cast, and his vision ensures that the film is not just a story about rugby but a celebration of cultural pride and unity.

"Red, White and Brass" is a must-see film that will leave you feeling uplifted and inspired. With its talented cast, sharp writing, and heartfelt direction, it's a movie that reminds us all of the power of dreams, music, and the bonds of community.

The NWTC Film Club will screen "Red, White and Brass" at the Roxy Theatre, Bingara at 4.00pm on September 29. **New members are always welcome**.



The North West Theatre Company Film Club presents

Red, White and Brass

Sunday September 29th 2024 | 4:00pm | The Roxy Theatre







# Three Generations of apprentices at Council



What better time to cast the spotlight on three generations of apprentices—all employed by Gwydir Shire Council—than during the recently celebrated National Skills Week! Held in GWYDIR August each year, National Skills Week highlights vocational education and training (VET) as a pathway to a rewarding and

successful career that contributes to Australia's strong and vibrant economy.

Grandfather Billy (60 years young and an apprentice mechanic) has worked with council for more than 40 years in a variety of roles, including maintenance and construction. He did some work in the workshop and while he already has the skills of a mechanic, Billy thought it would be great to get 'officially' qualified so he took on the apprenticeship. Billy enjoys the variety in his work— he can find himself working on a ride-on mower, repairing whipper snippers, or carrying out building and maintenance work.

Son Will (21) is a town planner cadet who unsurprisingly, showed an early interest in learning about rules and regulations!

Son Isaak (19) is an apprentice carpenter who enjoys hands-on learning. Isaak took on his current apprenticeship after completing a school-based apprenticeship. Isaak is currently working in Bingara's Living Classroom, concreting the rail, and updating sporting grounds.

Grandson Jaydon (17) is an apprentice carpenter who works with his Uncle Isaak who is only a bit older than him!

All four say it's a great experience working with family due to the banter. Billy's long history working at council has meant that Will and Isaak have enjoyed relationships with their colleagues since childhood! They know they can have a long career with council.

The worst part of working with family? Having your work boots, pants and shirts 'stolen'!







# **Career Opportunity**

#### Accredited Trainers | All Campuses



Are you a community-minded teacher or trainer with a passion for helping young learners achieve their potential? CCNI may have the position for you!

Community College Northern Inland (CCNI) is a not-for-profit, approved VET provider, providing skills and training opportunities from seven campuses across the New England/North West region. We pride ourselves on being innovative and relevant to the training needs of our regional and remote communities and work with businesses large and small to create training opportunities to meet their staffing needs in areas of Foundation Skills, Community Services, Business and Industry.

We are seeking expressions of interest for casual trainers from all pathway disciplines including Foundation Skills, Business and Industry from throughout the Northern Inland region to join our dedicated team who are passionate about helping young learners with disabilities or who are vocationally disadvantaged to achieve their learning goals and seek meaningful employment within their communities.

#### As a trainer and assessor you will:

- Plan and prepare training sessions for delivery, allowing for differentiation for students that may require it.
- Mark and conduct student assessments and monitor learning outcomes.
- Conduct support sessions with students and regularly mentor student cohort to provide support and build a supportive learning environment.
- Help to build learning capacity through support and training of young people and lessen the substantial barriers to employment, and empower students to engage in meaningful participation.
- Plan, review and improve training and assessment materials, including participating in assessment validation.
- Implementing training strategies that provide positive outcomes for disadvantaged groups and promote access and equity.
- Have an interest or experience working with disadvantaged learners.
- This position will be casual, dependent upon demand.

#### **Essential criteria**

 TAE40122 or TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment or TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and

- Assessment + TAELLN411 Address adult language, literacy and numeracy skills + TAEASS502 Design and develop assessment tools.
- Relevant qualifications or significant experience of the competencies being assessed.
- Commitment to maintaining professional currency.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills.
- · National Police Check.
- · Working with Children Check (WWCC).
- Current Driver Licence and full comprehensive insurance.
- 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.

#### Ready to apply?

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# **Career Opportunity**

#### Non-Accredited Trainers | All Campuses



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We are seeking expressions of interest for casual, non-accredited trainers to conduct courses and workshops in our campuses. If you have a genuine love for your craft or skill and would like to share your knowledge with others, we would like to hear from you!

#### As a trainer you will:

- Plan and prepare training sessions and resources of subject matter.
- Conduct training sessions.
- Initiate and guide learning by using appropriate techniques, instruction and individual assistance.
- Manage the learning environment, students, activities, resources and materials within regulatory requirements.
- Develop appropriate relationships with students, facilitating interaction and appropriate behaviour.
- · Provide student support as required.
- Monitor and evaluate performance of learning.
- Prepare resources such as PowerPoint presentations, handouts, audio visuals etc.

#### **Essential criteria**

- Basic skills in Microsoft 365 or similar cloud system including Word, Outlook and Excel.
- Demonstrated knowledge of your subject area.

- Demonstrated ability to teach in your subject area.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills.
- · Attention to detail and mature work ethic.
- Experience working in a team.
- Experience working in a confidential environment and ability to use good judgement.
- Commitment to excellence in customer service.
- · Current C Class Driver licence.
- · Car with comprehensive insurance.
- Current Working with Children Check and willingness to obtain National Police Clearance Check.

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## News from Gravesend Public School



# From the Principal

#### **Grow@Gravo Transition Program**

We welcome our new transition kids to make a jump start to Kindergarten 2025. An information session will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September from 2.00pm to 3.00pm at Gravesend Public School for families. The program will commence Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, continuing every Tuesday until the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

#### Why choose Gravesend Public School?

We offer dynamic and enriching programs within a safe and supportive community. The staff are nurturing whilst providing a stimulating learning environment. Gravesend Public School has a well-established reputation with a positive school culture and commitment to extra-curricula activities. Just ask the kids!

Transition packs with enrolment information, transport questions and any other questions can be requested by calling Gravesend Public School on 6729 7159. We look forward to seeing you!



#### **Heferen Highlights**

We sent our biggest team of athletes to Heferen Shield to compete against the best from the West. Our junior boy high jumper, Dougal, reached for the stars clearing 1.22m as he took out the event against some fierce competitors. Makiitah sent the discus flying and shot putted her heart out coming away with a 2nd and 3rd respectively. Mighty Maggie set a hot pace across the 200m and 100m with 2nd in both events, securing her place at North-West.

Our small schools relay trained hard, and their work paid off coming away with a well fought out 2nd. This all-girls powerhouse team of runners includes Maggie, Islah, Cate and Makiitah. Cybelle found her rhythm early in the 1500m run against older competitors in a clinically run race to come away with a 2nd. Hunter, Maverik, Lottie, Flo, Narla and Miaah all represented our school admirably and the spark has been lit for the future. We are beyond proud of all our athletes, and we wish Maggie, Dougal, Cate, Islah, Miaah and Makiitah all the best at Regionals.

#### **News Just In**

The relay team are off to State in Sydney. We wish Maggie, Islah, Makiitah and Cate all the best.

#### **PSSA Sport**

The Gravo students have been preparing hard for the netball and touch knockout competitions. Both teams are alive in their respective competitions, and we await our results from Boggabilla and our next round to see if our netball joins the touch crew on our journey to the state titles in Sydney!

Due to the efforts of our hard-working P & C and the wider community that got behind this years long lunch, the cost of this amazing and well-earned opportunity will be heavily subsidised. The students and staff are very appreciative of the enormous generosity our amazing P & C demonstrates.

#### Excursions, excursions

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This term our students were also welcomed to the Trawalla Pecan Nut farm for their annual nut pick. Stahmann Webster welcomes us every year and we thank them for providing this opportunity for our students to further understand how their food is grown as well as a delicious sausage sandwich lunch.

Amber Barnett Gravesend Public School



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## News from Bingara Central School



# From the Principal

#### **Bingara Central School Snow Trip**

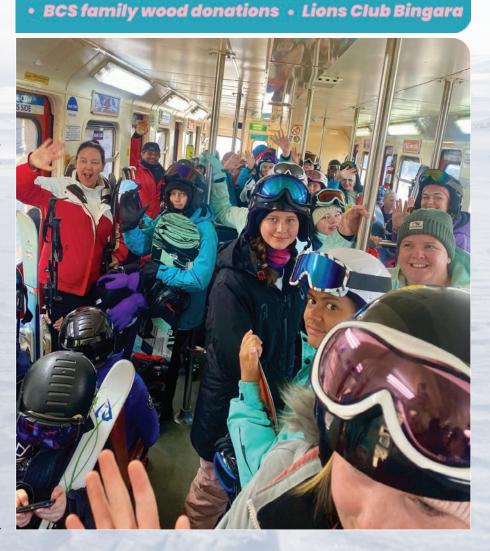
BCS students have had the experience of a lifetime embracing the beauty of all things winter at Perisher this week. Staff and students left very early Sunday morning on a 14-hour bus trip, ready for 5 days of sensational snow fun.

Everyone participated in lessons before taking the leap of skiing or boarding solo down the slopes, with everyone improving as the week went on.

This unforgettable adventure has seen many students put out of their comfort zone, overcome many obstacles, show support to fellow friends and overall have a fun filled exciting excursion.

The snow trip would not have been made possible without the dedication of Mr and Mrs Mill, Mrs Hall, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Boyle, Mr Crispin and Mrs Pleffer. Many thanks must also go to our very generous donations received from our local community, without them this would not have been possible!

# HOU from students Bingara Senior Citizens RSL Bingara • Mr Scot Crispin and their Gwydir Shire Council families at BCS Bingara Community Op-Shop Mr Rod King - Bingara Newsagency









#### The Great Escape Oz Cure4CF

Revs and horns sounded from Riddell Street as the Great Escape Oz Car Rally rolled in to Bingara on September 6<sup>th</sup>. They were greeted with laughs, cheers and waves from all the students who were parading colours of yellow and orange. A beautiful lunch was provided by school staff for over 60 volunteers.

The charity motoring event that seeks to make a difference in the lives of thousands of Australians suffering from Cystic Fibrosis by raising funds for the Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, has over the past 18 years raised more than \$4 million dollars. Nearing the end of their travels, they headed on to Uralla before finishing the rally in Coffs Harbour.





#### **Legacy Colouring In Competition**

Well done to all our students that entered the Legacy Week Colouring-In Competition recently.

With over 700 entries from 11 schools across the region the judges had a very tough job. We are pleased to share that Willow R of Year 2 has been awarded a Highly Commended.

Congratulations Willow.

#### **Brooke Wall**

Principal

Bingara Central School



## News from St Josephs School Warialda



# From the **Principal**

What a whirlwind of activity we've had at St Joseph's over the past few weeks! We've successfully hosted and attended numerous events with fantastic turnout. Despite the unfortunate bouts of sickness that seem to strike at the worst times, the dedication and attendance of some students have been truly commendable.

In the hustle and bustle of life, we often overlook how small achievements can have a significant impact over time. This is a common sight within our school and community, reflected in student accomplishments and family involvement. Below are just a few examples of the wonderful community spirit we aim to nurture in our students' lives. Growth in these areas isn't always shown through grades but through the visible changes and efforts we observe. Every student should be immensely proud of who they are, the school they attend, and the families that support them. I am personally very proud to be in Warialda, supported by the students, families, and staff of our amazing school. These supports are what allow our school to thrive as it does.

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Book Week 2024 was a fantastic opportunity to highlight our students' love for books and their favourite characters.

I encourage everyone to keep up the great work in fostering a positive environment at school, in our community, and at home. We can all be the best advocates for our students and our school.

#### **Book Week 2024**

Book Week 2024 was truly an amazing day! Families, you should be incredibly proud of your efforts and engagement with the dress-up event. It was a fantastic opportunity to highlight our students' love for books and their favourite characters. Many students spoke passionately about their chosen characters and what made them special, which added to the joy of the day. Well done to everyone involved!

#### Message Stick 2024

Our diocese is excited to host the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander State Conference later this year. Each school in our diocese has had the privilege of hosting the Message Stick for a week, sharing in its journey. The support and enthusiasm during our events, all wonderfully organised by Mrs. Whalan, have been truly inspiring.

Despite the challenging weather conditions, our community showed up and participated wholeheartedly. A special thank you to Warialda Public Primary and High School for their attendance and support. We deeply appreciate it.

#### St Mary Mackillop Feast Day and The Assumption of Mary Mass

Over the past few weeks, we celebrated two very special days in our church and parish. First, we learned about and shared the life of St Mary Mackillop, the founding educator of our school and many others. Then, we participated in a special Mass for The Assumption of Mary. Our students participated reverently in both events and played a crucial role in our Mass services. Thank you to all families and parishioners for your engagement and support.









#### Year 4, 5, and 6 Camp 2024

Our Year 4-6 students embarked on an exciting 5-day adventure to Sydney, accompanied by students and staff from Wee Waa and Mungindi. The journey itself was a significant event, and we hope everyone thoroughly enjoyed it—I know the teachers did! Reconnecting with a major camp in a city like Sydney is definitely something we aim to continue in our future plans.

#### **DIO Athletics Carnival**

We traveled to Tamworth with five superstar athletes to compete in our diocesan-wide athletics carnival. All the girls gave their best, with most achieving new personal bests in either running or field events. Jada secured second place in the 12-year-old girls' shot put, while Eylah made it to the final of the 100m for 9-year-old girls and placed 7th overall. Our 4 x 100m relay team came first in their category, surpassing last year's performance. Well done to everyone—you made yourselves and our school proud!

#### **Brain Olympia**

Students from Years 4-6 were invited to participate in our Diocesan-wide Brain Olympia Competition in Inverell. Throughout the day, they worked together to tackle a variety of tasks, including general knowledge, mathematics, public speaking, and drama. Well done to everyone involved!

#### **Mathew Mills**

Principal

St Josephs School Warialda

**Top left:** St Joseph's has had the privilege of hosting the Message Stick for a week.

**Centre left**: Learning about and sharing in the life of St Mary Mackillop.

**Bottom left**: Year 4-6 students undertook an exciting 5-day adventure to Sydney.



#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**



## Application for Appointment of Board Members

#### Maules Creek Public Recreation Reserve Land Manager

Ever wondered who is responsible for keeping Crown reserves operating?

Countless facilities like showgrounds, local halls and parks are run by Statutory Land Manager Boards, made up of people just like you. People who understand the need and have a desire to manage public land and assets for the benefit of the entire community.

Your role as a Board Member is voluntary, but the rewards of giving something back to the community are priceless.

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

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

The Maules Creek Public Recreation Reserve Land Manager manages the Reserve No. 46384 at Maules Creek notified on 8-Mar-1911 for Public Recreation, Reserve No. 67034 at Maules Creek notified on 8-Oct-1937 for Public Recreation. The term of appointment will be for a period not exceeding 5 years.

Application for membership can be made via **portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au** 

All applications are required to be lodged by 17 October 2024.

For further information contact: Angie Wetzler on (02) 6770 3110 or go to reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au

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#### **Next visits to Warialda**

- September 25
- October 30
- November 27

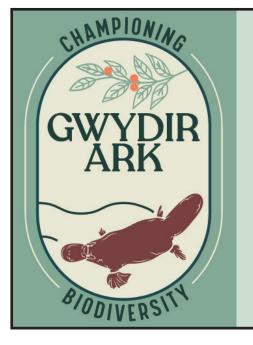
For appointments, contact the Warialda Medical Centre on **02 6729 1520** 

#### **Next visits to Bingara**

- September 26
- October 31
- November 28

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







## NATURE WALK

EXPLORING THE BINGARA WATERFALL

WHEN: 8am Sat 28th September 2024

WHERE: Meet the Bird Route just west of The

Living Classroom, Narrabri Road

**WHAT:** Meander along the creek through endangered semi-evergreen vine thicket up to the waterfall which is the tongue of a lava flow

BYO: snack, drink, hat, sturdy shoes

MORE INFO: gwydir.ark@gmail.com/0438 353 682





#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

# Streamlining Your Farm or Small Business

Join Simon Groth from
Gwydir Chartered Accountants
for a free workshop and
discover new tips and tricks
to help you complete your
office work.



**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 25, 6-8pm

WHERE: The Living Classroom, Bingara

CONTACT: Janelle Schafer on 0408 659 587.

The workshop is an initiative of the Lismore Node of the Southern Queensland and Northern NSW Innovation Hub. The Hub receives funding from the Federal Government's Future Drought Fund.



















#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

# Carinda News

All the volunteers at Carinda are gearing up for Carinda's 47<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash.



What a wonderful achievement! 47 years of volunteers manning the Craft Shop and working to maintain the grand old building. Built around 1880, Carinda has had many lives—a home, a maternity hospital, a stock and stationary office and since 1977 a place for local artisans to display their chosen craft.

On Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>, Carinda members will host a Garden Party to celebrate 47 years. Included in the celebration will be a teddy Bear and Doll Show. Categories include oldest, smallest, biggest, and best dressed. Entries will be taken from 9.00 am through to 10.00am. After 10.00am patrons will be invited to the Stump Room to vote for their favourite Teddy or Doll. There is bound to be an old favourite hidden away somewhere so go hunting everyone!

Morning tea will be available from 10.00am at a cost of \$10 per person. Lots of delicious slices, cakes, biscuits will be served with tea/coffee (or cold water, cordial).

After voting has concluded prizes will be given out to the winners and the **birthday cake** will be cut.

So please put Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> in your diary and join with the Carinda members to celebrate 47 years of volunteering and community service to Warialda and district.

Carinda Craft Group meets every Tuesday morning from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Just bring your chosen craft along and join the ladies for companionship and the obligatory cup of tea/coffee—topped off with something tasty from Jeanette's kitchen!

## CERAMIC BREAK SCULPTURE PARK

# A COLLECTIVE EXHIBITION FEATURING BOTH LOCAL AND INTERSTATE ARTISTS



Opening on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12.00pm to 5.00pm is an eclectic collection of artworks including collage, colour pencil, watercolour, acrylics, glass work and metal and wood sculpture. Exhibiting artists are Krishna Heffernan, Jacqueline King, Gay Landeta, Nola Sindel, Elisabeth Muller and Michael Hardman.

The Ceramic Break Sculpture Park's third exhibition of the Triennial Travelling Quilters Challenge will also be displayed. The quilts have been shown at Barraba, Armidale, Tamworth, Texas, Inverell, Glen Innes, Moree and finish up at The Park. The \$1,200 grand prize winner will be announced at the opening.

Ceramic Break Sculpture Park is the brainchild of awardwinning bronze sculptor, Kerry Cannon. It features three galleries, a gift shop, a gazebo, sculpture walks and a dinosaur!

#### www.cbreaksculpturepark.com.au

Scan the OR Code to view the full list of artworks for sale.





#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

# Bingara Sext Club

#### **Drive By Encouragement Award**

Area E, all gardens across the bridge to Warialda, was the focus of our Garden Club Drive By. Graham and Linda Norman of 11 Salter Street, Bingara are to be congratulated on their three-year effort of transforming five acres of Coolatai Grass and stony ridges into an evolving and extremely fascinating garden. Some areas had to be built up, others filled and lots of clearing carried out.







On entry to this garden established trees such as wilgas, golden ash and Chinese elms form a proud backdrop to agapanthus and estonias. Following the curved gravel pathways long rectangles of massed plantings such as lavender, white may, crepe myrtles, geraniums and plumbago proliferate. Fantastic mountain views enhance the garden experience with Caroline and pink jasmine and Nigerian oaks as standouts. Further down towards a gully there are many fruit trees such as nectarines, oranges, pears, purple plums, grapes and pecan nuts as well as pistachios encouraging visitors to wander further.

Truly an inspiring garden worthy of encouragement!



Copeton Dam Level

74% as at 16 September 2024





- Apply for Grant Funding of \$5,000 to \$25,000 to Plant Trees
- Applications close September 30, 2024
- Open to landcare groups and networks, environmental community groups, landcare organisations, local governments, NRM organisations, Traditional Owners and First Nations organisations

Grant applications are open this month of September for landcare and other environmental community groups and organisations to apply for funding to help plant 75,000 native trees and shrubs in urban and peri-urban areas across Australia. In partnership with Bupa, Landcare Australia invites applications for grants ranging from \$5,000 to a maximum of \$25,000 (ex-GST) to support this initiative.

The Bupa Landcare Grants Program is open to a wide range of community groups and organisations to plant trees and shrubs that are endemic to the local area, including landcare groups and networks, environmental groups such as 'Friends-of', Coastcare, WildCare, Dunecare, Bushcare, and Intrepid Landcare, local governments, NRM organisations and non-profits operating nationally, Traditional Owners and First Nations organisations, as well as State and Territory Landcare Organisations.

The Bupa Landcare Grants Program aims to enhance both environmental and health outcomes by improving the connectivity of native vegetation and creating new green spaces in urban areas.

Landcare Australia CEO, Dr Shane Norrish commented on how the partnership and this new grant program marks a significant moment for the organisation and the landcare community, "This is Landcare Australia's first health partnership of its scale with a national impact, and we're excited to collaborate with Bupa on a program that truly values the connection between human health and environmental restoration. This funding will not only encourage people to get outdoors and engage with their local environment for their own wellbeing but also contribute significantly to the health of their local environment by improving biodiversity, native habitat and landscape restoration."

Landcare Australia's new grant program aims to celebrate Bupa's 2024 Healthy Cities Challenge, which focuses on strengthening connections between the health of people and the planet.

Bupa APAC CEO Nick Stone said that by combining physical activity with environmental action, the Healthy Cities Challenge brings to life our belief that adopting healthy habits can positively impact people's wellbeing and the cities they live in.

"Through this partnership, we are committed to contributing to the restoration of our invaluable and distinctive ecosystems all aimed at fostering a healthier planet for healthier people."

For more information about the Bupa Landcare Project Funding go to: https://landcareaustralia.org.au/bupa-healthy-cities-landcare-projects/



**SPORT** 

# Bingara Golf Report

Submitted by John Gill

#### **August/September 2024**

Bingara Golfers have been enjoying the glorious weather over the past weeks with good numbers attending all events. While it's good to see social golfers also on the course, if you are not a full sporting club member of the Bingara Sporting Club, you are required to pay the green fee. By paying the green fee, you will be showing your appreciation of the work done by volunteers who maintain the course, for you to enjoy your game of golf. Thank you for your support—there is an honesty box at the main entrance to the course.

#### **Bingara Golf Events**

August/September 2024 **Program** 

#### **Results**

#### **August Monthly Medal played 11 August**

Winner (on a count back) Robert Northcott 66 nett

Runner Up Tom Fullerton 66 nett

#### **September Monthly Medal played 8 September**

Winner (on a count back)Merv Hall 60 nettRunner UpClayton Southwell 60 nett

#### **Dalton Cup Vs Par played 25 August**

Winner (on a count back) Mark McGowan + 4

Runner Up Shane Thomson + 4

#### **Bingara Veterans Week of Golf**

September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 **Program** 

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September | 4.30pm

Welcome drinks and registration

#### Monday 30th September | 9.00am

18 hole individual stableford

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October | 9.00am

18 hole individual stableford

#### Wednesday 2nd October

**Rest Day** 

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October | 9.00am

18 hole individual stableford

#### Friday 4th October | 9.00am

Mystery aggregate stableford Farewell lunch and Presentation

#### **Enquiries**

Judy Northcott - Phone 0428 241 415 Email judynorthcott@outlook.com





Photos of winners courtesy of: **Bradley Photographers** 

# 2024 Annual Bingara Races

The annual Bingara Jockey Club Cup race meeting was held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August with perfect weather and a good crowd in attendance.

A presentation of Life Membership was made in between races to Hugh and Juliet Munro. Special guests, Richard and Pip Holden (who were in attendance to celebrate their parents, Ken and Gay Holden Memorial Race and the Gay Holden Memorial Marquee) were on hand to present the honours. Hugh has contributed greatly to Bingara Jockey Club with over 30 years of service as President and other roles as committeeman for the BJC, with mountains of support by Juliet.

The Jockey Club again held a 6-race program, drawing good fields in all races with horses coming from a vast area. The Bingara IGA Bingara Cup was won by "Jakat" who is trained by Ridge Wilson in Inverell and is owned by RJ Wilson and S Magann. The other 5 winning trainers came from Scone (2), Tamworth, Texas and Moree.

A big thank you is extended to the Judges of the various categories of Fashions of the Field, Belinda and Tom Ledingham, who were ably assisted by Lacy and Indy Cosh from Pally Styles. These girls have a small business known as Lace and Bows and donated the prizes for the U6 and U13 girls. Their Mum, Amy donated towards the U18 girls. Other



sponsors were Ray White, Hart Rural, Damien and Sarah Crump, The Salt Cave, Imperial Hotel and Sinclair and Jo Munro. The winners of the various categories were Audrey and Isobel Crump (under 6yrs Girls), Billy Kilmore (Under 6yrs Boy), Eva Graham and Jagger Wall (Under 13yrs Girl and Boy respectively), Maggie Harris and Clayton Shoppe (Under 18yrs Girl and Boy respectively), Tara White (Trendy Lady of Racing), Will Clarke and Harry Owens (Trendy Gents), Janice Monie (Classic Lady of Racing), Rob Carey (Classic Gent), Brooke and Luke Wall (Best Dressed Couple). The best headwear prize was won by Angela Turner.

The Bingara Jockey Club would like to thank all their sponsors, volunteers and supporters for enabling another successful day.



#### **SPORT**

#### **Race Results**

Race 1: the Meat on Maitland and Livestock and Property Maiden Plate over 1100 metres was won by Buy Me A Birkin, Jack Baker the jockey, and trained by Luke Pepper of Scone.



Race 3: the Northwest Petroleum Bingara – Liberty Café – Maiden Handicap over 1300 metres was won by Le Gagneur, Jack Baker the jockey, and trained by Rod Hilton of Texas.



Race 5: the Bingara IGA Bingara Cup over 1300 metres – won by Jakat, Wendy Peel the jockey, trained by Ridge Wilson of Inverell.



*Race 2:* the Imperial Hotel – McGregor Gourlay Agricultural Benchmark 50 Handicap over 1100 metres was won by Enterprise Legend, Chelsea Stanley the jockey, and trained by Holly Williams of Tamworth.



*Race 4:* the Campbell's Fuel Inverell – Ken and Gay Holden Memorial Benchmark 50 Handicap over 1300 metres was won by Hit Song, Billy Cray the jockey, and trained by Nikki Pollock of Scone.



Race 6: Bingara RSL Benchmark 50 Handicap over 1650 metres was won by Lady Cornelia, Siena Grima the jockey, and trained by Douglas Fernando of Moree.





#### FEATURED BUSINESSES



#### **CERAMIC BREAK** SCULPTURE PARK

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#### SAVE-THE-DATE

#### **CERAMIC BREAK SCULPTURE PARK PRESENTS**

Four new exhibitions opening Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 12.00pm to 5.00pm Featuring works by Krishna Heffernan, Jacqueline King, Gay Landeta, Nola Sindel, Elisabeth Muller and Michael Hardman



Fig in Moonlight, 92 x 123cm, collage and acrylic - \$850 Krishna Heffernan

2024 Triennial Travelling Quilters Challenge Winners announced!



Hot Chillies, 50 x 42cm, watercolour - \$320 Nola Sindel



**Under the Sea**, 50 x 40cm, diptych mixed media - \$235 Gay Landeta

Lunch and light refreshment provided. Entry by gold coin donation.

2535 Allan Cunningham Road, Warialda | Call 0417 841 741 | Email kerry@cbreaksculpturepark.com.au

#### **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** 



#### SAVE-A-LIFE





Grow on-farm work skills with the help of Community College Northern Inland and the **AgSkilled** vocational training program. Scan the code to find out more about subsidised training.



# Church **Notices**

#### **SEPTEMBER 2024**

Friday 20th Bingara District Historical Society - Monthly

> Meeting - Starting at 10.30am at the Museum Complex, 16-20 Maitland Street, Bingara

Saturday 21st Warialda Honey Festival - 10.00am to 2.00pm -

Warialda Recreation Ground

Saturday 21st - Sunday 22nd Upper Horton Ladies of the Valley - Ladies' Campdraft Clinic - \$450 includes all meals -

**Upper Horton Recreational Grounds** 

Saturday 21st - Sunday 22nd Annual Cattle Dog Trials - Bingara Showground

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Ceramic Break Sculpture Park Exhibition

Opening - from 12.00pm to 5.00pm Entry by gold coin donation. Bring your own

utensils for entry in the Green Prize raffle

Tuesday 24th - Sunday 29th ABCRA Australian Campdraft Championships -

North Star Sports Ground

Wednesday 25th Streamlining Your Farm or Small Business - FREE

Workshop - The Living Classroom from 6.00pm

to 8.00pm - Phone Janelle 0408 659 587

Wednesday 25th The Red Hat Society in Bingara - 10.00am at

Fresh Finds Meets the Roxy

Little Red in the Hood - Warialda Memorial Hall Thursday 26th

- Session 1 at 9.30am - Session 2 at 11.30am www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1226129

Saturday 28th Gwydir Ark Nature Walk - Exploring the Bingara Waterfall - 8am Meet at the Bird Route just west

of The Living Classroom, Narrabri Road - BYO

snack, drink, hat, sturdy shoes

NWTC Film Club - "Red, White and Brass" Sunday 29th

OCTOBER 2024

Saturday 5th Upper Horton Schnitzel Fest TM - \$55pp - Two

course meal - 6.00pm - Upper Horton Sports

Saturday 12th Carinda House 47th Birthday Bash! Garden Party

- Morning tea from 10.00am - \$10pp

Saturday 19th Warialda Wombats Presentation Night -

> Warialda Golf and Bowling Club - Dinner, drinks, entertainment and award ceremony - Semi-

Formal/Formal attire

Sunday 20th Pally Bush Mega Markets - Pallamallawa War

Memorial Hall - 8.00am to 12.00pm - FREE pony

rides and a FREE petting farm

Warialda Community Warriors 1960s Ball - BYO Saturday 26th

drinks and platters - 6.00pm - \$40pp or \$400 for

a table

Sunday 27th NWTC Film Club - "Belfast"

#### ANGLICAN CHURCH

Bingara Worship at St John's

Anglican Parish, Bingara -

Sundays 9.30am

Warialda Anglican Church, Warialda

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<sup>th</sup> weekend 6.00pm

Saturdays 6.00pm Warialda

4th weekend 10.00am

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks - Rosary Bingara

9.30am/Mass 10.00am

Warialda 1st and 3rd 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

Scots Presbyterian Church Bingara

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.