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## NSW Electoral Commission Confirms Councillors After Local Government Elections

Gwydir Shire Councillors elected to serve the community have been declared after preference distribution was finalised following Local Government elections held on 14<sup>th</sup> September. Nine councillors were elected from 14 candidates.

Gwydir residents have put their faith in seven new and two returning councillors\* to act in their best interests for the next 4-year term with candidates declared elected by the NSW Electoral Commission on 1<sup>st</sup> October as follows:

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| 1. CRUMP Sarah    | 2. GALVIN Tiffany* |
| 3. COLLINS Mick   | 4. BISHTON John    |
| 5. DIXON Marilyn* | 6. COLEMAN Sean    |
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| 9. CRISPIN Scot   |                    |

There were 3,854 residential and non-residential electors enrolled in the Gwydir Shire on 5 August 2024, with 3,194 total votes/ballot papers (82.87%) received.

Total Informal Ballot Papers amounted to 214, or 6.7%—a 2.37% increase in informal votes on the 2021 election result.

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Elected Councillors will now attend the next scheduled Gwydir Shire Council meeting on 17 October when the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be decided.

### Understanding the Role of a Councillor in NSW Local Government

In the realm of local governance within New South Wales (NSW), the role of a councillor is both vital and multifaceted. Elected officials serve as the voice of their communities, ensuring that local government actions and policies reflect the needs and aspirations of the residents they represent.

Councillors act as advocates for the community at council meetings and in various forums. This involves engaging with residents, understanding their issues, and working to address them through effective policy-making and community initiatives.

One of the core responsibilities of a councillor is to participate in the development and implementation of policies that govern the local area. This includes setting strategic directions, prioritising resource allocation, and making informed decisions on a wide range of local issues, from infrastructure development to environmental management.

Councillors play a crucial role in overseeing the financial health of the local government. They are involved in the budgeting process, ensuring that funds are allocated efficiently and effectively to meet community needs. This requires a good understanding of financial management and the ability to

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## Update from Council

### Plunkett Street Update

#### Orchard

There have been over 20 fruit trees donated to the Community Orchard to be located at the back of the Plunkett Street block. Works are currently being undertaken to prepare for the planting of the trees. Donations have been received from generous individuals from within the Gwydir Shire Council area with one donation coming from a family in Canberra who have watched the progress of the Warialda Community Warriors (WCW) on Facebook and wanted to be a part of the development.

There is still some space if you are interested in purchasing a fruit tree for inclusion in the Community Orchard. Donations can be made to:

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Please use your name as a reference and email details of the name/s you would like on the sponsorship signage to [warialdacomunitywarriors@gmail.com](mailto:warialdacomunitywarriors@gmail.com).

The Warriors will be consulting with horticulture experts to make sure that a good assortment of environmentally suitable trees are included in the orchard. Thank you to those who have already given their support the Warriors. It is hoped that before long this orchard will be giving back to the community.

#### Op Shop

The building works are nearly completed at the Op Shop building. There are still some minor works needed before the building can be painted internally and the fit out finalised. This work has essentially been done by a team of extraordinary tradespersons volunteers who have given their time to this project as a contribution to the community. These people will be celebrated at the opening of the Op Shop when we have their permission to publicise their contribution.

Council staff have been engaged to undertake some of the works like the removal of the lead paint on the building, securing the building and plumbing.

The WCW has been given a donation from Challenge Disability Services which has been combined with WCW funds raised for the purchase and construction of a three-bay shed to be used for sorting and storing items for the Op Shop. This shed will be on the southern side of the larger building on the block and will form part of the boundary fence allowing access for Challenge staff and participants internally and Op Shop Volunteers externally. A loan was provided by Council for the short fall of funding for the Sorting Shed. It is expected that WCW will have the funds to repay this loan immediately after their next fund raising venture which is the 1960s Ball on the 26 October, 2024 at the Warialda Town Hall.

### Warialda Community Warriors 60's Ball

October 26<sup>th</sup> 2024 is an evening set for all things **60s—peace, love and happiness!**

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Featuring DJ Lindo this sure will be a dance party to remember! BYO drinks and platters.

Please arrive between 6:00pm and 7:30pm to get your complimentary entry photo taken. From 7:30pm until late the selfie stand will be open for all those fun photos!

**This is an 18+ event.**

Funds raised on the evening will be dedicated to adding additional community seating in Stephen Street (Warialda) with the remaining funds put towards the establishment of a sorting shed for the Warialda Community Op Shop.

**Date:** Saturday 26 October 2024

**Time:** 6:00pm to 11:59pm

**Location:** Warialda Memorial Town Hall

72 Hope Street , Warialda NSW 2402

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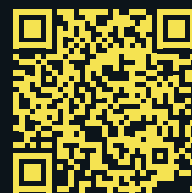


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make tough decisions regarding funding and expenditure.

Effective councillors are actively involved in community engagement. They facilitate open communication between the council and the public, organising public meetings, consultations, and forums to gather feedback and foster a sense of community involvement. This helps build trust and ensures that council decisions are transparent and inclusive.

Councillors are expected to uphold high standards of governance and ethical conduct, adhering to codes of conduct, conflict-of-interest guidelines, and other regulatory requirements to maintain the integrity of their office. This includes making decisions in the best interest of the community and avoiding actions that could undermine public trust.

While the role of a councillor can be challenging, it is also incredibly rewarding. Councillors in NSW local government are essential to the functioning and well-being of their communities. Their roles as advocates, policy makers, financial overseers, communicators, and ethical leaders ensure that local government remains responsive, accountable, and effective in serving the needs of the public.

## How to have your say in Council

All councils in NSW are independent, locally elected corporate bodies responsible for making decisions that have a far-reaching impact on their community. As a resident, your voice plays a crucial role in shaping the policies, projects, and initiatives that impact your local area.

There are a number of ways that you can participate in a council's decision making process. These include: attending council meetings; nominating for a committee; accessing council information; participating in public consultations; and providing feedback.

Residents may also lobby local councillors. Lobbying is common in local government with the most common form occurring when a group or individual makes direct contact with a councillor in an attempt to influence a council decision.

Councillors are lobbied over such issues as: development matters; the upgrading of local facilities, including playgrounds and sporting amenities; and revenue decisions, including the setting of business, mining, farming or special rates.

**For more information on how to lobby your local councillors** download the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) publication *Lobbying Local Government Councillors*:

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# Moylan warns of 'flow on' effects for NSW under the National Water Agreement

MEMBER for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan delivered a Private Members' Statement in NSW Parliament last night, urging the Minns Labor Government not to sign the National Water Agreement (NWA) which is currently under Commonwealth consultation.

Mr Moylan warned that the NWA should not be agreed to by NSW in its current form and its shortcomings, knowledge gaps, legal and financial ramifications must be addressed.

"For those of us who live in the bush, water is a vital social and economic resource," Mr Moylan said.

"The NWA will replace the 2004 National Water Initiative (NWI) which was the result of 10 years of thorough consultation between States and the Commonwealth, and stakeholders. The NWI held Australia in good stead for 20 years.

"In contrast, the Commonwealth Government is attempting to rush the NWA through in a matter of months and bully the States, including NSW into signing it by the end of this year.

"The NWA is complex and will introduce significant changes that weaken secure, sustainable, and productive water use in NSW.

"NSW is also likely to end up shouldering an increased resource and financial burden to deliver the Commonwealth's Wishlist, a cost that will be passed onto water users and regional communities under the current NSW rural pricing model.

"The NWA has been rushed which has resulted in water users the NSW Government insufficient time to fully comprehend the proposed changes and their potential impacts on consumptive water users and regional communities.

"Long standing and well respected National and State representatives of rural water users were excluded from Commonwealth advisory bodies developing the NWA principles, despite their members being the most affected by the outcomes.

"I am urging the State Government to protect the interests of our regional communities and NSW water users, the State Government must advocate for a more balanced, consultative process.

"Further rounds of consultation are necessary to refine the NWA, ensuring that it promotes sustainable water management and protects the interests of all stakeholders, including irrigators in the Northern Tablelands and right across NSW."

# Letter to the Editor

**Australia's present housing and rental market** represents the worst accommodation crisis Australia has faced. So what origins led us to the side effects of (a) inequity (b) restructuring of society due to loss of confidence and lowered expectations of getting ahead (c) loss of status and prestige exemplified by wholesale poverty?

What triggered the extent of homelessness, handouts and couples with jobs and kids sleeping in cars? How did we arrive at such a parlous state where cost of living pressures trashed lifestyles and subjected some of the once comfortable middle aged and others to poverty?

Younger Australians blame the greed and influence of Baby Boomers and the political imperative to keep that voting block on side.

For decades housing construction was a principal economic generator upon which the economy relied. In any healthy marketplace, a fair balance depends upon an equilibrium between supply and demand. It is a heady mix with location, interest rates, economic trends and political decisions largely dictating fluctuating real estate prices. With a housing shortage, rising prices were inevitable but the prolonged retention of negative gearing and tax breaks added momentum to prices in capital cities. These policies outlived their usefulness and became incremental in "the unintended consequences" that politicians often warn us about in hastily enacted legislation.

Negative gearing and the offsetting of capital gains in an endlessly rising market locked first homebuyers out of the market and made millionaires of ordinary wage earners who invested in multiple dwellings. As values rose out of sync with reality, governments of both persuasions subsidised the out-competed first home buyers. Recently the Productivity Commission declared income derived from passive investment does not add to productivity. In hindsight, the desperation measures to encourage first homebuyers to purchase the 'Great Australian Dream' amounted to entrapment.

Make no mistake the Labor and Coalition parties caused and own a housing and rental crisis exacerbated by inflation. The coalition's policy to contain wages for a decade sowed the seeds of an inevitable disparity between wages, housing and rental affordability. Recently Federal Treasurer Jim Chambers blamed "high interest rates" for the borrowers' pain as they try to meet repayments. Historically, interest rates are not high other than in the context of trying to meet repayments on unaffordable housing. Over a lifetime, interest rates around six percent seemed a fair balance. Investors earned income on

savings and purchasers managed their commitments. To put today's capital city housing and rentals prices into perspective, by comparison, a family car would cost something like \$200,000 to \$250,000.

The Federal Government says the path to affordable housing is to build more homes. This purported solution has been well studied and analysed by industry experts who point out housing contractors are experiencing record bankruptcies and relief could be some decades away. At this moment, people don't have that luxury.

Neither do measures that would substantially reduce real estate values offer a solution. Great care must be taken to ensure that falling house prices do not cause debt to exceed asset value. Such an outcome would bring about a catastrophic bloodbath. However, the first priority must be to stop capital city prices from escalating further.

Labor and the Coalition own this housing and rental crisis and all that flows from it. The coming election is foremost in the parties' minds as they jockey for the ascendancy. What we have witnessed is Dutton and his party who has form, intimidating the Labor Party on the housing. Labor avoids potentially beneficial policies out of fear they could be misrepresented in the coming election. Statesmen are needed to put country first and the party after that. Labor and the Coalition must take joint ownership and responsibility for the housing and rental crisis and work together to fix it. Joint ownership, no point scoring or level of intimidation as witnessed. Then, and only then, will voters receive the sort of representation that we so crave. As things stand, there is nothing to indicate our politicians can put aside their philosophical differences to break the cycle. In the meantime, the rich get richer and the growing poor more vulnerable due to loss of control over their destiny.

Name and address supplied

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## In the News

# No penalties for kids over social media age limit



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<https://stafm.com.au/no-penalties-for-kids-over-social-media-age-limit/>

Social media companies will bear the responsibility to block childrens' access to their platforms as the communications minister mulls an appropriate age limit.

Michelle Rowland is reviewing a minimum age of between 14 and 16 years to access social media, with legislation to be introduced before the end of November.

There won't be penalties for children or parents.

"Instead, it will be incumbent on the platforms to demonstrate they are taking reasonable steps to ensure fundamental protections are in place," an excerpt of the minister's planned speech to a social media summit on Friday reads.

Exemptions for social media platforms that demonstrate a low risk of harm to children are being considered.

"The aim is to create positive incentives for digital platforms to develop age-appropriate versions of their apps," Ms Rowland is expected to say.

"We are conscious of the harmful features in the design of platforms that drive addictive behaviours.

"This is why we will set parameters to guide platforms in designing social media that allows connections, but not harms, to flourish."

She pointed to Meta introducing account restrictions for young people on Instagram.

"So the platforms have the capacity to do more and they should be doing more," she told ABC TV ahead of her speech.

A trial of age verification technology has shown technology giants can enforce age limits, she said.

There will be a 12-month timeframe for the industry to adapt to any laws and changes brought in by the federal government.

The NSW and South Australian governments are convening a two-day social media summit that started on Thursday.



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# Life-Saving Defibrillators Available for NSW Sports Facilities



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NSW sporting clubs and organisations have the opportunity to apply for their share of \$500,000 in funding from the NSW Government for new life-saving defibrillators.

The equipment is funded under the NSW Government's Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program which provides up to \$3,000 to eligible sporting organisations for the purchase of automated external defibrillators at sports facilities.

Since the Program commenced, more than 2,000 defibrillators have been installed at sports facilities across NSW.

Applications close 27 November 2024 or when funding is

exhausted.

For further information, including expanded eligibility criteria, please see the Program guidelines at: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-defibrillator-grant-program>

Minister for Sport Steve Kamper said:

"With more than 9,000 out of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in NSW each year, the first few minutes following an incident are critical, and access to a defibrillator can mean the difference between life and death.

"The NSW Government wants to ensure people participating in sport have access to this life-saving equipment.

"The Local Sport Defibrillator Program ensures clubs are equipped to respond to these life-threatening emergencies."



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# Scholarships support local health students

Two local health students will receive a \$10,000 boost to their university studies over the next two years as the winners of the Dr William Hunter and Healthy Communities scholarships.

Madelyn Johnson, a second year student in a Doctor of Medicine at Charles Sturt University was awarded the Barwon Health Alliance Dr William K Hunter Scholarship.

"It's a real privilege to get this recognition, a real privilege to be from Moree, and I love the community," she said.

Over the past 20 years, the scholarship has supported 37 students from Bingara, Wyallda, Moree and Collarenebri in their pursuit of a variety of health careers including medicine, physiotherapy, speech therapy, psychology, dentistry and biomedical science.

Madelyn acknowledged the impact scholarship namesake Dr Hunter had on the local community during his career as a GP and surgeon, and hoped she would be able to follow in his footsteps.

Dr Hunter described Madelyn as a "trailblazer", as a Moree local and Aboriginal woman studying medicine.

In her second year of a Bachelor of Nursing at the University of New England, Morgan O'Dempsey was delighted to receive the Gwydir Valley Cotton Industry's Healthy Communities scholarship.

"This is amazing. Thank you!" she said.

Supporting second year medical, allied health and nursing students from the Wyallda, Bingara, Moree and Collarenebri districts; the Dr William K Hunter and Healthy Communities scholarships provide two years of funds to assist with accommodation, textbooks and other university costs.



**2024 Healthy Communities scholarship winner Morgan O'Dempsey with 2024 Dr William K Hunter scholarship winner Madelyn Johnson.**

"All rural areas have shortages of health professionals in all categories," Dr William Hunter said. He estimated that around 60 NSW towns were without doctors, and very few had obstetric services.



"Graduates from rural towns are more likely to return there than city compatriots. We also know that students in rural towns have to contend with higher transport and accommodation costs to attend the city-based courses," he said.

"These scholarships are to help alleviate these costs as well as encourage local students to have a go."

First established in 2004, the Dr Hunter scholarship is now an initiative of local non-profit HealthWISE as part of their Barwon Health Alliance program, which aims to enhance educational opportunities for current and future primary health care workers in the Barwon region.

The Healthy Communities scholarship is one of a number of medical scholarships the Gwydir Cotton Growers Association (CGA) has funded over the past 25 years. Gwydir CGA committee member Liam Winter said the two scholarships shared the common goal of supporting local medical students and creating a stronger, more viable health sector.

  
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# TAFE NSW Supports Aboriginal Trainee's Quest for Rural Healthcare Equity

TAFE NSW is transforming rural and Aboriginal healthcare by addressing skill needs and training future professionals like Jasmin Briggs, a 17-year-old Gamilaroi woman from Warialda, northwest NSW.

Over seven million rural Australians<sup>1</sup>, face limited healthcare access, with Aboriginal people experiencing a 6.8-year life expectancy gap.

Health professionals and services that honour Aboriginal cultural identity are crucial for improving treatment participation<sup>2</sup>.

Ms Briggs, completing her Certificate III in Health Services Assistance, is on track to becoming a health professional ready to address skill shortages and enhance healthcare in rural NSW.

Motivated by personal loss and witnessing local healthcare disparities, Ms Briggs decided to pursue a career in advancing healthcare equity in Aboriginal communities.

"Growing up, my community had only one medical clinic, with the nearest alternative an hour's drive away," Ms Briggs said.

"TAFE NSW has ignited my healthcare journey, and inspired me to strive towards becoming a doctor, ensuring Aboriginal people in my community receive the healthcare they deserve."

Ms Briggs has already achieved significant recognition, including being a Finalist in the 2024 New England Training Awards for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year and a winner of the Zonta 2024 Achievement Award for Young Indigenous Women (AAYIW).

Alongside her high achievements and career drive, TAFE NSW has helped Ms. Briggs start her career in health and work towards her dream by equipping her with real-world experience and practical skills.

Thanks to her education at TAFE NSW, Ms. Briggs qualifies for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship at the University of New England and will join their Country Doctor Program to realise her dream of working in her community.

Martin Bower, Ms Briggs' teacher and Career Advisor at Warialda High School said it was clear early on that



*Jasmin Briggs, a 17-year-old Gamilaroi woman from Warialda, is on a mission to improve healthcare access for Aboriginal people in rural NSW.*

Ms. Briggs' career would be in healthcare, serving her community after her TAFE NSW traineeship.

"I'm proud to see her dedication to her patients and her ambition to advance in medicine."

1. Rural and remote health 2024, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
2. Cultural barriers lead to inequitable healthcare access for Aboriginal Australians and Torres Strait Islanders by Jie-Li Li, University of South Australia



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## BELFAST

The North West Theatre Company Film Club's October offer is the 2021 movie "Belfast".

"Belfast," directed by Kenneth Branagh, is a poignant semi-autobiographical film that beautifully captures the complexities of family, love, and the impact of political strife on everyday life. Set in the late 1960s, the film follows a young boy named Buddy (Jude Hill) as he navigates his childhood in a working-class neighbourhood in Belfast, Northern Ireland, amidst the backdrop of growing sectarian tensions.

Branagh's direction shines through in the film's vivid black-and-white cinematography, which lends a nostalgic yet stark quality to the story. The use of colour in certain scenes, especially those highlighting moments of joy or significance, enhances the emotional depth and serves as a powerful contrast to the turmoil surrounding Buddy's life.

The performances are outstanding, particularly from Jude Hill, who portrays the innocence of childhood with authenticity and charm. Caitriona Balfe (Ma) and Jamie Dornan (Pa), as Buddy's parents, deliver deeply moving performances that embody the struggles of love, hope, and sacrifice. Their chemistry and the warmth of their family dynamic provide a counterbalance to the external chaos, making the film resonate on a personal level.

The screenplay expertly weaves humour and heartbreak, showcasing the resilience of the human spirit. The dialogue feels genuine, filled with a mix of Northern Irish wit and poignant reflections on life and loss. Branagh's exploration of the cultural and historical context is both respectful and insightful, allowing viewers to understand the broader implications of the characters' choices.

Overall, "Belfast" is a beautifully crafted film that balances the innocence of childhood with the harsh realities of life during a tumultuous period. It's a heartfelt tribute to family and home, making it a must-watch for anyone who appreciates rich storytelling and emotional depth. Branagh's ability to capture the nuances of memory and experience makes "Belfast" a standout film in his impressive body of work.

Belfast shows at the Roxy Theatre on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm. **New members are welcome.**

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# BELFAST



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

**Sunday October 27th 2024 | 4:00pm | The Roxy Theatre**



# Courses coming up this month

Hospitality



## Issuing Registered Training Organisation Australian Training Plus (RTO 91434)

### Provide responsible service of alcohol (RSA) ♦

SITHFAB021 Provide responsible service of alcohol

BINGARA CAMPUS

DATE	TIME	COST
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am to 4.00pm	\$315

### Provide responsible gambling services (RCG) ♦

SITHGAM022 Provide responsible gambling services

BINGARA CAMPUS

DATE	TIME	COST
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am to 4.00pm	\$230

- ♦ Joblink Plus Limited, trading as Australian Training Plus (ATPlus) - RTO ID No. 91434, will be delivering, assessing and issuing Statements of Attainment to students assessed as competent in the units per course requirements.

# Call to Get on Board!



From CCNI Executive Officer - Mel Squires

Community College Northern Inland is calling for expressions of interest from skilled and diverse people from across the Northern Inland region to join our board and support us in delivering education and training that transforms lives.

We are looking for passionate community members, business leaders, tradies and creatives who want to share their life skills and knowledge to ensure the vision and strategies of CCNI are achieved.

CCNI places great emphasis on the importance of robust governance overseen by a dedicated Board of professionals who generously volunteer their expertise and guidance.

To apply, please email a cover letter expressing your interest in joining the CCNI Board with your resume to [hr@ccni.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hr@ccni.nsw.edu.au)



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Help us provide our community with education and training that transforms lives.

# Career Opportunity



## Campus Coordinator | Moree

CCNI is currently seeking a Campus Coordinator for our Moree Campus. If you have passion, drive and strong links to the community and industries, this position is 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 including Community Service, Business, Engineering and Industry.

### Position Purpose

The Campus Coordinator is responsible to the Executive Officer for the day-to-day running of the local campus and outreaches of Community College Northern Inland Inc. They are required to research, plan and coordinate the delivery of a range of education and training courses for the local community, build and maintain relationships with referral agencies and local businesses. The position is part-time, 28 hours per week, Tuesday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

### General Responsibilities

- Be the local 'face' of the college.
- Research and report adult community needs and organise courses in response to the identified needs of people and businesses in the community in order to plan and collate an education and vocational training program.
- Build and maintain relationships with referral agencies and local businesses to be their RTO of choice for their clients and staff.
- Organise courses and activities including:
  - assisting with recruitment of tutors;
  - selecting times, dates and venues; and
  - arranging course resourcing in line with ASQA and funding body requirements.
- Provide front line customer service, administration of student enrolments and classes using our third-party student management system.
- Provide day-to-day management of campus facilities, training resource requirements, and external venue requirements.
- Provide day-to-day support to trainers, facilitators and visiting staff.
- Provide student support and referrals.
- Meet ASQA and NSW DET standards and guidelines including providing reports.
- Monitor and prepare content for the campus Facebook page. Collate images, testimonials, course content and student outcomes for campus flyers and other media. Advertise events and courses as required.

### Essential Criteria

- Local community involvement, knowledge of the district community or the ability to develop local networks and sustain partnerships.
- Excellent skills in Microsoft 365 or similar cloud system including Word, Outlook and Excel.
- Demonstrated skills in business development and promotion.
- Excellent skills in email and file management.
- Experience using third-party software and apps such as student management systems, office software and social media platforms.
- Accurate data entry skills.
- Excellent planning skills with attention to detail and customer focus.
- Excellent written and verbal communication and customer service skills.
- Driver licence and access to a vehicle with comprehensive insurance.
- Ability to work independently with a minimum of supervision.
- Experience developing and leading a team of workers.
- Experience in a confidential environment and able to use good judgement (common sense).
- To be appointed to this role you must provide a current Working With Children Check and
- National Police Clearance Certificate.
- Evening and weekend work can be expected on occasion and some flexibility around hours is required. The position will be based in the college premises. Some travel will also be required.

### Ready to apply?

If this sounds like the position for you, please send your cover letter, current resumé, and short answer responses to each of the essential criteria via email to [hr@ccni.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hr@ccni.nsw.edu.au). Applications close Monday 28th October 2024. **Applications that do not address the essential criteria will not be considered.**



## News from Bingara Central School



## From the Principal

### Farewell Year 12

We recently had a day of mixed emotion as we bid farewell to our Year 12 students. They attended Bingara Central School for years, growing not only in knowledge but in character, friendships, and dreams. They have shown leadership through such roles as captains and sporting captains and have been great role models for the rest of the students in the school. Now, they stand on the cusp of something new: the future, full of endless possibilities.

As they leave this chapter behind, we remind them that school has not just been about the subjects and exams. It has been about resilience, learning from mistakes, pushing through challenges, and growing into the best versions of themselves. Their journey at Bingara Central School has been one of discovery, both of the world and of who they are, and it has laid a strong foundation for the exciting road ahead.

Venturing out into the world,

remember that learning never truly ends. There will be challenges to face, new environments, and situations that may seem daunting, but with every step, they will continue to grow. Keep curiosity alive, stay open to new ideas, and be kind—not just to others, but to yourselves.

No matter where life takes them, they will always carry a piece of this school with them: the friendships they've made, the lessons they've learned, and the support they've been given. They

have all left their mark here, and now it's time to make their mark on the world.

On behalf of all their teachers and everyone who has been part of their journey, I want to say how incredibly proud we are of each and every one of our Year 12 students. We are confident that they will face the future with confidence, purpose, and integrity.

**Brooke Wall**

Principal

Bingara Central School





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16 OCTOBER 2024

THE *Gwydir* NEWS

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE GWYDIR SHIRE AND SURROUNDS



## News from Gravesend Public School



## From the Principal

This year our students joined with Boomi Public School, Croppa Creek Public School, Pallamallawa Public School and Tulloona Public School to go on an experience of a lifetime to Canberra. This jam-packed excursion is one of many that the students at Gravo get to experience but one they have been eagerly waiting for since the start of 2023. Students were able to observe how a glass vase is made, watch a coin being made at the National Mint, participate in sport at AIS and learn about the struggles and triumphs of those who fought in wars across the globe at the War Memorial.

### Poetry Slam

This year's Poetry Slam continued to entertain the audience of family, friends and students reaching for a new standard of excellence in 2025. Through poetry at GPS students get to creatively present oral literacy to an audience, sparking their poetic genius.



We have included a piece for you to enjoy by our Year 6 student Maggie.

### Sam the Horse

In the steep hills around Armidale  
A little brown foal was born  
On a small creek flat  
A tiny bit cheeky and a little bit fat  
When he was around two, he  
headed out west  
It had been discovered the game  
of polocrosse suited him best  
Playing the game in Narrabri town  
He ended up with a girl called  
Maggie Brown  
During the game, a polocrosse  
racket she did wield  
While Sam chased all her dropped  
ball down the field  
After the game, Maggie got best  
No 2  
While Sam had his head down  
eating and doing a poo  
After the presentation finished,  
Maggie loaded up the float to  
head home  
To a paddock near Gravesend  
where Sam was free to roam

Maggie Brown, Year 6 Student

### Small Group Tuition

Gravesend is proud to provide additional learning to support and extend our students. These groups are led by a classroom teacher and Student Learning and Support Officer who work closely with the students to support their learning and development in an engaging and fun way. Programs are designed to meet individual student needs and students work in small clusters to build their capacity for learning in the classroom and to provide extension work to students who are High Performing in academic areas.

Miss Niomi, Mr Mac and Mrs Todd have been instrumental in delivering these programs and are delighted with the growth of all their students.

### Amber Barnett

Gravesend Public School



## News from Warialda Public School



## From the Principal

What an amazing school community we have here at Warialda!

As you can see, our term has been packed full of so many educational opportunities for our students, with their smiles saying it all!

I am so thankful for our parents, grandparents and wider community for their ongoing support. It is this team effort that makes our school the wonderful school it is!

### Tracey Digby

Relieving Principal  
Warialda Public School

### PSSA Touch Football NW Champions

What exciting times for our Warialda Public School PSSA Touch Football Teams!

Both teams have been training hard all year and are now celebrating their achievements as North West Champions but the hard work doesn't stop yet!

From here, both our boys and girls



teams (along with their awesome family support crews!) will be jumping onto the freeway Sydney bound, where they will compete at State level!

We wish them all the best and know they will represent Warialda with pride and excellent sportsmanship.

### Stage 2 Excursion to Lake Keepit

Last Term an excited bunch of Year 3 and 4 students headed off to Lake Keepit! With luggage galore and anticipation in their eyes, they hit the ground running on arrival.

The students were split into groups and headed off to some awesome activities!

Slip n' slide, kayaking and archery were just a few of the daytime activities.

From all reports, students had an absolute ball, followed closely by our teachers and some helpers. Some teachers in particular, showed off exemplary archery skills, lining up targets with confidence and accuracy.

Night time games and plenty of bedtime chatter finished off a brilliant day!

We know our students are so grateful for these amazing experiences.

### School Choir Visit to Naroo

This month, Warialda Public School Choir went for a Friday afternoon stroll to Naroo to enchant the residents with their singing.

Everyone had a wonderful time, with many encores called and plenty of extra singing occurring! Whilst some of these 'extra songs' were spontaneous, everyone was in the Friday afternoon sing-along spirit.

The students and residents had such a great time together, that they have booked in again for Children's Week activity time together this month. A deal was struck with the residents; our students will teach them some games and they in turn will teach our students some of their favourite games!

Singing carols at Christmas time was also booked in—there will be plenty of toe-tapping and smiles happening all round!

Thank you Naroo! What a great community we are a part of.

*The Warialda Public School Choir  
enjoys an afternoon performing for  
Naroo residents →*



## Writing Inspiration for Year 5!



As you may have seen if you have driven past our school lately, there has been machine and digging action happening! These two 'H&S Plumbing Blokes' have been observed by Miss Beard's students each day and become the topic of writing!

Amazing stories based on a day in the life of these tradies were imagined—everything from snake-wrangling to water pipes bursting to underground treasures being discovered.

Thanks for being inspirational to our young writers here at WPS!

## CWA Colouring-in Competition



Our enthusiastic CWA Ladies are active in many towns across Australia—including Warialda! This year, the CWA Focus Country was France.

Our students participated in a CWA colouring-in competition run by these wonderful ladies and we had some proud winners!

Thank you to our CWA for being such a wonderful support to our community.



## PSSA Rugby League State Finals

A huge effort from our Warialda boys, who played hard in Port Macquarie against a formidable Kempsey West Public School Team, with a final score of 22-12, Kempsey's way.

They held their heads up high and with determination and grit, came out strong against New Lambton South Public School, capturing a win 20-8!

A huge shout out to our dedicated and amazing coaching team of Steve Hawkins and Dave Wilson, along with Sarah Dawson and Amie Turner. Thank you!

Holding 6th position in the state is an outstanding achievement for our Warialda Public School Rugby League team and we are so proud of their efforts and importantly, their sportsmanship! Well done, boys!





## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Warialda Hospital Auxiliary News

Members of the Warialda Hospital Auxiliary met at the MPS on Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>.

As the weather has warmed, it was decided to recommence our raffles; the first date being Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> outside IGA. Patrons will be able to purchase tickets in \$300 worth of vouchers: \$100 groceries from IGA, \$100 fuel from Moore's and \$100 meat from Gwydir Meats.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>. A very welcome win for someone coming up to Christmas!

The Hospital Auxiliary Market Night is planned for Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Warialda Golf and Bowling Club, with tickets starting to sell at 6.30pm and the draw to commence at 7.30pm. Patrons will recall that prizes on offer at the Market Night are varied, often practical and always worthwhile. There will be something for everyone. The Market Night is a family friendly event, so why not treat the family to a meal at the Golf and Bowling Club and have a fun night out as well as getting a start on your Christmas gift list.

The Auxiliary has recently purchased two sitting-to-standing chairs for long stay patients. Members inspected the chairs, which are greatly appreciated by patients and staff. Carmel and Pat decided to test them out when the accompanying photo was taken!



The final meeting for 2024 will be lunch together on Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>. State President of United Hospital Auxiliary, and our New England Representative, Sally Cronberger will be joining us on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see a good crowd at the Golf and Bowling Club for the Market Night. You will be supporting a very worthwhile volunteer organisation where every dollar earned supports Warialda Multipurpose Service.



## Lions International

The Aussie Hay Runners visited Bingara in mid-September with 31 trucks travelling a combined 78,630km to Bingara to deliver 992 bales of golden hay, valued at \$94,240!

Bingara Lions Club provided them with a delicious meal on the Friday night of curry sausages and sweet and sour meatballs with rice and sweets—also cooking bacon and eggs for their breakfast! They were all so appreciative. They love coming to Bingara as they know they will be well fed.

**Gail List** - President, Bingara Lions Club



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**Cakes 1.5kg - \$20 | 1kg - \$16 | Puddings \$16**



## Bingara

# Garden Club

### Drive By Encouragement Award

In area A of the Bingara community Paul Weber of 40 Cunningham Street greeted us with a small, well structured and colourful image devoted largely to the memory of his wife Nicole. Large shrubs and oleander partly shielded us from the whole view, but, looking more closely we noticed the use of attractive river stones and red wood chips as a solid planting surface. Strong purple irises dominated the garden as well as softer cream and white blooms. Variations of mauves, pinks, reds, blues and greys also enhanced the coming of spring with petunias, marigolds, liriopse, carnations, daisies, cactus and succulents. Pink salvias added their own particular beauty to this memorable garden planted with love.



## Copeton Dam Level

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WATER WEEK EVENT

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Northern Slopes Landcare,  
Gwydir Ark and the Australian  
Conservation Foundation  
invite you to join us at an  
outdoor event in celebration  
of a local icon, the platypus.

Come along to hear from platypus  
expert **Dr Gilad Bino** and learn about  
how we can all help keep platypus safe  
and happy in our local waterways.

**Tuesday 22 October 5pm - 7pm**

Eaglehawk  
3693 Elcombe Road  
(about 9km outside Bingara)

**This is an all ages event**

RSVP by Monday 21 October at  
[smcdouall@nsla.net.au](mailto:smcdouall@nsla.net.au) or 0474 887 982

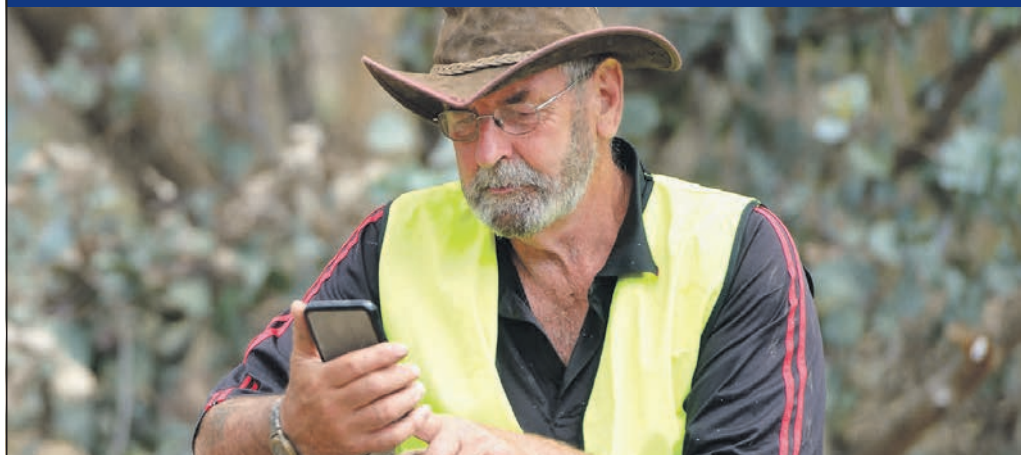
**Bring a chair, snacks, mobile  
phone and your curiosity.**



This initiative is made possible by the NSW Landcare  
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Land Services and Landcare NSW supported by the  
NSW Government.



# 3G is switching off



## Upgrade your phone and devices now

From Monday 28 October, Australia's 3G networks will be switched off.

All phones and devices that rely on 3G, and some older 4G devices, such as EFTPOS machines, medical alarms, personal emergency response devices, smart watches and tablets will no longer work. This means you won't be able to make or receive calls or texts or call Triple Zero (000).

To check if you're impacted text '3' to '3498' or contact your mobile service provider.

To learn more visit [infrastructure.gov.au](https://infrastructure.gov.au) and search '3G switch off'



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## BINGARA DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### October Monthly Meeting

Bingara Museum  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 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**



## ROSS COOPER OPTOMETRIST

### Next visits to Warialda

- October 30
- November 27

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

## Goondiwindi 07 4671 1550

### Next visits to Bingara

- October 31
- November 28

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



# 22nd Ride for the Chopper



The **2024 Ride for the Chopper** took place from September 13-20 with riders travelling from Glen Innes back to Tamworth, taking in the spectacular New England North West region of New South Wales.

Ride for the Chopper is an annual 7-day fundraising charity mountain bike ride that raises funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service (WRHS).

Riders sign up for an 8 day, 7 night mountain bike ride offering a full support crew including safety vehicles, bike trailers, catering crew and an experienced team of riders to guide new recruits on the adventure of a lifetime! Each rider is tasked with raising a minimum of \$600.

The 2024 Ride marked the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the event.

For a full round-up of the heartwarming antics, check out the group's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/rideforthechopper/>





**NATURE WALK**  
**A RAMBLE ALONG THE**  
**ICONIC GWYDIR**

**WHEN:** 9am Sunday 10th November 2024  
**WHERE:** Meet at Honeymoon campground (closest one to Bingara), Copeton Dam Road  
**WHAT:** A shady wander with potential to see platypus, koala and many other critters.  
**BYO:** snack, drink, hat, sturdy shoes, swimmers if you want to  
**MORE INFO:** [gwydir.ark@gmail.com](mailto:gwydir.ark@gmail.com)





# Bingara Golf Report

Submitted by John Gill

## September/October 2024

### Galveston Shield

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Bingara golfers played 4 B.B.B. aggregate for the Galveston Shield. Thank you to Ivan Galvin for sponsoring this event.

#### Results

Winners	Defending champions from 2023 Robert Northcott and Dave Armitage - 68 points
Runners Up	John Gill and Marshall Bond - 68 points (we will get them next year Marshall!)
Ballcomp	Peter Houlahan and Rick Burdon - 66 points, Cameron Maisey and Shane Thomson - 64 points, Merv Hall and Ron Armstrong - 63 points
Nearest to Pin	9/18 Peter Smith
Second Best Shot	6/15 tee A grade 0/15 Shane Thomson, B Grade 16 + Rick Burdon

### David Rose Cup

Second round of the David Rose Cup between Bingara and Warialda that will decide the winner of the cup for 2024 will be played at Bingara on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

### Bingara Veterans Week of Golf

September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> Bingara golf held the annual week of veteran's golf. An increase in numbers from previous years made for good fields on each day. Golfers played for daily winner, plus nearest to pins, straight drive all played in grades, the course in perfect condition.

Thank you to all the volunteers and all who made for a successful veteran's week of golf.

#### Results

#### Bingara veterans open champions

Mens: Merv Hall

Womens: Bernie Houlahan

#### Mac Dufty Shield over three days of play

Mens: Peter Houlahan

Womens: Bernie Houlahan

#### Cod Hole 7/16th most balls out of bounds

Barry Mitchell - 4 Balls

#### Sponsors for the Veteran's Golf

Toowoomba City Golf Club  
North West Petroleum  
Super Charge Batteries  
Bingara Pharmacy  
Jon Russell Knives  
Bill Hanton  
Les Jenkinson  
John Howard

Thank you to all the sponsors, for helping make the successful week of golf.

#### Raffle Winner

Peter Houlahan: 2 nights accommodation plus two rounds of golf Toowoomba City Golf Club.



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# What's on

## OCTOBER 2024

<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Bingara District Historical Society - October Monthly Meeting - Starting at 10.30am at the Museum Complex, 16-18 Maitland Street, Bingara
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Bingara RSL Sub-Branch - Raffle ticket sales to support local veterans
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Warialda Wombats Presentation Night - Warialda Golf and Bowling Club - Dinner, drinks, entertainment and award ceremony - Semi-Formal/Formal attire
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Pally Bush Mega Markets - Pallamallawa War Memorial Hall - 8.00am to 12.00pm - FREE pony rides and a FREE petting farm
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Gwydir Ark - Platypus Party - at 'Eaglehawk', 3693 Elcombe Road from 5.00pm to 7.00pm - For info call 0474 887 982
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Changemaker Workshop - The Living Classroom, Bingara - 8.30am to 4.30pm - Free session - All catering and stationery provided - RSVP by 17 <sup>th</sup> October to Gemma Rostron on 0421 031 418
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Bingara RSL Sub-Branch - Street Stall
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Bingara RSL Sub-Branch - Raffle ticket sales to support local veterans
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Warialda Community Warriors 60s Ball - Warialda Town Hall - 6pm until late - Tables of 10 \$400 or single tickets available at \$40 pp - book online at <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1211338">www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1211338</a>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	NWTC Film Club - "Belfast"

## NOVEMBER 2024

<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Halloween Disco - Warialda Golf and Bowling Club - Family Fun - A disco for the kids, raffles and draws for the adults - Starts at 6.00pm
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Bingara RSL Sub-Branch - Raffle ticket sales to support local veterans
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Bingara RSL Sub-Branch - Veterans Barefoot Bowls Day, starts 5.30pm
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Melbourne Cup Luncheon - Warialda Golf and Bowling Club - \$50 pp - Nibbles, lunch, dessert and a complimentary wine on arrival - Best Dressed Prize and Fanciest Hat
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Melbourne Cup Day Lunch - Wallaroo Hotel Coolatai - \$35 pp - Lunch, dessert and bubbles on arrival - Sweeps and Best Dressed Prize
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Bingara RSL Sub-Branch - Legacy Badges for sale in Bingara

# Church Notices

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### PARISHES WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

## UNITING CHURCH

Inverell Uniting Church services are live streamed at 9.00am on the Inverell Uniting Church Family private Facebook Group. These services are also recorded for later viewing - please search and join.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

# What's on

## NOVEMBER 2024 (Cont.)

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bingara RSL Sub-Branch - Draw to Remember by local Bingara children at the Bingara RSL
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bingara RSL Sub-Branch - Inaugural Dining-In Night
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Gwydir Ark Nature Walk - A Ramble Along the Iconic Gwydir - 9am Meet at Honeymoon Campground (closest one to Bingara), Copeton Dam Road - BYO snack, drink, hat, sturdy shoes, swimmers
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Gwydir Ark - Join UNE scholars exploring the range of pollinators that support growers of food and fibre - The Living Classroom from 9.00am to 12.00pm - Cost \$10pp - For info call 0498 802 370
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Gwydir Ark - Journey into the world of native bees and make your own bee hotel - The Living Classroom from 10.00am to 3.00pm - Cost \$20pp - For info call 0498 802 370
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Warialda Hospital Auxiliary - Market Night at the Golf and Bowling Club
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Warialda Anglican Church Gingerbread House Building Event - Saturday 23 (starts 7.00pm) and Sunday 24 (starts 4.30pm)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	NWTC Film Club - "Big Fish"
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bingara Christmas Concert - John Schumann and the Vagabond Crew presents "The Redgum Years"

## DECEMBER 2024

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Warialda Christmas Carnival - Jim Payne Oval, Warialda - Market stalls, food vendors, visit from Santa and live music by Will Clift
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