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Community support groups recognised at "Bingara's Heart Beats!" Community Information Day

Bingara's Heart Beats! Community Support and Volunteer Groups Information Day was held on Saturday March 16 at the Gwydir Oval in Bingara. The aim of the day was to showcase services provided by the town's community service providers, support groups and volunteers.

The information day was designed to encourage local volunteer and community support groups to meet in an informal setting where each group was given the

chance to show and explain what their particular group does, when it meets, and any costs involved in becoming a member.

Support groups empower the community and are vital for it to remain robust, happy and well supported. Volunteer groups provide social opportunities, companionship, skills and knowledge sharing to members and Bingara's support groups are well respected within the township and surrounds.

The day was a great success with 43 groups represented. Visitors enjoying the morning

Librarian Gail Philpott enjoying the day with Friends of the Library. Image courtesy of Kim Miller.



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included older community members and people who have recently made Bingara their home.

The **Bingara's Heart Beats!** project was proposed by the Bingara District Historical Society to encourage residents who are new to the area to find out about the services and groups on offer within our progressive town and to join a support group as a volunteer.

Organisers expressed gratitude to the Gwydir Shire Council for their invaluable support in bringing the **Bingara's Heart Beats!** Information Day to fruition. Without the assistance of Council the day would not have been possible.

Appreciation was also shown to all participants and attendees who contributed to the success of the event.

Letter to the Editor

I recently returned to Bingara for a funeral and was struck by the new and improved public amenities in and around the town.

The town has a neat and tidy, manicured appearance that residents and Council can be proud of.

It is unusual to see a small regional town so well cared for with constant improvement for residents and visitors to the area.

I would like to congratulate Council and its employees on a job well done and I look forward to seeing future improvements.

Kind regards
Cathy Wade

Bingara District Historical Society searches for volunteers

At the Bingara Museum, we feel that it is important to preserve the historical nature of the Gwydir Shire through the protection and display, not only of the items that are in the collections but also the history of the town as well.

The sale of our historical books, which we publish ourselves, is our main source of income, along with research fees that are charged for family research requests. This income allows us to remain viable. It also helps us to remain open to the public.

This year sees the Bingara District Historical Society operating from its current address at 16-20 Maitland Street Bingara for 47 years in the same site. This is a huge achievement for such a small group.

For potential volunteers who have a particular interest in a certain area, it is possible to gain new skills and knowledge by sharing with people who have similar interests, but also gain the added benefits of companionship and friendship in a welcoming facility.

In our group the skill sets can range from anything military related, including the display and reorganising of displays within the complex, family history research, and computer recording.

Future potential initiatives include recording and reorganising of the blacksmith shop—this will also protect this unique part of our early history. Rock identification and updating these displays is an ongoing project. Local fossicking collections have been donated to the museum and this is an amazing collection. We are in the process of setting up a room specifically for local personal collections that have been donated to the museum for future preservation. Future items may be accepted for inclusion in this room.

The Bingara Museum relies heavily on its volunteers to not only organise but also to preserve the history of the Bingara District. We are a small but dedicated group of volunteers who find enjoyment in utilising our various skills in a positive friendly environment.

If you feel that you could be interested in learning more about our local history and wish to meet like minded people, please feel free to come and visit us at the museum on Wednesday mornings 9-12 at 16-20 Maitland Street, Bingara. We would like to meet and speak with you and new members are always welcomed.

For further information please phone: 0428 345 600.



Bingara Historical Society members at the "Bingara's Heart Beats!" Information Day. Image courtesy of Steve Adams.



Images courtesy of Steve Adams

Living the Gwydir Good Life

From the General Manager

The 17th March 2024 was a significant milestone for Gwydir Shire Council. It was its 20th Anniversary.

I have been privileged and honoured to be the Shire's General Manager during these last 20 years and to work with some exceptional employees and elected Members.

The Shire has been a success on every reasonable assessment criteria and even winning the **Bluett Award**, which acknowledges the best rural Council, early on in the life of new Council following the amalgamation.

Max Eastcott

Plunkett Street Development

Council recently ran a competition to name the new Plunkett Street Development and individual buildings. Only one entry was received by the closing date so Council has decided to extend the competition deadline to 5.00pm on Thursday 28th March 2024.

As these buildings are community assets Council wants you to name the whole complex, the Disability Day Centre, the All-Abilities Cottage, and the two cabins.

To enter you need to obtain an entry form from the Council's Front Counter at the Wialda Visitor Information Centre/RMS on the Gwydir Highway.

The prizes to be won are Gwydir Gift Cards. \$200 voucher to name the Complex, and \$100 each to name the Centre, Cottage, Cabin 1, and Cabin 2. **Total prize value \$600 in vouchers.**

Local Government Elections

The 2024 NSW Local Government elections are scheduled to be held on Saturday 14 September.

Gwydir Shire Council's election will be administered by the NSW Electoral Commission. For all information including key dates please visit: <https://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/Elections/Local-government-elections/Local-Government-Elections-2020> or phone them on 1300 135 736.

Council is hosting two candidate information nights in August 2024:

Tuesday 6 August 2024	6.00pm	The Living Classroom, Bingara
Tuesday 13 August 2024	6.00pm	Wialda Memorial Hall, Wialda

Council also plans to meet with the community during the months of May and June 2024. Community meetings will be held at Wialda, Croppa Creek, Bingara, North Star, Gravesend, Coolatai and Upper Horton.

Bingara Council Office update

Tenders for the Council office construction project closed during February. Five responses were received and these are currently being assessed.

The Development Application (48/2023) has been submitted and is currently on public display.

Any person may lodge a written submission, during the exhibition period, to the consent authority (Gwydir Shire Council), concerning the Development Application. If the submission is by way of objection, the grounds of the objection must be specified in the submission.

Written submissions will be received up until 4.00pm Wednesday 10 April 2024. For further details go to:

<https://www.gwydir.nsw.gov.au/Council/Building-and-Development/View-Development-Applications-on-Display/Development-Application-482023>

Naroo Frail Aged Hostel

This month residents enjoyed Valentine's Day with a craft and poetry session with Helen from the Wialda Library.

During the month there was also a power outage for almost four hours while a new generator was installed. To pass the time during the outage residents enjoyed a few drinks, nibbles and a little dancing.

Naroo is a very special home boasting beautiful food, genuine companionship and many fun activities.

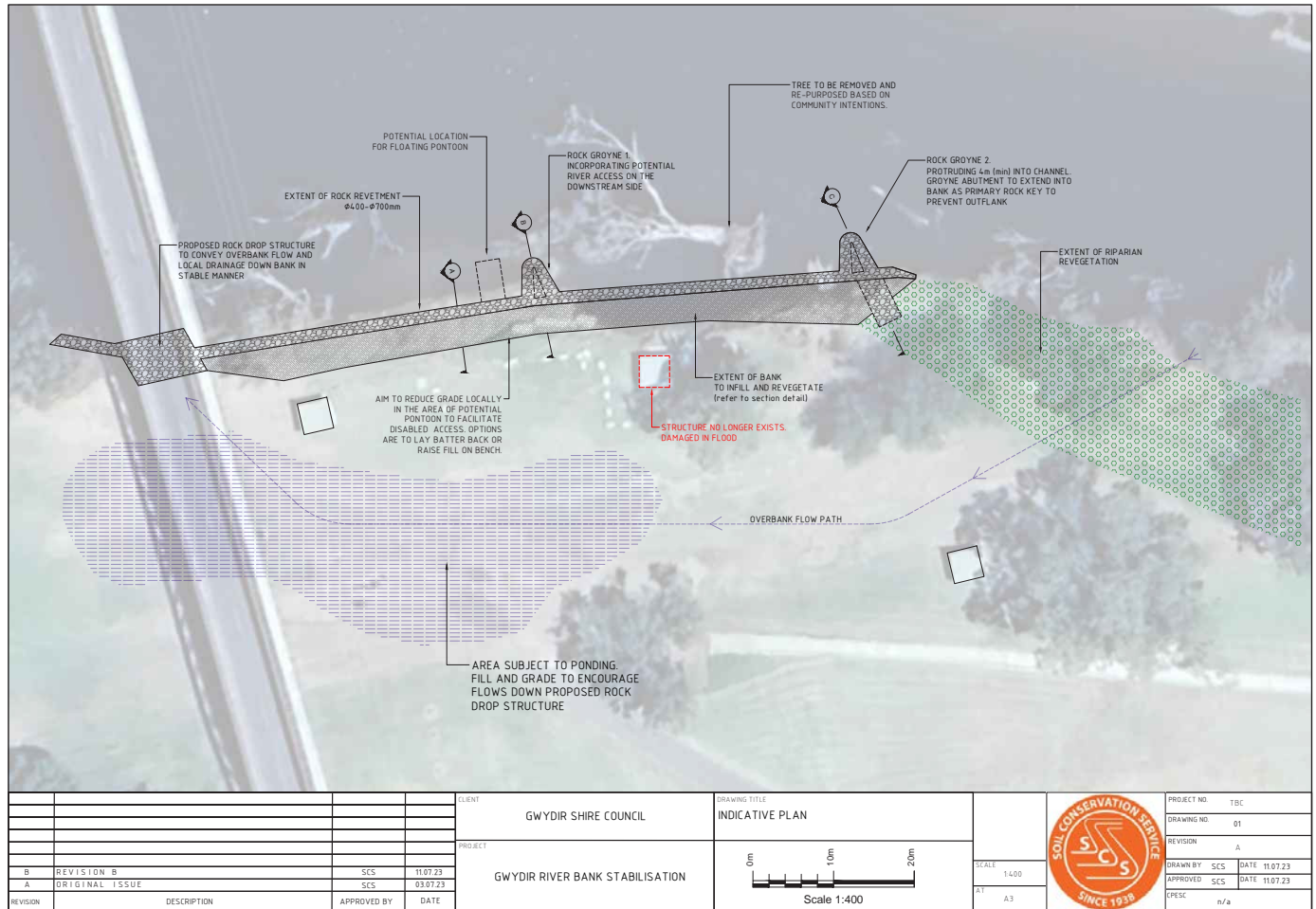


Right: Jim Payne with Carol Bussell ▶

Bingara Foreshore and The Living Classroom Cabins

At the end of this month the tree will be removed from the river. The solid part of the tree trunk will be stored and its valuable heart wood will be cut into slabs and incorporated into the Council's new Administration Building.

Below is a design of the foreshore area with earthworks set to commence next month.



A milestone has been reached with the cabins at **The Living Classroom**. An electricity retailer has now provided (after many months) a site meter identification reference. The receipt of this reference now allows Council's contractor to move to the next stage which is finalising the design and submitting it to Essential Energy for approval. The expected completion date is now August 2024.

Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC)

The LEMC had their regular quarterly meeting in February 2024 which was well attended.

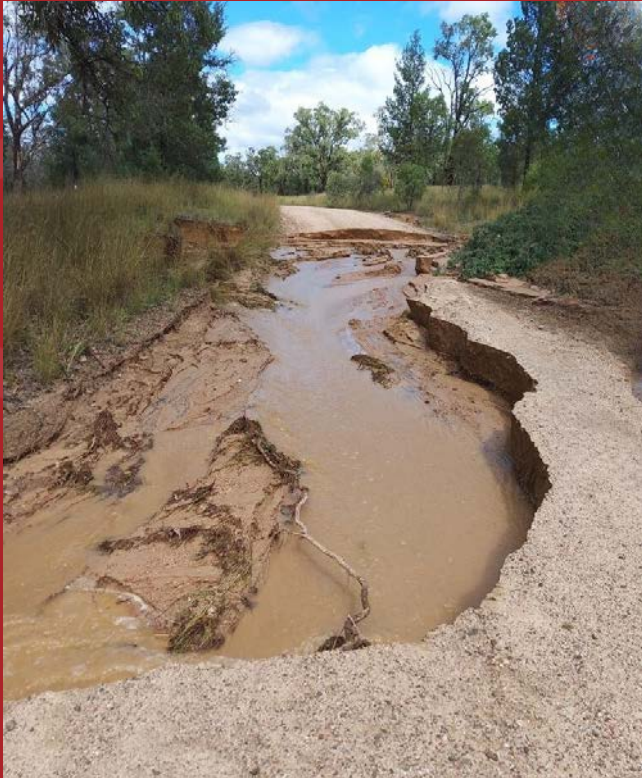
NSW Fire and Rescue advised the meeting that two new members for Bingara have been approved and booked into training, with a third person currently going through the recruitment process. The **SES** also advised that there are now two Warialda people who are booked into training who are hoping to become active members. Such recruitment is fantastic and much needed.



Roads Update

Flood damage work has been completed on the following roads:

SR66 Reserve Creek Road – 2.8km	SR19 Whitlow Road – 2km
SR47 Glenesk Road – 12.5km	SR119 Woodburn/ Emello Road – 2.8km
SR67 Agincourt Road – 3.0km	SR50 Thornleigh Road – 3.7km
SR45 Bereen Road – 6.0km	SR51 Towarra Road – 2.3km
SR62 Hibernia Road – 12.0km	SR60 Pound Creek Road – 2km
SR54 Pinecliff Road – 4.5km	SR13 Oregon Road – Culvert Replaced
SR97 Sadowa Road – 0.8km	SR3 Elcombe Road – Culvert Washout
SR99 Terregee Road – 3.4km (including 0.3km of new seal)	SR105 Fairweather Road – 0.7km
SR14 Mosquito Creek Road - 4.1km	SR106 Flemmings Road – 0.3km
SR21 Terry Hie Hie Road – 1.2km	SR43 Buckie Road – 1.5km
SR68 Goat Road – 6.0km	SR93 Sheep Station Creek Road – 6km
SR16 Trevallyn Road – 6.5km	SR20 Gravesend Road – 15km
SR34 Bonanza Road – 3.0km	SR41 County Boundary Road – 4.2km
SR82 Kirewa Road – 1.5km	SR1 Copeton Dam Road – 3,888m2 Heavy Patching
SR69 Tucka Tucka Road – 2.5km	SR2 Bingara Road – 9,24m2 Heavy Patching
SR72 Scotts Road – 1.7km	SR89 Glenarthur Road – 3.5km
SR61 Peates Road – 8km	SR34 River Road – 3km
SR42 Mungle Road – 8km	SR57 Currangandi Road – 3.55km
SR31 Eulourie Road – 2.4km (North of SR32 Pallal Road, 1.2km remaining)	SR205 Singapore Road – 2km
SR32 Pallal Road – 2km	SR102 Nourmea Road – 4km
SR55 Moreena Mail Road – 4.2km (0.9km remaining)	SR116 Forest Road – 2.7km
SR76 Bristol Lane – 8km	SR64 Gournama Road – 1km
SR92 Killarney Road – 0.5km Resheeting & 6km maintenance grading	SR63 Gil Gil Creek Road - 20.0km Formation grading, 2.9km resheeting
MR133 Killarney Gap Road – 5,525m2 Heavy Patching	SR18 Gineroi Road - 2.7km
SR262 Nunga Road – 3.5km	SR286 Sonoma Road – 0.9km
SR30 Caroda Road – 10.6km	SR103 Ravenscraig Road - New causeway, 2.7km formation grade
SR71 Mt Jerrybang Road – 2.6km	SR267 Cumble Road - 0.6km
SR49 Michell Lane – 4km	SR100 Kellys Access Road - 2.3km
SR12 Upper Whitlow Road – 2.4km	SR44 Boundary Creek Road - 4.2km
	SR113 Royal Oak Road - 2km



**FLOOD DAMAGE
BEFORE AND AFTER -
WEARNES ROAD**



**FLOOD DAMAGE
BEFORE AND AFTER -
ELCOMBE ROAD**



S355 COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL



GRAVESEND COMMUNITY GROUP	WARIALDA DRIVER REVIVER	NAROO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WARIALDA RAIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE	BINGARA AND WARIALDA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES	BINGARA ANGLERS' CLUB
WARIALDA PRESCHOOL	BINGARA OP SHOP	COUNTRY EDUCATION FOUNDATION (CEF) OF GWYDIR LEARNING REGION (GLR)
WARIALDA CULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE (CARINDA HOUSE)	BINGARA AND WARIALDA MEN'S SHEDS	
NORTH STAR HALL COMMITTEE	What is a Section 355 Committee? Under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is able to delegate some of its functions to a Committee. Council uses this delegation and appoints community people to manage facilities or functions through a Section 355 Committee.	
CROPPA CREEK HALL COMMITTEE		
COOLATAI SPORTSGROUND COMMITTEE		

Why Does Council Have Section 355 Committees?

The Committees provide a mechanism by which interested persons can have an active role in the provision/management of Council facilities and/or services. This provides a twofold benefit by giving protection to the Committee operating under the banner of Council, and by providing Council with assistance in the carrying out of its functions. As the Committees are acting on behalf of Council, it is important they uphold the principles of equity, accessibility and inclusivity - providing for the whole community.

CROOBLE HALL COMMITTEE	WARIALDA SPORTS COUNCIL	YALLAROI HALL COMMITTEE
BINGARA SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE	BINGARA SHOWGROUND COMMITTEE	GWYDIR COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE

Kicking goals at Nicholson Oval with new \$500,000 clubhouse opened

Warialda's Nicholson Oval is making a grandstand finish, with a new clubhouse and amenities block as well as new seating officially opened yesterday by Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall.

Mr Marshall inspected the completed project alongside Gwydir Shire Mayor John Coulton, which was made possible by a \$496,649 grant from the former state government's **Stronger Country Communities Fund**.

"The new facilities look fantastic and this is another huge step forward for sport and sporting facilities in Warialda," Mr Marshall said.

"The new clubhouse has the lot – public amenities, dressing rooms, a clubhouse, storeroom, canteen, new ramps and seating.

"So many sporting groups use Nicholson Oval including the Warialda Junior Rugby League, Warialda Junior Cricket, senior cricket as well as Warialda Public and Warialda High School for athletics events.

"These first-class facilities will ensure the ongoing viability of junior and female sporting participation in Warialda and will create capacity for additional use through new and expanded sport competitions.

"Together with the new \$500,000 lights, Nicholson Oval is now a first-class local and regional sports facility and it's great Warialda now has the sporting facilities it deserves."

Gwydir Shire Council's Project Manager Colin Cuell said the new Nicholson Oval amenities building was a vast improvement on the former building which was demolished to make way for the new structure.

"The building includes an upgraded canteen to food safety standards, club room, store rooms, dressing rooms and amenities," Mr Cuell said.

"Part of the grant funding focus was the participation of females in sport. With this in mind, the new facility incorporates separate home and away dressing rooms and amenities for both male and females to promote the participation of females in local sporting competitions.

"The new facility incorporates covered seating for parents and spectators to enjoy watching the sporting activities.

"We have also incorporated accessible amenities and an accessible ramp linking the new facility to the sporting fields below."

Opening Warialda's Nicholson Ovals' new clubhouse and amenities, Gwydir Shire Council Project Manager Colin Cuell, Councillor David Coulton, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall and Mayor John Coulton.





The Crump's have you covered

Property management and residential home sales expansion



They're the one-stop-shop for all of your real estate, livestock and rural property needs!

In an exciting development for Crump Stock & Station Agency, Damien and Sarah Crump have expanded their services and are excited to be bringing fresh offerings to the Gwydir Community, including residential sales and property management.

With dedication beyond the clock, the duo are known for not working the average 9-5 roster, ensuring their property marketing doesn't stop just because the working week is over. In a move welcomed by many residents, they're also bringing back weekend 'Open Home' inspections and have dedication to selling your property!

"Real estate agents continue to be essential to our area, however, the industry is constantly evolving. As technology advances and as our

Shire grows, I feel that agents need to adapt to remain relevant in a changing landscape", Sarah says. "By offering services that have been available all along, but modernising them while still incorporating traditional styles, I'm hoping to put the Gwydir Shire on a map of one of the best places to live in rural NSW".

Adding to the growing list of services offered by this locally owned and operated business is Property Management, with their beliefs of having a stable team leads to better continuity, personalised service and the ability to have a deeper understanding of landlord and tenant's needs.

"As a family run business, we prioritise strong relationships, trust and reliability. I think people appreciate consistency and a familiar face when it comes to managing their investments, which is why we can guarantee that the person managing your investment is one of our business owners", Damien said.

With the business being 100% locally owned and operated, you can be assured that those words carry more than just a promise; they embody a commitment to the community that when you choose to work with this Agency, you're choosing to support your neighbours, friends and fellow locals. They're not just in the community, they're actively building it.

Talk to the Crump Agency team about getting your property seen!



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Dewberry Lane



Are you interested in operating your own retail fashion business?

Do you have a passion for providing excellent customer service, an active interest in your community, and a welcoming approach to all?

This business opportunity could be for you!

Business for Sale

\$9,000+SAV



Dewberry Lane Boutique Fashion & Accessories—a gorgeous retail business located at 64 Maitland Street, Bingara, is for sale. With a mix of ladies clothing, footwear, accessories and gifts, this business currently has a customer base consisting of a solid mix of dedicated locals and delighted visitors.

There is great potential to further develop this business; to explore marketing opportunities, to increase online sales or social media presence. The choice could be yours!

Priced at \$9,000 plus SAV, this is an excellent way to create your own workplace environment, with the flexibility of deciding your own work/life ratio.

If you would like to pursue the possibility of owning and operating your own fashion retail business, please contact Lenore Kennedy by email: dewberrylanebingara@gmail.com or phone 0428 977 923 or call in for a chat at 64 Maitland Street, Bingara.

Aged care workers to get 23% average pay rise as union heralds move as 'one of the best outcomes' ever achieved

Aged care workers will receive an average pay rise of 23% after the Fair Work Commission delivered its decision in a long-running work value case.

The commission's expert panel said those involved in direct care including nurses and home care workers deserved pay rises "substantially" higher than the interim 15% pay rise ordered in November 2022.

It adopted a new benchmark pay rate of \$1,223.90 a week – or \$63,664.28 a year – for certificate III qualified employees.

"The total wage increase which will be produced by the adoption of this benchmark rate, inclusive of the interim increase, will be 23%," it said.

Personal care workers will receive an increase of between 18.2% and 28.5%, inclusive of the 15% already ordered, depending on their skill and qualification level.

The decision will trigger billions of greater investment in aged care, on top of the \$11.3bn allocated over four years in the 2023 budget for the 15% interim pay increase.

The Health Services Union secretary, Gerard Hayes, said the pay decision was "one of the best outcomes this union has ever achieved".

Hayes said the pay rise would make "aged care competitive with the public health system".

"Dignity matters when it comes to aged care. Older people will not be treated as commodities. They will be cared for in their older years."

The Fair Work Commission expert panel found that the work of aged care sector employees has historically been undervalued because of assumptions based on gender.

Minimum pay rates for nurses failed to properly recognise the addition to work value effected by the transformation of nursing into a profession, it found.

The new benchmark rate was "appropriately justified by



work value reasons" and would ensure aged care employees "have an entitlement to a minimum award wage rate which properly reflects the value of their work, including their exercise of 'invisible' skills, and which has been assessed on a gender-neutral basis".

The panel predicted similar applications in other industries, noting there is "likely to be further consideration of the question of whether female-dominated 'caring' work covered by other modern awards has been the subject of gender undervaluation".

As a result of Friday's decision, assistants in nursing will get between 17.9% and 24.5%. Home care workers will get between 15% and 26.1%.

The expert panel found that indirect care employees, such as administrative workers and those providing food services, "do not perform work of equivalent value to direct care employees" justifying equal rates of pay.

Indirect care workers were awarded a 3% pay increase reflecting some higher duties such as infection prevention and control. Laundry hands, cleaners and food services assistants who interact with residents significantly more regularly were awarded 6.96%.

Hayes said the result was in some respects a "mixed bag" and there was "more to do" for support services.

Courtesy of Guardian News & Media Ltd
Paul Karp Chief political correspondent
Fri 15 Mar 2024 23.08 AEDT

Warialda Hospital Auxiliary Update 2024

The first meeting of Warialda Hospital Auxiliary 2024, was held on February 19th at the MPS. Members were pleased to welcome Community Nurse Donna who brought along the 'pneumatic pressure boot' that the Auxiliary had purchased in 2023.

The 'boot' helps patients who have vascular problems and is a wonderful addition to the many items that have been purchased by the Auxiliary.

MPS Manager Mel Austin also addressed the meeting. Mel spoke of the problems with recruiting nursing staff and provided a 'wish list' for the Auxiliary to discuss. Once quotes are obtained for the 'wish list' items, the Auxiliary will be able to determine the items it will finance.

The Auxiliary has had both a sad and a happy start to 2024. Long time member Margaret Powell passed away in early January. Margaret was a great supporter of the Auxiliary and we will all miss her friendship and companionship.

Patron Margaret Keath celebrated her 90th birthday on January 3rd with family and friends at Naroo. Congratulations Margaret on reaching this milestone. The Auxiliary is fortunate to have Margaret, a Life Member of the United Hospital Auxiliary and President of Warialda branch for many years, as Patron.

On Australia Day Jean Willmot and Carmel Gobbett were announced as Warialda Senior Citizens for the Year having been nominated by the Auxiliary. Congratulations to Jean and Carmel.

Auxiliary members have started selling tickets in a Weber BBQ, so please support the Auxiliary by purchasing tickets in this great prize. 100 Club numbers are also available from the Auxiliary volunteers.

The meeting concluded with a delicious afternoon tea. The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be on Monday April 15 with a 2.00pm start at the MPS. New

Warialda Hospital Auxiliary member Judy Lynch demonstrates the 'pneumatic pressure boot' with community nurse Donna in control.



members will be warmly welcomed. Like many volunteer organisations, Warialda Hospital Auxiliary needs new, younger members to continue the wonderful work that has gone on for 82 years. We all know that at some time a family member, friend, neighbour, or someone you know will need medical care from Warialda MPS. Please consider coming along to the April 15 meeting and become a volunteer.

Warialda Senior Citizens recipients Carmel Gobbett [L] and Jean Willmot [R].



NAROO BED REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Naroo is in the process of purchasing new beds for the facility.

Members of the community are encouraged to make a small donation if they are interested in purchasing an existing bed when the new beds arrive in 4-6 weeks time.



GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL

News from Bingara U3A

Bingara U3A romances the stone



At the beginning of March, U3A members had a memorable experience with stones. A small but enthusiastic group of Bingara U3A members attended "Introduction to Opals with Sandy and Rick", an information and practical polishing morning at local opal cutter Sandra De Jong's home and studio.

After an introduction to opal's origins and geological background by geology enthusiast Rick Hutton, Sandra gave a demonstration of opal cutting and polishing before the participants were invited to select a raw piece of boulder opal and polish it into a uniquely beautiful piece to take home.

The group agreed that this was an excellent way to spend a morning and thanks to Sandra for sharing her time and expertise and Rick for his knowledge and presentation.

Courses are generally free (except Pilates) but you will need to be a member of U3A. Annual membership is \$20 and the membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th. We currently have 40 members and look forward to welcoming more.

Alternatively, if you would like more information about either Bingara U3A or any activities, please contact:
bingarau3a@gmail.com



Become a member of U3A

Enjoy learning and social opportunities in a pleasant, supportive and social setting.

One low annual membership fee

\$20

Community College puts Care Careers within the reach of locals



There's never been a better time to consider a care career, with aged care workers set to receive an average pay rise of 23% after the Fair Work Commission delivered its decision in a long-running work value case.

The care and support sector is hiring, with rewarding jobs available in aged care, disability support and veterans' care. With better take-home pay—and a role that offers opportunities to build relationships with the people you care for, learn and grow across a variety of roles, and work flexible hours—a career as a care support worker is a career that will change lives, including your own.

Obtaining a Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing) is the minimum entry

level qualification required to access employment opportunities within the aged care sector as an aged care worker.

Community College Northern Inland is offering nationally accredited training with the **CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support** taking enrolments to commence training on 18th April. This is a dual qualification that will prepare you to work in either aged care or disability services. Completion of the course requires participation in 120 hours of work placement.

The course runs from 9am to 4pm on Thursday each week and is held at the Bingara Community College campus.

This course is subsidised by the NSW Government for eligible students and is Centrelink approved for students who meet the criteria.

Don't miss this opportunity to enrol in a care support qualification that will give you the skills and knowledge to work in one of Australia's highest growth industries. Call to find out more.



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CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support

For more information, call
Tania Archer
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For more information visit:

<https://ccni.nsw.edu.au/chc33021-certificate-iii-in-individual-support> and click to apply.



real skills for
real careers

News from Bingara Central School



From the Principal

Off to Sydney for CHS Champs

We are pleased to announce that we have five students who will compete in the NSW CHS Swimming Championships at Sydney International Aquatic Centre this May.

Liam J, Ruby M, Addison D and James I will represent BCS in the Central Schools Relay after placing 3rd at this weeks Regional Carnival. Liam will also compete in the 15 years 50m Freestyle after placing 2nd and Addison in the 16 years 100m Breaststroke, also placing 2nd. They will be joined by Charlotte I who finished 3rd in the 13 years 100m Backstroke. This is a fantastic achievement!

Congratulations to all swimmers who represented both BCS and Inverell Zone at this week's PSSA Regional Swimming Carnivals, achieving personal bests and enjoying great sportsmanship along the way.

Showing true BCS GRIT!



Tamworth Health Careers Forum

On Tuesday 12th March, several Bingara Central School Secondary students, accompanied by Mrs Gasson and Mrs Boyle, attended the Health Careers Forum for North West and New England Secondary Schools. This event was conducted by the University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health.

Students attended presentations and workshops by academics, clinicians and current students from a variety of health disciplines including:

- Medicine
- Nutrition and dietetics
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Nursing
- Speech Pathology
- Mental Health and Social Work
- Pic Attached – Health Forum

Our students have the tools they need to succeed!



Bingara Central School students in Years 7–12 engaged in a series of workshops delivered by Elevate Education. Elevate's high impact seminars and workshops help students improve their study techniques, increase motivation, build

confidence, and lift exam performance.

Our programs today were chosen based on key areas of need for our students; and they all participated enthusiastically in the engaging workshops.

Students in Years 7-9 learnt about maximising attention and minimising distractions, memory and learning styles, and the use of high-level techniques such as memory mnemonics. Years 10–12 also learnt about these, as well as the highest value exam preparation tasks, time allocation during exam preparation, study routines, techniques for managing stress and time pressure in exams, and wellbeing.

The school has purchased a premium subscription to Elevate for all Secondary students. This means that students and their families can access all of the resources and support that Elevate has to offer at any given time.



BCS has GRIT

Reflective

We are unshakable not because we don't know failure, but because we always push through. Because we

always show up and we never give up. Because we believe anything is possible no matter the odds. We are unstoppable because we choose to respond with perseverance in our mind and passion in our hearts.

Over the past two weeks our students have been working on building their knowledge around the BCS GRIT Learning and Wellbeing model. Our first focus for the year is on being 'reflective'. Reflective learning involves looking back at something, a past experience or idea and critically analysing the event. By looking at successful and unsuccessful aspects of a student's learning experience, the area of reflection will help our students learn from their past experiences and turn basic knowledge into deep learning.

Apart from helping students to develop greater self-awareness, reflective learning will help our students identify gaps in their learning and areas for improvement. As a part of the BCS GRIT model we will be asking our students to demonstrate four areas for reflection on their learning. **I can** accept feedback and act on it. **I can** use mistakes as an opportunity to learn and improve. **I can** talk about my learning and where I am going next. **I can** set goals and grow as a learner. These 'I' statements have been the focus of mini lessons across the school for the past two weeks. Students will participate in activities that will develop their understanding of feedback, not as a form of criticism but rather a way to improve their quality of work. Students will also practice setting learning goals for themselves in the future.

We believe that implementing the qualities of a reflective learner will assist every one of our students to learn from their mistakes so that they can do things differently next time. Remember students—the more reflective you are, the more effective you are!

Congratulations

The Tamworth Family Support Services held their annual Womens awards on Thursday in celebration of International Womens Day 2024. Miss Brooke Turner, who is currently undertaking her Social Work in Schools (SWiS) 15-week practicum at Bingara Central School was awarded Outstanding Young Community Woman of the year. Brooke has graced BCS for the past 2 weeks and has enjoyed getting to know students through breakfast club and class involvement.

Brooke chose Bingara for her practicum, as it resonates her rural upbringing in Nundle and also wanted to continue her small town rugby career, signing up with the Barraba Rams for the 2024 season.

Brooke Wall

Principal
Bingara Central School



Above: Brooke Hall—Outstanding Young Community Woman of the Year.



News from Warialda Public School



From the Principal

The students at WPS continue to achieve incredible results! As the Term passes the halfway mark, there's already so much to reflect upon.

This week our Year 3 and 5 students commenced their NAPLAN commitments for 2024. Students have showed impressive diligence when attending to these assessments and we look forward to receiving results later in the school year.

Across the school there has been a concerted effort to promote the activity of homework. In recent years, this practice had lost some impact with student self-reflection indicating that this was an area requiring attention. In consultation with our school community, we have developed a new shared understanding of the policy and

practices supporting homework and the results are already obvious!

Our students are widely known for their sporting prowess and in 2024, this has continued. Recently, we had several students attend the Inverell Zone Basketball Trials where Harry Hawkins, Archie Kennedy and Kash Hall were all selected to represent our Zone at the North West Trials. Students also attended the Zone Touch Football Trials where no less than nine students have earned a place in the Inverell representative team. These students are Darci Ford, Snowden Green, Scarlett Turner, Matilda Brooks, Harry Hawkins, Hugo Barwick, Kash Hall, Archie Kennedy and Digby Wilson.

Our students are not only successful on the land but also in the water! At last weeks Regional Swimming Carnival in Armidale, Harry Durkin, Ada van Velthuizen and Dexter Brooks all qualified to race at the State Championships where they will represent North West NSW. In addition, our Junior and Senior Boys Relay Teams have also qualified. These teams consisted of:

Senior – Stanley Valdal, Kash Hall, Hugo Barwick and Beau Lyons.

Junior – Dexter Brooks, Harry Durkin, Ziggy Hall and Reid Rose.

Recently our school started an initiative known as Running Club where students and parents meet at Jim Payne Oval on a Wednesday morning at 7:30am for a morning run. In the three weeks that this activity has been going, it has doubled with 22 students and 8 adults participating last week (30 in total). It is a lovely way to start the day with our school community sharing a laugh and enjoying each other's company. We are all aware of

the significant benefits of exercise to all of our mental health so this initiative is a ripper!

We're also delighted to announce that the team from Somerville and Merrin Optometrists from Toowoomba are returning to Warialda Public School on Tuesday and Wednesday 9th and 10th April. This provides students with the opportunity to see an optometrist during school hours. Each year we organise this wonderful opportunity as we are acutely aware of the challenges for our families getting to medical appointments in other towns. It's simply much easier if specialists can come to us! Please note, parents must attend appointments. If you would like your child to have their vision checked or reviewed or would like to find out more information, please contact Somerville and Merrin Optometry directly on (07) 4659 9599.

As we move forward into the Term, our P&C is conducting its annual Easter Egg Raffle. We are requesting that donations of eggs be provided to the school office. Raffle tickets will be sold and the monster raffle will be drawn at our Easter Bonnet Parade.

Finally, we are very proud of our staff member – Mrs Jody van Velthuizen who has been appointed to a regional position within the Department of Education – Assistant Principal, Learning & Support. Whilst we'd much prefer that Mrs van Velthuizen remains right here at Warialda Public School, it is exciting for our region that her skills and expertise can be shared more widely to have an even bigger impact! We congratulate her on this significant appointment!

Dan van Velthuizen
Principal
Warialda Public School



Neighbourhood Watch

NSW Neighbourhood Watch
Warialda Branch

FREE Community BBQ
Sunday 14th April

After being in recess over the festive season, the local Neighbourhood Watch Committee is now back in full swing and has organised a FREE Community BBQ on Sunday 14th April 2024 at Apex Park from noon. BYO chair and drinks.

This will be an ideal opportunity for residents, both new and old to come together and talk about any townwide issues or other concerns you may be aware of.

C'mon Warialda - let's band together and join voices to get some positive outcomes for our town!

New residents are encouraged to come along.

Beth Albert
Minutes Secretary



FREE

Learn how to predict the future at Bingara

Livestock image courtesy of Jo-Anna Skewes

Ag360 offers graziers across the country a free tool to efficiently plan their grazing rotation and optimise stock movements with pre-planned strategies, and a workshop at Bingara on April 5 is the perfect chance to learn how.

Organised by the SQNNSW Innovation Hub's Bingara Region Extension Officer Janelle Schafer, the workshop is designed so that attendees can set up a free **Ag360** account, and immediately start to use the program's six-month rainfall forecasting and farm record keeping features.

"**Ag360** as an excellent tool to build climate resilience in Bingara and the surrounding localities, as it uses existing knowledge and observations to enhance our awareness of upcoming conditions," Ms Schafer said.

Ag360's Lu Hogan, who also manages the Armidale Node of the SQNNSW Innovation Hub, said user feedback consistently noted **Ag360.com.au** was an easy to use, and useful platform.

"This product uses your farm management records and combines them with a climate forecast to project future pasture conditions and animal performance," Ms Hogan said.

Ms Hogan said **Ag360** offered the ability to easily map grazing properties, using Google Maps, and then immediately start looking into the rainfall outlook for the next six months.

"**Ag360** is the only product in the world that can give producers a rainfall outlook customised to within 5km of their property, working with data from the Australian Bureau of Meteorology," Ms Hogan said.

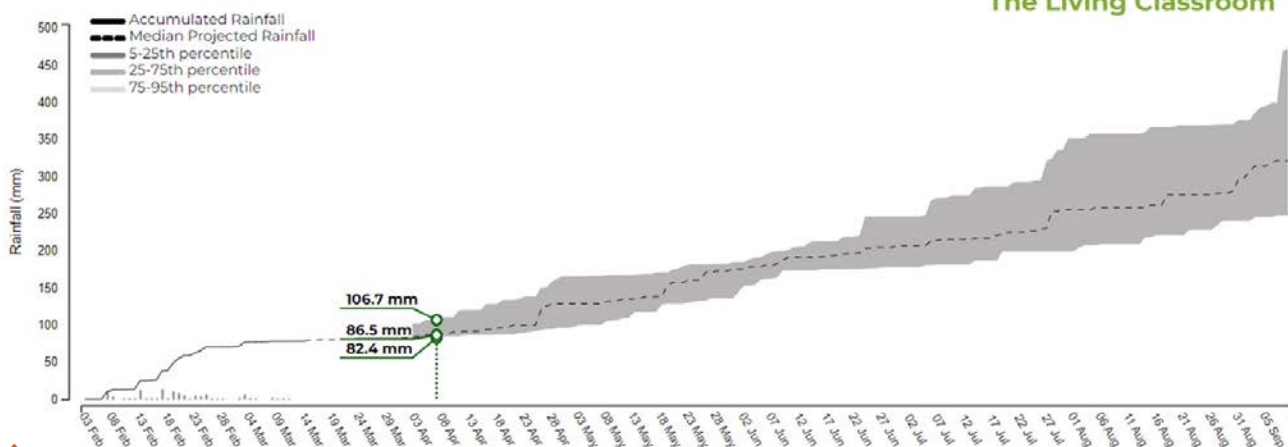
"Every day that you go into **Ag360**, you will have the latest information on how much rain you are likely to receive in the next six months, which means that as graziers, we can plan to better manage groundcover and work towards more informed livestock management."

Ag360 users can also immediately start to record information for both animals and pastures, on either a paddock by paddock and mob by mob basis, or the property as a whole.

"**Ag360** allows full record keeping in terms of mobs, numbers, veterinary treatments or any applications you might spray on the paddocks, and you can also record all your management dates in terms of joining, weaning and calving," Ms Hogan said.

Observed and Predicted Rainfall

Daily, accumulated and projected rainfall and irrigation



Ag360 can help you with:

- Rainfall outlooks
- Husbandry and feeding
- Paddock movements
- Future pasture availability
- Soil moisture forecast
- And much more!

The functionality of **Ag360** is being expanded, and the team plans to soon introduce apps for both Apple and Android, thanks to funding from the Australian Government's **Agricultural Innovation Hubs Program**. In the first iteration of the apps, you will be able to add multiple rain gauges across your farm to record rainfall, and receive an accurate estimate of seasonal rainfall forecast for your property.

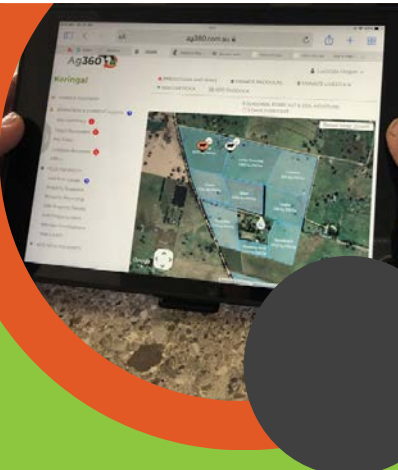
Ag360 is supported by the Armidale Node of the SQNNWS Innovation Hub, which receives funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund. This workshop is supported by the Southern Cross University-based Lismore Node of the SQNNWS Innovation Hub.

Come along to the workshop to learn how to use **Ag360** in your farming business. RSVP via: <https://bit.ly/Ag360B2024> or email Bingara Region Extension Officer Janelle Schafer at: janelle.schafer@scu.edu.au

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Please bring your laptop on the day



RSVP
By 3 April 2024
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RSVPs are essential



This event received funding through the Australian Government's Agricultural Innovation Hubs Program.
The SQNNWS Innovation Hub receives funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund.

"The Dry" comes to Bingara

This month's NWTC Film Club offering is a contemporary Australian film, "The Dry".

"The Dry" is a gripping mystery thriller directed by Robert Connolly, released in 2020. The film, based on the novel by Jane Harper, follows federal agent Aaron Falk (played by Eric Bana) as he returns to his hometown in drought-stricken rural Australia for the funeral of his childhood friend, Luke Hadler, and his family. Luke is believed to have killed his wife and son before taking his own life. However, doubts linger over the circumstances of their deaths, and Aaron's return reopens old wounds and unresolved questions.

As Aaron investigates, he faces the resistance of the tight-knit community, which is grappling with secrets and resentments buried for years. Flashbacks to Aaron's teenage years reveal a dark incident involving the death of a girl named Ellie Deacon, which still haunts him and intertwines with the present investigation. With the help of the local police sergeant Greg Raco (played by Keir O'Donnell), Aaron delves into the town's past and uncovers shocking truths about Luke's family and the events leading up to their deaths.

The narrative weaves between past and present, building tension as Aaron races against time to uncover the truth before the town erupts in further violence. Along the way, he confronts his own demons and struggles with the guilt and trauma of his past. As the mystery unravels, Aaron discovers unexpected connections between Ellie's death and the Hadler family tragedy, leading to a shocking revelation that exposes the dark underbelly of the town's secrets.

"The Dry" explores themes of guilt, redemption, and the corrosive effects of secrets on individuals and communities. Eric Bana delivers a compelling performance as the haunted protagonist, while the stark Australian landscape serves as a fitting backdrop to the story's themes of isolation and desolation. With its atmospheric setting, gripping plot, and complex characters, "The Dry" is a captivating thriller that keeps viewers on the edge of their seats until the very end.

See "The Dry" at the Roxy Theatre on Sunday March 24 starting at 4:00pm. New members welcome at a cost of \$54 for the remaining 10 films in 2024.



The North West Theatre Company suggests, "May the Fourth Be With You!" Trivia Night.

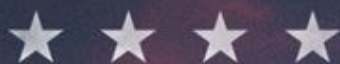
Yes! Its time for another amazing Trivia Night at the Roxy and in keeping with the austere date of Saturday May 4th, the NWTC is offering all things sci-fi, supernatural, and 'off the planet' as its themed Trivia Event for 2024.

Teams of ten are invited to register through the Bingara Visitor Information Centre on (02) 6724 0066 or through the www.roxybingara.com.au website to secure your extra-terrestrial experience on May Fourth.

The show is suitable for people 15 years old and above and may involve hilarious laughter, dressing-up, crazy dancing and delving into parts of your memory akin to the exploration of deep space or even a black-hole. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Tea and coffee provided.

What did Luke do before he started Skywalking? Is Dune as spicy as its name suggests? Is "I, Robot!" correct, or should it be "Me, Robot!". If you think you know the answers to these, don't share it around, just get nine mates together, pick an 'out of this world' name for your team and come along to the Roxy on May 4th for your 'off the planet' experience.

Book now, to save disappointment (or being vaporised by the next Romnian Intergalactic By-pass Construction Fleet.)



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Principles *not* prescriptions

This was just one of the snippets of wisdom shared with attendees at the recent Resilient Pastures and Technology workshop delivered by NW LLS, in association with Northern Slopes Landcare Association and the Bingara Regen Farmers group.

This half-day workshop was blessed with a cool(er), drizzly start to the day at Five Mile on Whitlow Road. There were four great presenters, and 20 participants keen to learn from them a range of principles and technologies to help improve economic and environmental resilience.

Craig Carter from Accountable Agriculture covered water management and how best to ensure that you capture as much (all!) of the rain that falls. When put on the spot with the question "what would you tell people to do as a first step on this journey?", Craig's answer was to create a Vision for your farm (all family members separately to begin with, then collate!) From here, all activities can be linked back to achieving that. By imagining an outcome, you are then much more likely to be able to achieve that outcome (we can't create what we can't imagine).

Jerome Leray from InFarm showed us how drone technology can provide detailed information to help decision making in relation to maximising rehydration. And wow, what a lot of detail can be provided by that technology.

Dr Judi Earl gave us many pearls of wisdom as she led us through how to optimise pastures for soil health, stock health and economic return. Grow more, use more, leave more!

We wrapped the day with Jaimi-lee Edwards from UNE outlining the opportunities the free Ag360 tool provides for supporting your decision-making processes. The difference with this tool is that it incorporates climate forecasting from the Bureau of Meteorology.



As usual, great refreshments were available, thanks to Meat on Maitland's Tiff Galvin. And big thanks have to go to Jo and Aaron for hosting the day on their property.

All attendees are able now to submit an Expression of Interest to have on-farm follow up opportunities with both Judi and Craig between Feb and May 2024, enabling customised recommendations for next steps.



Copeton Dam Level

63% as at 20 March 2024

Bingara Golf Report

Submitted by John Gill

A change with the Bingara golf program saw the men's and women's March Monthly Medal brought forward to March 3rd with 24 golfers taking part on the day.

Results March Medal Event

Men's Winner	Peter Smith	61 nett
Runner-up	Robert Northcott	65 nett
Countback from	Merv Hall	
Ball Comp	Merv Hall	65 nett
	Cameron Maisey	66 nett
	Dave Armitage	66 nett
Nearest to Pin	Cameron Maisey	7/16
	Shane Thomson	9/18
Second Best Shot	Shane Thomson	6/15
Women's Winner	Judy Hall	69 nett
Runner-up	Jenny Burling	73 nett
Nearest to Pin	No Winner	
Second Best Shot	Jenny Burling	9/18

Next Monthly Medal – April 7th (Men's and Women's)

Dawson Cup

Men's Dawson Cup Stableford Championship was played February 25th with 25 players taking part on the day.

Winner	Danny Capel	39 points
Runner-up	Rick Burton	38 points
Ball Comp	Rod Saville	37 points
	Col Whitfield	37 points
	Peter Smith	37 points
	Merv Hall	37 points
	Chris Morrissey	37 points
Nearest to Pin	Shane Thomson	7/16
	Chris Morrissey	9/18
Second Best Shot	Damien Galvin	6/15

Bingara Golf Events

Thursday	9-hole Chook Run	2.30pm
Saturday	Mixed Golf	12pm for 12.30pm Tee
Sunday	Sunday Golf	12pm for 12.30pm Tee
Tuesday	Ladies Golf	Contact 0428 241 415

Bingara Open Golf Weekend - April 27th - 28th

Saturday 27 th	Mixed 4BBB Open
Sunday 28 th	Men's Open



Cameron Maisey presents winner of the Men's Dawson Cup Stableford Championship, Danny Capel, with the winner's trophy.





2024 Mason Daley Memorial Cod Classic

Last weekend the Gravesend Fishing Club saw over 400 people enter the **2024 Mason Daley Memorial Cod Classic**. During the competition 753 fish were caught and released. Brandan Austin took home the major prize having caught an 88cm Cod.

In the lead up to the competition many businesses and families who had known and connected with Mason voluntarily approached the Committee and donated prizes. Their generosity created a massive prize pool of \$28,500.

The moneys raised from the competition will be used for targeted Gwydir River environmental projects. The Committee works closely with the Department of Fisheries and their advice on how to safely catch and release fish is followed by participants.

The **2025 Mason Daley Memorial Cod Classic** will be held March 14-16 2025. This event is unique as it honours a remarkable young man and brings together friends and their families.



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ANZAC Day

Thursday 25 April 2024

Lest we forget

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Followed by breakfast at the Bingara RSL Club

March assembles at 10.30am on the corner of Cunningham & Maitland Streets

March commences at 10.45am to the R.S. Memorial Gardens

The Anzac Service commences at 11.00am, including a wreath laying ceremony by the Sub Branch, the RSL, individuals and various organisations

12.30pm Luncheon at the RSL Club

Live entertainment with Peter Denovan 12.00 - 3.00pm

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sponsors, supporters and the community in promoting and conducting
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**ORANGE PICKING
FRIDAY 5 JULY 2024**

**ORANGE FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 6 JULY 2024**

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What's on

Church Notices

MARCH 2024

- Sat 23rd** Gwydir Mini Debutante Ball - Soldiers' Memorial Hall Warialda from 11.30am
- Sun 24th** NWTC Film Club - "The Dry"
- Fri 29th - Sun 31st** Easterfish 2024 Catch and Release Competition - Bingara Anglers Club
- Sun 31st** Easter Sunday Lunch - Soldiers' Memorial Hall Warialda from 11.00am

APRIL 2024

- Fri 5th** Book Club - Bingara Library 2.00pm
- Sat 6th** Warialda Races - \$15 Adults - \$10 Pensioners - See Warialda Jockey Club Facebook page for further details
- Sat 13th - Sun 14th** Warialda RC Model Aircraft Fun Fly - Nominations \$20 - Camping \$5
- Sun 14th Apr** Free Community BBQ - Apex Park, Warialda - from noon
- Thu 18th - Sun 21st** Bingara Country Music Festival - Bingara RSL Club from 6.00pm
- Wed 24th - Sun 28th** NRCHC Classic Challenge Cutting Horse Show - Upper Horton Sports Club
- Thu 25th** ANZAC Dawn Service
Warialda Captain Cook Park - 6.00am
March from Warialda Medical Practice - 10.30am
Charles Allen (02) 6729 1868
- Thu 25th** ANZAC Dawn Service
Bingara Memorial Park - 6.00am
Breakfast - 6.30am RSL (02) 6724 1404
- Thu 25th** ANZAC Service
Gravesend - 8.45am for 9.00am
March from Gravesend old RSL Hall to ANZAC Park
- Sat 27th** Gravesend 100 Mile Long Lunch - 1.00pm - See the Facebook page for more information - Tickets available from 5 April 2024
- Sat 27th** Whalebone - The Roxy
- Sun 28th** NWTC Film Club - 'The Perfect Candidate'

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISHES WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- Bingara** 2nd and 4th weeks - Rosary 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.

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



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