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Resignation of Cr Marilyn Dixon OAM

From the Mayor— Cr Tiffany Galvin

I write this with tears in my eyes.

Sadly, Cr Marilyn Dixon, fondly known to all as Mash, has tendered her resignation as a Councillor of Gwydir Shire Council.

On 19 December 1958, Mash was a young girl when her family home was tragically burnt to the ground. The people of Bingara rallied together and rebuilt a new home for her family. That extraordinary act of kindness shaped Mash's lifelong commitment to community service and volunteering. She never forgot what was done for her family, and she spent her life giving back—something our community has long recognised and cherished.

Cr Dixon was first elected to Gwydir Shire Council in 2012. Prior to this, she was awarded Citizen of the Year in 1998 and was nominated for the Hidden Treasures Honour Roll in 2011. These honours reflect just how dedicated Mash has been to the Gwydir community.

Mash has volunteered for just about every committee in town—and if she was not on the committee, she was usually in the kitchen cooking for it. She was famous for her caramel tarts and golden syrup dumplings. Many who are now adults would return to functions simply because Mash was cooking, eager to relive childhood memories. And who could forget the hundreds of Christmas puddings she gifted to so many each year.

Mash is a life member of Bingara Pony Club and Bingara Rugby League, a Patron of Bingara Central School, and a dedicated and passionate member of the

Bingara Special Events Committee.

She was a mum to many, had the best sense of humour, and was always there when someone was in need.

In recognition of her service, Mash was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2017.

During her time on Council, Mash attended everything possible to represent the Gwydir Shire she was so passionate about. She was re-elected in 2016, 2021, and again in 2024, serving on numerous committees and always bringing heart, dedication and common sense to her role. Mash followed in her mother's footsteps in becoming an elected Councillor. Jean Eather was instrumental in getting town water to the northern side of Bingara on the other side of the Gwydir River and Mash was able to then get the area sewered during her time as a Councillor.

Over the past few months Mash has been unwell, yet her dedication never wavered. She continued to attend meetings and community functions whenever she could. She would often phone me and say, "I'll be waiting out the front for you," ready to be collected for whatever was happening.

This is an extremely sad moment and truly marks the end of an era.

On behalf of Gwydir Shire Council and our entire community, thank you, Mash, for everything you have given. Your legacy will live on in the heart of Gwydir forever.

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From the Mayor

2026 will be an exciting year for Gwydir.

We have certainly experienced some extremely hot days, and conditions are very dry. Let's hope we receive some much-needed rain soon.

All our students have now begun their first term at school. It is always a pleasure

to see the excitement of our new kindergarten students across the Shire as they start this important first chapter. On behalf of Council, I would like to wish all students a fantastic year ahead, filled with learning and fun times with friends.

Looking ahead, 2026 is shaping up to be another busy year across Gwydir Shire. With many sporting events, school activities, festivals, long lunches, country races, country shows, there is certainly plenty happening in this beautiful Shire.

The true country spirit which is shown through the community support of these events and projects is something we can all be proud of. Please remember to send us updates of events in your area so we can include them on our fortnightly "What's On" page and help spread the word.

Australia Day

Australia Day was celebrated at both ends of the Shire, recognising local volunteers for their tireless work, dedication and commitment to our community. Warialda hosted a lovely breakfast and awards presentation at the Warialda Showgrounds, proudly hosted by the Warialda Rotary Club, with Council's support.

Congratulations to the 2026 Warialda Australia Day Award winners:

- Citizens of the Year** : Rick and Angela Swan
- Young Citizen of the Year** : Charlotte Lockyer
- Senior Citizen of the Year** : Marilyn Stubbins
- Event of the Year** : North Star Campdraft Committee – *Australian Bushman's Campdraft and Rodeo Finals*
- Environmental Champion** : Reedy Creek Project – Warialda

Bingara celebrated with a wonderful morning at the Bingara Swimming Pool, enjoying shade under the trees and music by SixFold. The event was hosted by Council's S355 Bingara Special Events Committee.

Congratulations to the 2026 Bingara Australia Day Award winners:

- Citizens of the Year** : Catherine and Ian Egan
- Young Citizen of the Year** : Scarlett Standerwick
- Volunteer of the Year** : Steve Adams
- Community Event of the Year** : NWTTC Production – *Alice in Wonderland*
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year** : Zara Kelly
- Senior Sportsperson of the Year** : Liam Johnson

I had the honour of hosting Bingara's Australia Day Ambassador, Mr Anupam Sharma—an award-winning filmmaker, author and cultural ambassador, widely credited with pioneering Australia's relationship with Indian cinema and named among Australia's most influential film professionals. Anupam, along with his beautiful family, were an absolute pleasure to host, and it was a privilege to welcome them into our community.

I also had the privilege of visiting the Myall Creek Memorial with Anupam and his family, alongside Warialda's Ambassador, Aunty Glendra Stubbs OAM. Aunty Glendra is a proud Wiradjuri Elder whose life's work has been dedicated to healing, advocacy and cultural leadership. For more than forty years, she has provided guidance and support to survivors of trauma and has helped shape policies and programs that strengthen First Nations communities and uphold cultural integrity.

We were joined by the Mayor of Inverell Shire Council, Cr Kate Dight, and their Ambassador, ABC Journalist, Emma Rossi. Thank you to Cr Kelvin Brown, also of Inverell Shire Council, for taking the time to educate us on the memorial site and guide us through its history. Despite the extreme heat it was a powerful and moving experience, and everyone was grateful for the opportunity to learn and reflect.



Visiting the Myall Creek Memorial site to learn about its history.



Welcome to our New Station Officer at Bingara Fire Station

I am very pleased to welcome Gary Cork as the new Station Officer for Fire and Rescue NSW at Bingara Fire Station, appointed on a 12-month contract.

This appointment is an extremely positive outcome for our community. Only last year there were real concerns that the Bingara Fire Station could face closure due to limited personnel numbers. Having a Station Officer appointed not only strengthens the station but reinforces the importance of maintaining essential emergency services in regional towns like ours.

I recently spoke with Fire Captain Robbie Kilmore and local retained firefighter Travis Allen, who both shared encouraging news about increased interest from new recruits. This is a very welcome turnaround from last year and an important step toward securing the future of the Bingara Fire Station.

Gary brings with him a wealth of experience and a strong connection to regional New South Wales.

Born and raised in Tamworth, Gary completed his schooling at Farrer Agricultural High School in 1987. He commenced his career with Fire and Rescue NSW (formerly NSW Fire Brigades) in Sydney in 1992. In 1999, he transferred as a Senior Firefighter from Drummoyne Fire Station to Tamworth, and later to Armidale Fire Station in 2013.

Between 2013 and 2017, Gary worked as a relieving Senior Firefighter across northern NSW, regularly assisting crews in smaller regional communities including Bingara, Barraba and Boggabri. During this time, he supported local stations with training, community engagement and administration—experience that will be invaluable in his new role.

Gary returned to Sydney in 2017 to further his career, attaining the rank of Leading Firefighter in 2018, and most recently Station Officer in 2025. In recognition of his service during the 2019 NSW bushfires, he was awarded the National Emergency Medal and a Commissioner's Unit Commendation for Courageous Action for saving life and property.

In 2023, Gary completed training and assessment as a Level 3 Primary Hazmat Technician based at Chester Hill Fire Station, one of Fire and Rescue NSW's seven primary Hazardous Materials Response Units. He brings with him eight years' experience as a relieving Station Commander in Greater Sydney, having managed hundreds of emergency incidents including high-rise and industrial fires, rescues and hazardous materials spills.

Gary has expressed how much he is looking forward to his assignment in Bingara and to working alongside the local crew while serving our community.

On behalf of Council and the Bingara community, I warmly welcome Station Officer Gary Cork and thank all our firefighters—past and present—for their continued dedication, professionalism and service.



Fire and Rescue NSW Commissioner Jeremy Fewtrell (left) and Gary Cork (right).

Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Zone 4 Finals

On Saturday 7 February 2026, I was honoured to attend the 2026 The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman Zone 4 Finals in Warialda.

It was a wonderful evening hosted by the Warialda Pastoral and Agricultural Association in the Warialda Town Hall. An enormous amount of work went into organising the event, and it showed. The dedicated committee spent weeks preparing, transforming the hall into a beautifully decorated venue and delivering a night that celebrated our young women in a truly special way. The food was exceptional, and the atmosphere reflected the pride and care of everyone involved.

The evening was made even more memorable with the emotional announcement of the Zone 4 winners. Our very

own Louisa Gilmour was proudly sashed alongside Faith Green from Quirindi. These outstanding young women will now go on to represent Zone 4 at the State Final of the NSW Young Woman Competition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

We are incredibly proud of Louisa and wish her every success as she takes this next exciting step. We look forward to supporting her and watching her journey continue.



Tiffany Galvin and Sydney Royal AgShow's NSW Young Woman Zone 4 winner Louisa Gilmour.

Gwydir Libraries - Summer Holiday Activities

Warialda and Bingara Libraries hosted activities for school aged children three days a week from 1:00pm until 4:00pm for the month of January.

The activities included:

- Transforming recycled materials into art. The children created amazing items using recycled material, examples were robots, wool monsters, bird feeders, terrarium and more.
- Sewing Club, the children visited the community opportunity shop and selected an item of clothing to upcycle. The girls gained sewing skills and produced lovely outfits such as skirts from dresses, shorts from jeans, removing the back of dresses and adding lace.
- Robot Red Rover, the team from HQ visited with robots for a special game, along with learn to crochet for adults.
- STEM and Robotics; spheros, Xbox Kinect and Lego

- Back to school and Australia Day craft
- Picnic and games afternoon
- Paint and snack afternoon; the children created a canvas to take home while following instructions and snacking.

Seniors enjoyed activities in the library, including internet tutorials, phone, and device assistance during the mornings each week. With crochet lessons and craft sessions.

Staff visited aged care facilities and delivered items to seniors at home.

Staff are currently conducting welfare checks on our older members ensuring they remain safe in the heat. We are more than happy to deliver resources to any member of the community within the town boundaries during this intense heat.

We wish to remind members of the community, both libraries are air-conditioned and have comfortable chairs for people to sit and read or browse a magazine. Staff are more than happy to provide a cool drink or cuppa.

Youth Movie and Pool Party Night

The Youth Movie and Pool Party Night was an absolute standout of the summer holidays and a massive win for youth engagement in our Shire. Held at the Bingara Pool, on Friday 30 January 2026, the space was buzzing with energy as 71 young people came together for an unforgettable night of swimming, laughter, music, a free BBQ and an outdoor movie screening of Drillbit Taylor. Youth from Warialda were transported so everyone could be part of the fun, making the night inclusive and accessible.

The atmosphere was vibrant and positive, with outstanding behaviour and respect shown by all attendees. It was incredible to see young people from different towns connecting, building friendships and creating memories in a safe, welcoming space. Supervisors went above and beyond to make the night run seamlessly, and the success of this event has set the bar high for future youth programs. Staff and volunteers cannot wait to build on this momentum and deliver even more exciting, youth-focused events like this for the community.



Youth Movie Night and Pool Party.



Dr William Hunter Scholarship

A huge congratulations to Jessica-Lea McDougall, who is one of this year's successful recipients of the Dr William Hunter Scholarship.

Jessica-Lea currently works at Naroo Aged Care in Warialda and was thrilled to receive the news, describing the scholarship as unexpected but a tremendous support for her studies. She has a strong passion for aged care and has shared her intention to continue working at Naroo as a Registered Nurse once she completes her training — a wonderful outcome for our local community.

Each year, two long-running \$10,000 scholarships are awarded to support rural health students from the Moree and Gwydir regions, with funding delivered over two years. Retired GP and scholarship namesake Dr William Hunter said the need for trained health professionals in rural areas remains urgent.

"We know that students from rural backgrounds are much more likely to return there," Dr Hunter said.

"It's country students who go out, get degrees, and come back."

Supported by HealthWISE, the Gwydir Cotton Growers Association, Gwydir Shire Council, and Moree Plains Shire Council, the Dr William Hunter and Healthy Communities Scholarships provide vital financial assistance to local students studying medicine, nursing or allied health.

Applicants must be Australian Citizens in their second year or above of an undergraduate medical, nursing, or allied health degree at any Australian university, and not currently

receiving another scholarship. Successful recipients complete two rural placements, including one in Moree, Bingara, Warialda or Collarenebri.

Congratulations again to Jessica-Lea on this well-deserved achievement and for her commitment to caring for our rural communities.

Bingara Anglers' Club

The Bingara Anglers' Club volunteers are heading into a busy few months, with preparations for the annual Easterfish competition well underway and another successful season of native fish stocking almost behind them.

Last year's Easterfish drew an impressive crowd, with more than 370 entrants taking to the banks of the Gwydir River and Copeton Dam across the three-day event. The Club is hoping to build on that momentum this Easter, with the popular competition once again running from Friday to Sunday over the Easter long weekend. With strong support from local sponsors again this year, interest is already growing and the Club is optimistic that numbers will climb even higher this year.

While anglers look forward to the festivities, the Club's volunteer hatchery team has been hard at work behind the scenes. In early November, the hatchery received a batch of Murray Cod larvae from the Narrandera DPI Hatchery. Over two months, volunteers carefully raised the young fish, culminating in the successful release of 12,000 healthy fingerlings into both the Gwydir and Horton Rivers in January.

The Club's commitment to restoring native fish populations continues, with a new delivery of Golden Perch larvae arriving in February. These fish will be grown out over the coming months before being released into local waterways. The addition of Golden Perch is particularly welcome after the Club was unable to secure any last year, though they still managed to release 2,000 Murray Cod fingerlings during the 2025 season.



Dr William Hunter Scholarship recipient Jessica-Lea McDougall and Tiffany Galvin.



Bingara Anglers Club members hard at work.

The ongoing stocking efforts from the Club are vital for maintaining healthy river systems and supporting recreational fishing opportunities for the region. With a thriving hatchery program and a major community event just around the corner, 2026 is shaping up to be another strong year for the Bingara Anglers Club — both on the water and behind the scenes.

The Bingara Anglers' Club is a S355 Committee of Council.

If you are curious about a Council matter and would like to see a particular update on a project, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via theofficeofthemayor@gwydir.nsw.gov.au and I will endeavour to provide insights on the matter in the next issue of The Gwydir News.

Until next time...
Living the Gwydir Good Life
Cr Tiffany Galvin, Mayor

Orange Festival and The Roxy

It was a loss to our community when the lessees of the Roxy Café closed their business on 24 December 2025. Council staff are working hard to seek a new lessee so the doors can open again as soon as possible. During January staff liaised with four separate parties, but all have since declined to lease the building. The Roxy Café is a 'walk in – walk out' business. The lease includes everything needed to run a café or restaurant business. Included is cooking equipment and appliances, furniture, cutlery, crockery, glassware, coffee machine, cool room, large freezer, display fridges and ice machine. It is such a great opportunity so if you are keen or know someone who may be interested, please contact Council.

On Sunday 29 March 2026, The Roxy turns 90. To celebrate the NWTC Film Club will screen 'Roberta' which was the first movie played at The Roxy. Further celebrations will be incorporated into the Orange Festival weekend with the Australian Army Band Newcastle performing on Friday 3 July 2026.

I have heard from Hugh and Rachel Whitfeld and I am so excited to share with you that they will again be attending the Orange Picking and Festival this year. Hugh will again MC the Festival.

Volunteering

Volunteers play a vital role across the Gwydir Shire, generously contributing their time, skills, and experience to support local services, facilities, and community activities. Council acknowledges and values the important contribution volunteers make in strengthening community connections and supporting a resilient and inclusive Shire. By sharing their skills, knowledge, and perspectives, volunteers help strengthen organisations and play an active role in shaping the social fabric and character of the Gwydir Shire.

Volunteers are central to the delivery of many community outcomes. Council is committed to supporting and sustaining volunteering by providing clear guidance, appropriate governance, and meaningful opportunities for community participation.

If you are interested in becoming involved in your community, Council encourages you to consider volunteering on a Committee of Council. To find out more, please contact Council's Committee Liaison Officer on 02 6724 2000.

From the General Manager



Naroo Staff Training Update

Several Naroo Aged Care Hostel employees have recently achieved their Certificate III in Individual Support (Aged Care) through Community College (CCNI). Congratulations to Sharna Aitken, Marivic Bennett, James De La Rama, Rasha De La Rama (also medication competent), and Lyra Manttan for your commitment, hard work and

dedication. This educational achievement has undoubtedly strengthened your skills and confidence in your roles.

Lyra is a school-based trainee currently working towards completing 800 hours of practical experience and is an excellent example of the valuable opportunities available through the Gwydir Career Start Program.





Thirty-four Gwydir Shire Council staff who have collectively given 760 years of service to their employer were recently recognised for their years of service.

Long Service Awards

Recently 34 staff were recognised for their years of service to Gwydir Shire Council. Gwydir Shire invests heavily in their staff by providing flexible working arrangements, training and studying opportunities, career pathways and recognition. This investment is returned as Council enjoys a stable workforce with employees choosing to stay and work within our Shire area. The total years of service by the 34 staff amounts to 760 years with the current longest serving employee, Grant McManus receiving his award for 50 years. Grant joined Bingara Shire Council in 1974 aged 17.



Grant McManus—currently the longest serving employee—received an award for 50 years of service to Gwydir Shire Council.

Radio Segment

Every second Friday, Council's Tourism staff at the Bingara Visitor Information Centre go live on air with STA FM 91.9 to discuss events coming up in the Gwydir Shire. Recently staff presented segments on the Gwydir River Run Stockman's Challenge and the Bingara Show. If you would like to showcase your event, please contact the staff at the Bingara Visitor Information Centre via email at btourism@gwydir.nsw.gov.au or call into the centre to discuss.

Warialda Test Bore

The new test bore was drilled in November 2025 by a drilling contractor and is 38m deep, with an estimated aquifer capacity of 10L/s. Initial sampling of the water returned a nil result for PFAS. The construction of a pond to hold water for the 72-hour pump test was undertaken at the end of January 2026. A security fence is currently being installed around the new pond prior to it being filled.

The 72-hour pump test is scheduled

for mid-February. This will determine if it is a suitable source for town water use and is a requirement of Water NSW. Assuming testing comes back fine, a final licence application will be submitted and additional funding will be sourced through the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for the installation and commissioning of the new bore infrastructure.

After the completion of the pump test, the new pond will be utilised for additional storage for the Truckwash.

Bookable

Council's IT Department has been hard at work with an external contractor to implement Bookable, an online booking system for Council venues and caravan parks, to improve the way facilities and accommodation are managed and accessed by the community and visitors.

Bookable provides a public facing online platform that allows users to view availability and make bookings for Council venues and caravan park sites prior to arrival. The system also supports automated booking confirmations and invoicing, reducing the reliance on manual phone and email processes.

The system is now live and operational, with existing bookings migrated to ensure continuity of service. Council staff will use the platform to manage availability, pricing, bookings and reporting across multiple facilities.

The introduction of Bookable improves customer access to Council services, supports tourism and visitor accommodation and reduces the administrative overhead associated with managing bookings across multiple locations.

Community Connectivity Kit for Disaster Preparedness

Council's IT Department was contacted in late 2025 by an external party regarding an opportunity for Council to receive a Community Connectivity Kit, designed to strengthen disaster preparedness and ensure the community remains connected during emergencies.

The Community Connectivity Kit provides portable, satellite-based internet connectivity that can be deployed when traditional telecommunications services are disrupted due to natural disasters such as floods, storms or bushfires. The kit is intended to support community access to essential information and communications at evacuation centres, community hubs or other critical locations during emergency events.

The kit will be provided to Council with no upfront capital cost, funded through a NSW Government and Commonwealth disaster resilience program. Ongoing services are funded for an initial period, after which Council may choose whether to continue the service or return the equipment.

Council has executed the agreement on its side, and the arrangement is currently awaiting final approval and execution by the NSW Telco Authority before the kit can be supplied and deployed.

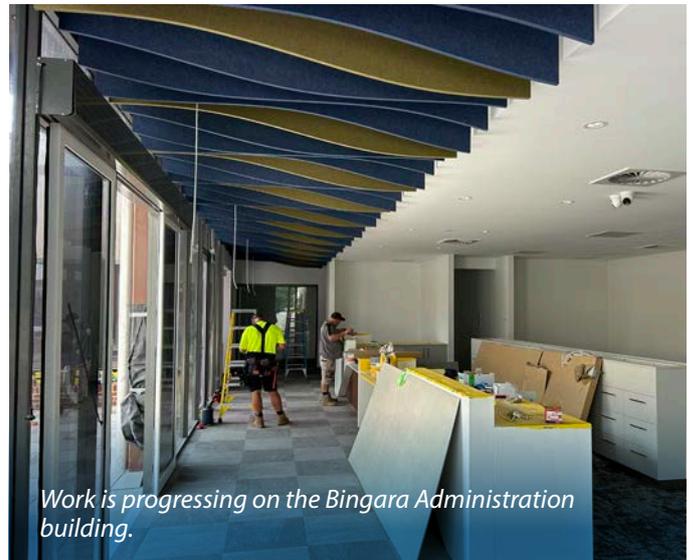
This initiative enhances the Council's ability to support community safety and resilience during emergencies by ensuring access to reliable communications when they are most needed.

Bingara Administration Building Update

Work is progressing well on the Bingara Administration Centre with practical completion expected in early March. There have been multiple trades on site with carpet layers, electricians, carpenters, and painters working towards completing the internal fit out. At the time of writing this, internal works is due to be completed in early February, with the architect conducting an inspection on 12 February 2026.

The generator is scheduled to be installed the week commencing 16 February 2026, and this will be used to commission systems like lighting, electrical, data, mechanical services and security prior to the mains supply being connected. An external electrical contractor has booked in a power outage for 26 February 2026 for the mains power to be connected to the site. All going well the mains supply should be completed on the day with no further electrical works required.

Installation of the external dominion cladding has commenced, and the office furniture is due for delivery and installation on 16 February 2026. Council works staff have completed the earthworks for the carpark ready for asphalt to be laid. Once this is complete, the building contractor can complete the external works. Council staff are booked in to complete the landscaping mid to late February.



Work is progressing on the Bingara Administration building.

Bingara Riverbank Project

The Bingara Riverbank area is almost complete. Over the month of March there will be more plantings including trees, and the access road will be upgraded. The area is looking incredible and is already being enjoyed by many residents and visitors.

Slashing

Slashing activities were carried out throughout December 2025 and January 2026 to manage roadside vegetation, enhance visibility and reduce fire risk. The following roads



were serviced; County Boundary Road, Mosquito Creek Road, Buckie Road, Oregon Road, North Star Road, Croppa Creek Road, Gwydir Highway, Warialda Road, Cobbadah Road, Allan Cunningham Road, Bruxner Way, Buckie Road and Baroma Downs Road.

Vegetation control remains a critical component of Council's seasonal maintenance program, supporting both public safety and environmental management objectives.

Maintenance Grading and Resheeting

During the months of December 2025 and January 2026, scheduled maintenance grading and resheeting works were undertaken to improve road surface conditions and ensure continued accessibility across the following rural routes; Croppa Creek Road, Nunga Road, Yallaroi Road, Back Creek Road, Gulf Creek Road, Eden Forest Road, Woodburn Emello Road, Mosquito Creek Road, Gragin Road, Fairford Road, Rocky Springs Road, Gournama Road, Currangandi Road, Mount Rodd Road, Cracknells Road, Glenelg Road, Ravenscraig Road, Gravesend Road, Trevallyn Road, Gineroi Road and Pinecliff Road.

Gwydir Shire Council manages an extensive road network spanning approximately 2,400 kilometres, of which over 1,600 kilometres are unsealed gravel roads.

Bus Signage

Throughout January, bus signage was erected at bus stops across the Council area as part of the Transport for NSW grant-funded project. This work was completed to ensure adequate advance warning for bus stops and pullover areas. Signage installations were carried out along; Adam Scrub Road, Reserve Creek Road, Gwydir Highway, Gragin Road, Allan Cunningham Road, Caroda Road, Oregon Road, Gineroi Road, Killarney Gap Road, Langley Road, North Star Road, Warialda Road, Yallaroi Road, Cobbadah Road and Stephen Street, Warialda.

Warialda Visitor Information Centre Digital Noticeboard Sign

You may have noticed the digital noticeboard at the Warialda Visitor Information Centre is not displaying images correctly. Council has been in contact with the supplier and is currently awaiting assistance to rectify the issue. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we work to resolve the problem.

In closing

I encourage you to share your thoughts, ask questions and stay engaged. This is your community and your voice helps shape its future.

Leeah Daley — Acting General Manager, Gwydir Shire Council

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Brendan Moylan MP
Member for **NORTHERN TABLELANDS**



Nominations Open To Recognise Our Regions Unsung Heroes

THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2026



Above: Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan and last year's New England-Northern Inland Volunteer of the Year Kamala Wheeler who went on to win the statewide award.

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan is encouraging friends, family and coworkers put a remarkable volunteer's name forward to be recognised by nominating them for the 2026 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Launched in 2007 by the Centre for Volunteering, the awards celebrate the six million people who volunteer for organisations across Australia.

Mr Moylan said the Northern Tablelands has numerous people who contribute to our communities by selflessly offering their time and we can now formally show our appreciation their efforts.

"Recognising and celebrating our volunteers is incredibly important because, without them, many organisations, charities, events, sporting clubs and more couldn't operate," he said.

"Although they don't do it for recognition, the Volunteer of the Year Awards provide the opportunity to formally thank and acknowledge how valuable these people are in our communities.

"Last year, Moree's Kamala Wheeler received the 2025 NSW Adult Volunteer of the Year Award nearly 40 years of volunteering at the SES.

"Kamala and other volunteers continually show up for others when it matters the most and it is great to recognise their dedication and compassion.

"I urge people to nominate our communities' unsung heroes in this year's Volunteer of the Year Awards."

There are seven categories for the awards:

- Young volunteer (24 years and under)
- Adult volunteer (25 to 64 years)
- Senior volunteer (65 years and over)
- Volunteer team
- Emergency volunteer
- Volunteer leader
- Not-for-profit voluntary governance

There are two ways to nominate: for Recognition Only, where nominees receive a certificate and are invited to attend their local regional ceremony, or for Judging, where nominees are assessed by an independent panel and considered for regional and state honours. All nominations must be submitted online via The Centre for Volunteering's website by 5pm, Friday 29 May 2026. Nominations opened on 11 February.

Nominators must have the nominee's consent and provide their personal email address so they can receive ceremony invitations and important updates. For nominees under 18, parental or guardian consent is required in line with Child Safe Standards.

Volunteers and Volunteer Leaders and managers are not permitted to nominate themselves.

For more information or to submit a nomination, visit The Centre for Volunteering's website: www.volunteering.com.au/nominations-open-for-2026-nsw-volunteer-of-the-year-awards



In the News

Bingara Central P & C Receives Funding to Remember Veterans

Arts & Culture

Community

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<https://www.stafm.com.au/bingara-central-p-c-receives-funding-to-remember-veterans/>

Bingara Central School P & C Association is one of 70 recipients to have received money through the 2025 Veteran Community Grants Program, receiving almost \$1500 for its Living Memorial that remembers the fallen local veterans.

Through the planting of orange trees, the project aims to establish a living memorial that honours the contributions and sacrifices of Australian veterans, while also connecting to the unique character and heritage of the local area.

An official opening of the garden will be held after the annual Orange Picking in Term 2, this year with the entire school and wider community, including local veterans, invited to attend and celebrate this new space together.

Formerly known as the Anzac Community Grants Program, the 2025 round of the Veteran Community Grants Program was the first delivered under a refreshed program design with more emphasis on funding projects that enhance veteran wellbeing, support recognition of the veteran community and events that acknowledge significant military anniversaries.

In the News

Northwest NSW Blacked Out After Power Outage

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<https://www.stafm.com.au/northwest-nsw-blacked-out-after-power-outage/>

A large power outage was experienced on Friday afternoon by residents living in northwest NSW.

The outage stretched from Inverell up to the Qld border, west to Moree and south to Kingstown.

An Essential Energy spokesperson says about 14,500 customers in Inverell and the surrounding region were affected by an unplanned power outage at 4.20pm.

Crews responded and investigated the fault, managing to

restore power to about 14,000 customers just after 5:30, however 500 customers in the Bundarra and Kingstown areas initially remained without power until the fault on the network could be repaired with power restored to all customers by 8.15pm.

The spokesperson says the outage was caused by a fault involving equipment which will be further reviewed by Essential Energy crews.

In the News

Social Media Warning about ChatGPT Caricatures

Community

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<https://www.stafm.com.au/social-media-warning-about-chatgpt-caricatures/>

Social media experts are warning users to think twice before using AI platform, ChatGPT when creating a caricature of themselves based on what it already knows about them.

The rise of AI-generated caricatures has quickly turned into a social media phenomenon, with users eagerly uploading photos and personal details to see stylized versions of themselves.

Experts warn that repeatedly submitting images and personal context may result in users becoming desensitized to the risks of disclosing sensitive information, and what AI platforms choose to do with the data provided to them.

Global cybersecurity advisor at ESET Jake Moore says when photos and personal details are uploaded to a chatbot such as ChatGPT, the platform "collects all of this information and analyses it, with the information stored and used to train these impressive models alongside unclear long term uses.

In the News

Farmers Welcome Focus on Water Management

Agriculture

Environment

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<https://www.stafm.com.au/farmers-welcome-focus-on-water-management/>

NSW Farmers says a vote supporting a Royal Commission into water management is a positive step towards a stronger farming future.

The Public Interest Debate in NSW Parliament and subsequent successful motion from Murray MP Helen Dalton called on the NSW Government to immediately support the establishment of a Royal Commission into water management in NSW, and called on the NSW Government to fully cooperate with a Royal Commission, including the compulsory production of all water modelling, data, licences, compliance records, enforcement actions and intergovernmental agreements.

NSW Farmers Water Taskforce Chair Richard Bootle said water was the single most precious resource farmers had to feed and clothe the nation, but years of dysfunction had taken their toll, undermining regional communities and food and fibre production.

“We’ve been sounding the alarm on water management for a number of years, it’s beyond time that farmers and communities were treated as equal partners with the environment,” Mr Bootle said.

“We’ve seen firsthand the serious social, economic and environmental harm across rural, regional and remote NSW, undermining livelihoods, community viability and river health.

“We welcome any inquiry that brings clarity, improves oversight, and helps ensure water can be used to benefit not only the environment but also the farmers and the communities who depend on it.”

The vote coincided with the commencement of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan review, and Mr Bootle said NSW Farmers would “fully engage”.

“The Basin Plan has let down farmers and communities, and we’re preparing a detailed submission to ensure members’ voices are heard, along with the many questions the Murray-Darling Basin Authority still need to answer,” Mr Bootle said.

“With finite public funds and significant community need, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority must reset expectations and focus on delivering the most realistic environmental outcomes.

“Governments should prioritise non flow centric projects, including immediate investment in carp control, to complement smarter watering strategies.”

Media Release: NSW Farmers



In the News presents a roundup of current news of interest to local communities. Articles originally published by STA FM. Reprinted with permission.

In the News

Fire Politics

CMA and NSW Emergency Services Minister Progress Red Fleet Issue

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<https://www.stafm.com.au/cma-and-nsw-emergency-services-minister-progress-red-fleet-issue/>

The Country Mayors Association of NSW (CMA) has met with NSW Emergency Services Minister the Hon Jihad Dib MP about the Red Fleet issue, which refers to local Councils currently having ownership of Rural Fire Service (RFS) assets, on paper. Councils do not own RFS plant and infrastructure, however their financials are negatively impacted by the legislative mess.

CMA Chairman, Mayor Rick Firman OAM of Temora Shire together with CMA Board Member and NSW JO Chairs Network Chairman, Mayor Sue Moore of Singleton Council sat down with Minister Dib to discuss immediate concerns of rural, remote and regional Mayors and left seeing the light at the end of a tunnel, according to Mayor Firman.

The NSW Government’s Public Accounts Committee’s “Inquiry into the assets, premises and funding of the NSW Rural Fire Service”, in 2025 resulted in a report with 14 recommendations, foremost of which was that the State’s Rural Fire Service (RFS) fleet should be legally recognised as NSW Government assets. The Minns Government’s official response left the CMA Board and its 89 members underwhelmed, with a comprehensive RFS asset audit not necessarily heralding the end of the issue.

“We appreciate that Minister Dib is always generous with his time and plays with a straight bat. We have lobbied for the Red Fleet issue to be resolved for years now,” he said. “Our CMA Members and Board were concerned that the asset audit may have been a stalling tactic that would leave the matter adrift in a bureaucratic never-never. However, in response to our advocacy, Minister Dib has given the CMA assurances that it is to be completed within six months and that Councils will not be paying for it.”

“Minister Dib also agreed that the CMA should be part of his working group to assist in implementing the Government response to the inquiry, which we appreciate. The CMA Board and members are keen to work with all sides of Government for the best outcomes for rural, remote and regional Mayors, Councils and their communities,” Mayor Firman said.

“We believe that Minister Dib has a genuine desire to right the Red Fleet wrong. It’s crucial that the CMA is involved with and continues to be bought on the journey. Knowing that the NSW Government has deadlines and timeframes in mind for this journey has restored our faith in it,” he said.

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Local Scholarships Build Capacity Within The Local Health Sector

In a milestone year for two local scholarships dedicated to strengthening the rural health workforce, Warialda Rail nursing student Jessica-Lea McDougall and Moree psychology student Georgia Clissold have each received a \$10,000 boost to support their studies.

Marking 20 years of the Dr William Hunter scholarship and a decade of the Healthy Communities scholarship, HealthWISE and the Gwydir Valley Cotton Growers Association (CGA) recognised the pair at the Moree Town and Country Club on Tuesday, February 10.

"Today was a wonderful reminder of how hard our community works to support our locals and get the services we need," Moree Plains Shire Council mayor Susannah Pearse said. Gwydir Shire Council mayor Tiffany Galvin also came along to show her support.

"I'm very privileged to have an opportunity like this. It's something that I didn't think would ever come my way, so I'm pretty stoked," Dr Hunter scholarship recipient Jessica-Lea said.

In her second year of a Bachelor of Nursing at the University of New England while working at Naroo Aged Care Hostel, Jessica-Lea is eager to bring her skills back to Gwydir district.

Healthy Communities winner Georgia is studying a Bachelor of Psychological Science at the University of Southern Queensland, and is known to many for her work as a sports coordinator and coach at the Moree PCYC.

"I was a child athlete, and I can see the stereotypes and influences that people have at such a young age and the way that affects people. I want to work to try and change that stigma, especially in country towns where there's not as many resources, not as many things available," she said.

Gwydir Valley CGA committee member Liam Winter said the two scholarships joined forces in 2021 after recognising their shared goal of creating a stronger and more vibrant health sector in Moree and the surrounds. He said the aim was to bring as many health professionals as possible back to the

local community.

"The need for trained health professionals in the Gwydir Valley towns, always critical, is now dire," retired Moree GP and scholarship namesake Dr William Hunter said.

"When the scholarship began in 2006, the Moree Hospital had three doctors on call 24 hours a day, every day, covering the emergency department, the obstetrics and the surgery departments," he said. Now covered by locums from Newcastle and Tamworth, Dr Hunter noted that Moree and other rural hospitals are often forced to rely on telehealth and already strained nursing staff when locums are unavailable, as happened for almost two weeks earlier this month.

"Our rural populations deserve much better than this. We're desperately short of GPs trained in skills required in rural towns," he said.

HealthWISE chief executive officer Sally Urquhart said the organisation was committed to supporting the future health workforce through connections with key figures such as Dr Hunter; an association that has lasted for decades. She was delighted to meet Jessica-Lea and Georgia, and excited to see their potential.

"They're full of energy and optimism and big plans. Both of them are really committed to their communities and also excited to get started on their profession. And what they're talking about really closely aligns with what we want to do at HealthWISE," she said.



HealthWISE

Creating Healthier Communities



Healthy Communities scholarship winner Georgia Clissold with Gwydir Valley CGA committee member Liam Winter.



HealthWISE CEO Sally Urquhart with Dr William Hunter scholarship winner Jessica-Lea McDougall and HealthWISE Barwon Health Alliance program manager Susanne Kable.

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Attention Bingara and Surrounds

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New Managers for Touriandi Lodge



The Board of Touriandi Limited are thrilled to announce the appointment of Tracey Gibson as Facility Manager and Jill Haynes as Deputy Facility Manager of Touriandi Lodge. Both these ladies bring a wealth of experience, passion, and commitment to the Facility. Their leadership marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Touriandi Lodge.



From left: Tracey Gibson (Facility Manager) and Jill Haynes (Deputy Facility Manager) have been welcomed to their new roles by Touriandi's Board.

Tracey Gibson lives at Upper Horton and has extensive expertise in Nursing and Aged Care. She has many years of Registered Nurse experience working at Dorrigo Hospital, Tamworth Base Hospital and Barraba Hospital. Tracey worked for 11 years as the Director of Nursing at Nazareth House Aged Care Facility in Tamworth and has also been an AN-ACC Assessor for the Department of Aging. Tracey is a keen horsewoman, she has a passion for Campdrafting, raising horses, and also trains working dogs in her spare time.

Jill Haynes and her husband moved to Bingara 12 months ago and quickly fell in love with Bingara. After having her family, Jill trained as an Assistant in Nursing in Aged Care in Queensland, then trained as an Enrolled Nurse and managed the Memory Support Unit in that Facility. Jill continued her study and became a Registered Nurse and has also gained a Diploma in Dementia. Jill held the position of Pain Care Support Co-Ordinator, and Clinical Manager where she built Clinical Teams for Beau-Care in Beaudesert. Jill enjoys photography and history and is looking forward to learning more of Bingara's past.

Touriandi Lodge welcomes Tracey and Jill to their roles. We are confident that their fresh perspectives and leadership will continue to enhance the high-quality aged care provided to Touriandi Lodge residents.

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2026 Next visits to Warialda

- February 25th 2026
- March 18th 2026 — Kate Darley
- April 22nd 2026 — Kate Darley
- May 27th 2026 — Ross Cooper
- June 24th 2026 — Ross Cooper
- July 29th 2026 — Ross Cooper

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

2026 Next visits to Bingara

- February 26th 2026
- March 17th 2026 — Kate Darley
- April 21st 2026 — Kate Darley
- May 28th 2026 — Ross Cooper
- June 25th 2026 — Ross Cooper
- July 30th 2026 — Ross Cooper

For appointments, contact Or Medical Services Bingara (previously Bingara Medical Centre) on **02 6724 1900**



Listening to the Land: Subtle Energy Returns to Bingara in 2026

What if the places and landscapes where we live, work and gather are quietly communicating with us all the time?

In recent years, interest has been growing around the idea of *subtle energy*, the unseen forces that influence wellbeing, vitality and harmony in people, homes, farms and landscapes.

In March 2026, this fascinating topic returns to the Gwydir region for the third consecutive year, with a program that includes four in-depth courses, as well as a special half-day community event at The Living Classroom in Bingara. Expected to attract around 90 participants from across Australia and overseas to the region, this growing program brings a welcome boost to local accommodation, cafés and services, while reinforcing the town's emerging reputation as a place for learning connected to land, wellbeing and thoughtful stewardship.

At the centre of the 2026 program is Dr Patrick MacManaway, an internationally respected geomancer and subtle energy practitioner. Scottish-born and trained in medicine at the University of Edinburgh, Patrick has spent several decades working across the United Kingdom, United States and Australia, with further international consulting in land, water and energy balancing. His unique background bridges conventional medical science with ancient earth wisdom traditions, offering a grounded and deeply practical approach to subtle energy and land intelligence.

At its simplest, subtle energy refers to the life force that flows through all living systems — people, animals, plants, water and land. While it may sound abstract, many people recognise its effects instinctively: a house that feels restful, a paddock that struggles despite best practice, or a place in nature that instantly calms the nervous system. It is something humans have interacted with for thousands of years, through farming, settlement, sacred sites and seasonal rhythms. The modern invitation is simply to relearn how to listen.

Patrick's work focuses on helping people *notice* and *work with* these invisible influences rather than against them. Drawing on disciplines such as geomancy (sometimes described as the art of reading the land), earth acupuncture, developing intuition, communication with the intelligence of nature, and dowsing practices, he explores how subtle energies can be supported to restore energetic balance and vitality.

On Saturday, 21 March, Patrick will lead a relaxed half-day



Above: Long-time Bingara locals and business owners, Garry and Linda McDouall.

workshop for locals and visitors alike in Bingara, titled **An Introduction to Subtle Energy**. The session offers a hands-on introduction to how subtle energy can be experienced and supported in everyday life. Participants will explore questions such as how subtle energy affects health and wellbeing, why some places feel supportive while others feel draining, and how remediation can improve harmony in homes, workplaces and landscapes.

With registration priced at \$35 per person, including learning materials and morning tea, the workshop offers a rare opportunity to learn from a practitioner whose work spans continents while remaining deeply human-centred. Attendees are asked to bring a chair, hat and water bottle, and to dress for the weather; the event will go ahead rain, hail or shine.

Local coordination is led by Garry and Linda McDouall, who have worked with subtle energy for more than 20 years. Garry, a Quantum Leap practitioner mentored by Dr MacManaway, now serves as Chair of Quantum Leap Subtle Energy Limited, the not-for-profit organisation delivering the program nationally.

In a world that often prioritises speed and surface solutions, **An Introduction to Subtle Energy** offers something quieter: an invitation to slow down, tune in, and rediscover the intelligence woven through the living world around us.

More information about the 2026 program and community day is available at www.quantumleapsubtleenergy.com.au or by contacting Garry McDouall on **0428 834 281**.

www.quantumleapsubtleenergy.com.au



Above: Dr Patrick MacManaway, Geomancer and Subtle Energy Practitioner demonstrating dowsing technique on a central Queensland cattle property.

Below: Workshop participants gather at The Living Classroom, 2025.



- **FIRST MEETING** was held February 3rd at the Imperial Hotel.
- **FIRST WALK** took place on Saturday April 11th, Gap Creek Road. Meeting at the Bingara Pool at 8am.
- **TIGER PEAR COCHINEAL** available in 2026. Please advise via gwydir.ark@gmail.com if interested.
- **RIVER SEED BANK** site will be monitored in April (we do this twice a year).
- **KOALA TREES** were watered and mulched at the TLC.
- **WILDLIFE SIGNAGE** to be erected (thank you Gwydir Shire Council) on Warialda Road warning of kangaroos in a particular area.
- **NEXT MEETING** Tuesday, 3rd March 2026, at the Imperial Hotel starting 2pm. Please feel very welcome to attend.
- **CONTACT** Ali Bigg via gwydir.ark@gmail.com or 0438 353 682 Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

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The project is an initiative of the Lismore Node of the SQNNSW Hub.
The Hub receives funding from the Federal Government's Future Drought Fund.





BINGARA SHOW 2026

PAVILION SCHEDULE

Preparations are well underway for this year's Show on the 21st — 22nd of March.

The Pavilion volunteers have finalised the schedule, which is now available in various shops around town and on the Show Facebook page and website at bingarashow.org.au

For the first time, we are introducing a Pavilion theme: "Life on the Farm." This theme can be incorporated into any section of the Pavilion, so we invite everyone to get creative and take part.

We encourage everyone to put an entry in, it really does cater for all talents. A full Pavilion is a great Pavilion, and

it adds so much to what the Show represents: an event for the whole community. One of my favourite parts of volunteering as Chief Steward is watching children proudly showing their friends and family their entries.

Entries can be dropped to the pavilion on Friday the 20th of March between 8.00 am to 11am. If you are unable to get to the pavilion during these hours entries can be dropped at Bingara Wattle Arts and Crafts, 66 Maitland Street.

Please contact me if you would like a copy of the schedule at Thornleigh19@outlook.com

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Renewed Federal Government Support Strengthens Mental Health Assistance For Small Business Owners

11 February 2026



Beyond Blue welcomes the Federal Government's decision to continue its support of the small business

community granting a one-year extension of the successful NewAccess for Small Business Owners (NASBO) service to 30 June 2027.

Beyond Blue CEO Georgie Harman AO said the Government's decision, announced by Small Business Minister Anne Aly earlier today, showed clear understanding of the mental health pressures experienced by small business owners.

"Small business owners often carry enormous responsibility, and the emotional and financial pressures can be relentless. This continued support shows the Government recognises those challenges and values the wellbeing of the people who keep our communities and local economies moving," Ms Harman said.

"NASBO gives business owners a chance to pause, reflect and learn strategies that help them manage stress and stay focused. It's flexible, it's practical, and it's designed specifically for the small business environment."

As an evidence-based mental health service, NASBO has achieved consistently strong results: 76 per cent of small business owners who participated showed clinically significant improvement in their symptoms of anxiety and/or depression, more than 91 per cent felt more productive and better able to address future business challenges, and nearly 96 per cent felt better able to manage mental health challenges when they arose.

NASBO support is available to small business owners nationally from 8am to 8pm. It uses evidence-based low-intensity cognitive behavioural therapy and offers small business owners up to six sessions and two follow-up sessions, working with a specialist coach with small business experience. Participation is free, confidential and no GP referral is required.

Since NASBO's launch in 2021, almost 10,000 small business owners across Australia have accessed support to build their capability to manage stress and maintain productivity.

Ms Harman said the program's extension would allow **Beyond Blue** to keep providing specialised support to people who feel overwhelmed by rising costs, business uncertainty or personal pressures.



Beyond Blue CEO Georgie Harman AO

"Many small business owners tell us they reach out when they're exhausted and unsure how to move forward. NASBO helps them regain clarity and confidence at the time when they need it most," she said.

"We regularly hear from participants who say the service has helped them steady the ship and feel more productive. More than nine in ten tell us it helped them better understand and address their challenges."

NASBO provides practical one-on-one mental health coaching tailored to the needs of small business owners, along with connections to other support services such as financial counselling where appropriate.

Self-employed small business owner Meg Stewart turned to NASBO when the demands of running a business with her husband, while also raising two young children, left her feeling stretched too thin.

"I was overwhelmed," says Meg, "All I did was work, I was doing nothing for me."

NASBO coaching gave Meg space to step back and rethink how she was approaching both her work and her wellbeing. It helped her recognise unhelpful patterns and build practical habits that made running the business feel more manageable.

"The coaching helped me feel more in control, and it reminded me that what I'm doing really is enough. I've learned to ease the pressure I put on myself.

"It's not something that fades once the sessions end; the skills really stick with you – it's a lifestyle change."

Small business owners who are interested to know more can visit www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/newaccess-mental-health-coaching/small-business-owners or call (03) 9250 8305.

Bingara CWA Welcomes Community Back For A Busy Year Ahead

by Kerriane Anderson, President
Bingara Branch of CWA of NSW



Members of the Bingara branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA) have kicked off 2026 with renewed energy, resuming activities on 12 February and looking forward to another active year supporting the local community.

Following its return from recess in April 2025, the branch has enjoyed a strong revival, with members embracing new initiatives, social activities and community projects. One of the latest contributions is a free library established for residents and patients at the Bingara Multi-Purpose Centre. Overseen by member Roxene, the project has already been warmly received and continues to grow.

As part of its ongoing commitment to local wellbeing, the Bingara CWA is inviting community members to share ideas about how branch funds might best support local needs. Suggestions can be emailed to kerrianea@yahoo.com, with all proposals discussed at regular meetings.

The branch is keen to welcome new members and encourages anyone interested to get involved. Membership information can be accessed via the CWA of NSW website, or by requesting an information pack via email.

Regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, while the popular craft and social group meets on the last Sunday of the month, with all members of the community invited to attend.

With a focus on friendship, community support and practical initiatives, Bingara CWA members are excited about the year ahead and look forward to connecting with both new and familiar faces.



Legacy Services and Support

Legacy now supports the families of veterans who have been injured as a result of their service in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). A veteran is classified as any person who served or is serving in the ADF. **Overseas or war service is not a requirement.**

From the 2021 census we are aware that there are at least 300 veterans in our area that are not known to Legacy and the RSL-Sub-Branch. We encourage veterans and their families to make contact with their local RSL Sub-Branch or Legacy office.

Visit <https://www.legacy.com.au/news-and-events/news/legacy-expands-eligibility-to-support-more-veterans-families/> for more information.

2026 Activities

Monster Garage Sale

Friday 20th and Saturday 21st February

We will be holding a garage sale in Flanders House on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st February. There will be a large range of items that have been donated for the sale including furniture and household items. The sale is being run by Kerry and Geoff Caban on behalf of Legacy. It will be cash only. Photos will be posted on Facebook in the days prior to the sale.

President's Luncheon

Sunday 15th March

Inverell Legacy was chartered on 15th March 1952, therefore our annual President's Luncheon is held on the Sunday closest to 15th March each year.

The President's Luncheon is an annual event where we say "thank you" to our donors and supporters. Guests include local dignitaries, service clubs, businesses and other Legacy clubs, including representatives of State and National committees. The luncheon commences at 12pm and concludes at approximately 3pm.

The President's Luncheon is open to the general public, anyone wanting to attend can contact our Office to purchase a ticket.

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Proposed Easter Market for Bingara

In our attempts to revitalise the monthly Bingara Markets, we have been gathering people's interest over the last few months and we have come to the conclusion to leave the monthly Maitland Street Market, as they stand. There are signs that in 2026, more street stalls are likely to participate including street theatre activities at the village square beside the IGA.

The focus however is to hold an annual Easter Sunday Market to coincide with current tourism events during the long weekend. Easter time at Bingara is usually a wonderful time of the year with the well supported Easter Fish run by the Anglers Club. Bingara is filled with tourists and families on the long weekend, and an annual market event at this time can only enhance the holiday weekend experience in Bingara for both our residents and visitors.

From recent inquiries, at least fifteen stall holders are willing to entertain holding a stall in a proposed Easter Market. We also are inviting any stall holders and/or festival activity providers from across the Gwydir Shire and beyond, to sign on to this preliminary proposal for the market event.

The appropriate site well suited for a safe and comfortable market setting, would be the Bingara Basketball Courts on Cunningham Street. The Basketball Court location offers clean toilets, children's playground, disability access, plenty of parking and both sheltered and grassed areas.

On Sunday 22nd February at 10am at the proposed market site (Bingara Basketball Courts) we are inviting Bingara residents to join us to form a co-operative group that can help make our current market and the proposed Easter market a successful reality for visitors and Bingara residents.

All people interested in taking part in this new project, please feel welcome to attend a public meeting on the Bingara basketball courts 10am Sunday 22nd February (please bring your own chair).

For further interest on having, or how to set up, a stall for the market please contact Lynne Clarke on 0475 085 216 for more information.

A report in next month's **Gwydir News** on the outcome of this Public Meeting will attempt to address such issues as Council's OH&S guidelines, an update on the Lions Club interest to patron the event, plus further information as we harness more interest for this Easter market event.

Proposed Easter Market Location: Basketball Courts, Cunningham Street, Bingara.

Proposed Date and Time: 10am to 2pm, 5th April 2026.

Carinda News

FEBRUARY 2026

Carinda has reopened after the holiday break. The Shop is stocked with quality handmade items. Murray has delivered some more unique wood turning items and there are beautiful gift packaged items for new born babies on the shelves.

Why not drop in, and peruse in air-conditioned comfort, when you are next looking for a gift for someone special? You will be amazed at the variety and quality of items on offer. The delicious home-baked goodies from Jeanette's kitchen are also on the shelves and always attract a lot of attention!

Warialda residents will have noticed the new Gazebo that has been installed in the front garden. There are some details that have to be completed before the Gazebo is able to be used by the public. The flooring, using old bricks to match the current path, has to be installed as well as seating around the inside.

Carinda members hope to have this work done in the next couple of months so that Warialda residents and visitors can take advantage of the extra covered seating in Stephen Street.

The new roof on Carinda has certainly given the old building a lift. Many thanks to Gwydir Shire who organised the replacing of the old leaky roof—over 100 years old!

The Annual General Meeting of Warialda Cultural Community Centre—Carinda—will take place on Thursday March 12th, commencing at 10.00am in the Stump Room. All members are invited to attend and new members are also encouraged to attend.

Carinda is opened Monday to Friday 10.00am to 2.00pm and Saturdays 9.00am to 12.00 noon. The Tuesday morning Craft Group has restarted. So why not call in from 10.00am to 12.00pm on Tuesdays and bring your own craft—crocheting, knitting, needlework, macrame etc. You will enjoy the company and, of course, there is the obligatory morning tea.



Brendan Moylan MP
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The NWTC Film Club's Feature Film for May is 'All The President's Men'

22 February 2026

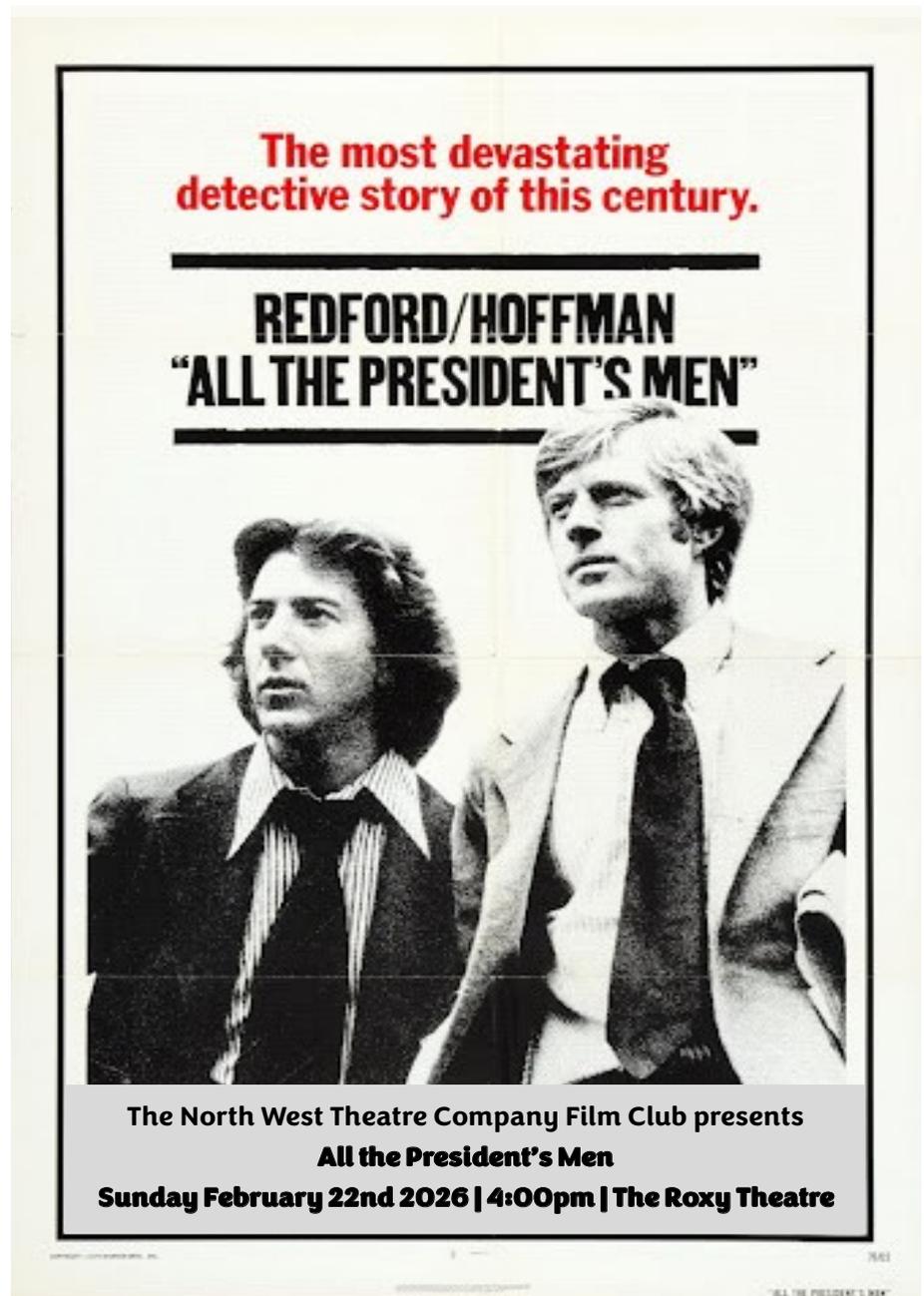
The first film presented by the North West Theatre Company's Film Club for 2026 is a tribute to Robert Redford, who passed away in 2025. **All the President's Men** is a quintessential American film starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman along with a strong supporting cast and is directed by Alan J Pakula with the screenplay by William Goldman.

The film is a political thriller based on the downfall of President Nixon and the Watergate scandal and gained critical acclaim upon its release, being nominated for several awards, with Jason Robards winning an Academy Award for best supporting actor.

The film is based on the book written by journalists Woodward and Bernstein and details their investigative journalism into the Watergate scandal that led to the resignation of President Nixon. Bob Woodward (Redford) and Carl Bernstein (Hoffman) uncover a web of corruption and deceit that reaches the highest levels of government.

The film was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry as being of cultural, historical or aesthetic significance.

You can view **All the President's Men** at the Roxy theatre on Sunday 22nd February at 4:00pm. **New members are always welcome.**



Warialda Students Graduate in Certificate III in Individual Support Qualification

Community College Northern Inland (CCNI) celebrated the graduation of seven students from the CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support at its Warialda Campus on Monday 2 February, marking an important milestone for both learners and the local care sector.

The graduating class was supported throughout their training by trainer Ean Muhs, whose guidance and industry experience helped students build the practical skills and confidence needed to step into roles across aged care and disability support.

Campus Coordinator Toby Cooper welcomed guests and acknowledged the dedication shown by students:

“It was amazing having a full Individual Support class back in Warialda, and watching each one of you achieving your dreams over the past twelve months has been a real pleasure.”

CCNI CEO, Mel Squires presented certificates to graduates Amanda Orchard, Sharna Aitken, Rasha Alidanna De La Rama, Crystal McPherson-White, Samantha Manttan, James Newell De La Rama and Marivic Bennett, recognising the commitment and achievement of each student who completed the nationally recognised qualification. School-Based Trainee (SBAT) Lyra Manttan, who is combining school studies at Warialda High School with work and training, was also recognised.

The event was also attended by Sharon Baker, Manager of Naroo Frail Aged Care Facility in Warialda, highlighting the strong and ongoing relationship between CCNI and local care providers. Over the years, CCNI has contributed to a steady pipeline of qualified care staff supporting Naroo and the wider Warialda community.

Special mention was made of the outstanding achievements of class member, Sharna Aitken who was nominated by CCNI in the Community Education Student of the Year category of Community Education Australia's 2025 Awards. Sharna received a Highly Commended Award at an awards evening held in Sydney late last year.

Following the presentation of certificates, attendees enjoyed a morning tea hosted by CCNI Operations Manager, Kasey Warwick, providing an opportunity for graduates, staff and guests to connect and celebrate the occasion together.

The graduation reflects CCNI's continued commitment to delivering local training for local jobs, supporting regional communities through accessible education and strong partnerships with industry.



Above: Sharna Aitken receiving her graduation certificate from Mel Squires.



Above: Marivic Bennett receiving her graduation certificate from Mel Squires.



Above: James Newell De La Rama receiving his graduation certificate from Mel Squires.



Above: Rasha Alidanna De La Rama receiving her graduation certificate from Mel Squires.



Above: Samantha Manttan receiving her graduation certificate from Mel Squires.



Above: Amanda Orchard receiving her graduation certificate from Mel Squires.

Not shown: Crystal McPherson-White who received her graduation certificate from Mel Squires on the day, and School-Based Trainee (SBAT) Lyra Manttan, who is combining school studies at Warialda High School with work and training.



CCNI | COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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RTO 90027

Qualifications Still Enrolling

Delivering Registered Training Organisation
Community College Northern Inland Inc. (RTO 90027)



CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support Ageing + Disability

CCNI is now enrolling students at its Bingara Campus in the **CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing + Disability)**—a nationally recognised qualification for people seeking a rewarding career supporting others in the community.

This training is subsidised by the NSW Government. Eligibility rules apply.

For more information or to apply, scan the QR code to visit the website and complete the Application form.

**CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support
Ageing + Disability**

Bingara Campus Commenced Wednesday 11 February 2026

This course is still taking enrolments. Be quick!



Scan the QR code to find out more about this course or to Apply.



Forklift

Issuing Registered Training Organisation
Talented Training | RTO 45144

Forklift ♦

TLILIC0003 Licence to operate a forklift truck

2-Day Face-to-Face Workshop 8.30AM - 4.30PM \$880

Warialda Campus Tue 24 - Wed 25 February

♦ **Talented Training** - RTO ID No. 45144, will be delivering, assessing and issuing Statements of Attainment to students assessed as competent in the units per course requirements.

WHS & Traffic

Issuing Registered Training Organisation
Australian Training Plus (ATPlus) | RTO 91434

Traffic Controller Combined Skill Set ♦

This training delivers two skill sets:

RIISS00054 Traffic controller

RIISS00055 Traffic management implementer

3 Days In-Campus 8.30AM - 4.00PM \$755

Warialda Campus Mon 30 March - Wed 1 April

Working Under Powerlines ♦

UETDREL006 Work safely in the vicinity of live electrical apparatus as a non-electrical worker

1-Day Face-to-Face Workshop 8.30AM - 4.00PM \$655

Warialda Campus Monday 2 March

Hospitality

Issuing Registered Training Organisation
Australian Training Plus (ATPlus) | RTO 91434

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) ♦

SITHFAB021 Provide responsible service of alcohol

1-Day Face-to-Face Workshop 9.00AM - 5.00PM \$320

Warialda Campus Tuesday 17 March

Responsible Conduct of Gambling (RCG) ♦

SITHGAM022 Provide responsible gambling services

1-Day Face-to-Face Workshop 9.00AM - 4.00PM \$235

Warialda Campus Wednesday 18 March

♦ **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.

Visit www.ccni.nsw.edu.au to Apply or Enrol or Call Toby on 0438 546 519

First Aid

Issuing Registered Training Organisation
Community College Northern Inland Inc. (RTO 90027)

Provide First Aid

HLTAID009 Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
HLTAID010 Provide basic emergency life support
HLTAID011 Provide first aid



1-Day Face-to-Face Workshop	9.00AM - 4.30PM	\$190	F
Barraba Campus	Monday 23 February		
Warialda Campus	Friday 27 February		
Bingara Campus	Tuesday 24 March		

Provide CPR

HLTAID009 Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation



½-Day Face-to-Face Workshop	9.00AM - 12PM	\$90	F
Barraba Campus	Monday 23 February		
Warialda Campus	Friday 27 February		
Bingara Campus	Tuesday 24 March		

High Risk & Industry

Issuing Registered Training Organisation
Community College Northern Inland | RTO 90027

Work Safely at Heights

RIIWS204E Work safely at heights



1-Day In-Campus	9.00AM - 4.30PM	\$260	F
Warialda Campus	Friday 20 February		

Confined Spaces

RIIWS202E Enter and work in confined spaces



1-Day In-Campus	9.00AM - 4.30PM	\$310	F
Bingara Campus	Tuesday 10 March		

Courses with the Nationally Recognised Training logo are accredited and comply with a national standard. These course are recognised by employers and educational institutions Australia-wide.



Barista Skills

Issuing Registered Training Organisation
Community College Northern Inland Inc. (RTO 90027)

Introduction to Barista Skills

Enrol in this non-accredited training to develop your confidence around kitchen equipment, customer service, and of course, making coffee!

1-Day In-Campus	9.00AM - 4.00PM	\$180	F
Bingara Campus	Thursday 12 March		

Welding 101

Issuing Registered Training Organisation
Community College Northern Inland Inc. (RTO 90027)

This is a practical course where students practise different welds in a controlled environment under the guidance of an experienced trainer. This non-accredited training will also cover the use of personal protective equipment and working safely.

This is a great, non-accredited course for anyone interested in gaining skills for work in the rural or construction sectors.

For personal safety, participants in this training will need to wear cotton clothing (long sleeves and pants), protective enclosed leather shoes, welding gloves and helmet.

6 x Weekly Face-to-Face Workshops	6.00PM - 9.00PM	\$450
Warialda Campus	Friday 27 February	

Agriculture/WHS

Issuing Registered Training Organisation
Australian Training Plus (ATPlus) | RTO 91434

Chemical User ♦

AHCCHM307 Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases

AHCCHM304 Transport and store chemicals

Same-day Refresher training available - Call 0438 546 519 to enrol

2 Day Face-to-Face Workshop	9.00AM - 4.00PM	\$435
Warialda Campus	Tues 3 - Wed 4 March	

♦ **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.

F This training is subsidised by the NSW Government. **Eligibility rules apply.** Fully subsidised training may be available for eligible students (subject to funding available at the time of application). Contact us to discuss course fees and eligibility.

News from Bingara Central School



Kindergarten and Buddies 2026

From the Principal

Bingara Central Secondary School Grows by 48%

Welcome back to another strong and exciting year at Bingara Central School. We are proud to share that our secondary enrolments have increased by 48% over the past two years. This growth reflects the confidence families have in our school and in Public Education locally. Families are choosing to stay in Bingara, drawn by the positive community vibe, strong relationships and a school that values both academic success and the importance of the family unit.

This success has been driven by quality teaching, outstanding student outcomes and a genuine culture of care. Our students continue to achieve excellent results, including 71% achieving strong or exceeding in NAPLAN writing, top two bands in the HSC and wellbeing data that shows students feel safe, supported and connected. With 95% of Year 7 students reporting they feel settled and supported and 87% able to identify a trusted adult who believes in them, it is clear that being a small

Welcome to Kindergarten!

What a fabulous first couple of weeks for our sixteen Kindergarten students! Much excitement and nervous energy was met by Mrs Hall as they came through the gates ready to begin their school journey. What a big milestone!

We are pleased to share that they have

had a fantastic start to their very first term, exploring the school and settling in with special thanks to their Year 6 buddies.

It has been very busy as they discovered the classroom rules, read many stories and explore new sounds. We can't wait to watch our newest BCS members grow as they learn.

school is our strength.

We look forward to another exciting year ahead!

At Bingara Central School, we know that regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of student success. Being at school every day supports learning, builds routines, strengthens friendships, and helps students feel connected to their teachers and peers. Simply put—everyday matters.

To celebrate and encourage positive attendance habits, we are excited to introduce G.O.A.T – Greatest Overall Attendance Team, a new attendance rewards system launching in 2026. G.O.A.T has been designed to recognise students who consistently make the effort to attend school and to celebrate attendance as a whole-



school priority.

Importantly, G.O.A.T is about consistency and effort, not perfection. We look forward to celebrating positive attendance, building strong routines, and reinforcing the message that showing up truly makes a difference.

Bingara Golf Report

by John Gill



Summer 2025/26

Bingara golf has continued throughout the summer months with Medley events and the Men's Monthly Medal, with good numbers attending all events.

Men's monthly Medal year commences December 2025 to November 2026.

December 2025 Winner	Cameron Maisey C / B 65 nett R / Up Peter Houlahan 65 nett
January 2026 Winner	Richard Scutt C / B 65 nett R / Up John Robinson 65 nett
February 2026 Winner	Peter Smith 64 nett R / Up C / B Dick Oakley 65 nett

Bingara Golf Events	
Saturday Single Stableford Medley	12:00pm / 12:30pm Tee
Sunday Golf	12:00pm / 12:30pm Tee
Tuesday Ladies Golf	Contact 0428 241 415
Thursday 9 Hole Chook Run	1:30pm / 2:00pm Tee

Men's March 2026 Events	
Single Stableford	1 March 2026
Men's Monthly Medal Stroke Event	8 March 2026
Mixed Foursomes Championship, Men's Stroke Event	15 March 2026
Par Event	22 March 2026
B.B.B. in conjunction with Single Stableford	29 March 2026
Cart Hire Vendi cart hire available - see front of club for details. Please pay green fees.	



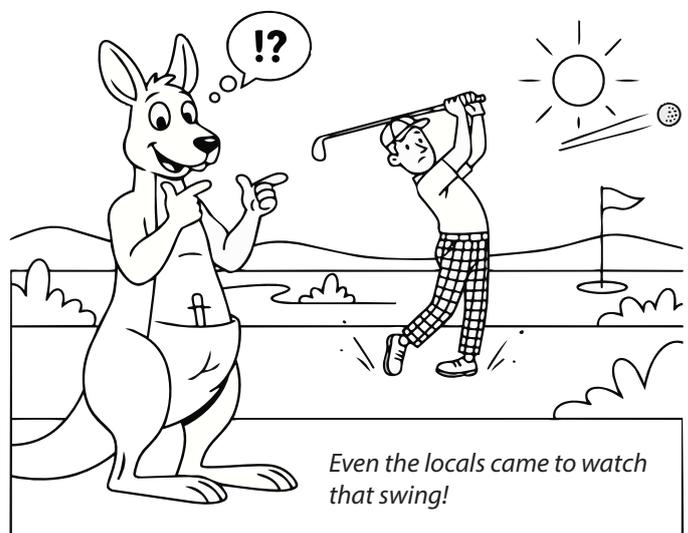
Above: Steve Stokes Teeing off 7 / 16 Tee

Appreciation

Bingara golf has been lucky to have a regular visitor to Bingara named Steve Stokes. Steve's knowledge of golf courses, especially greens, and maintenance of machinery has been invaluable to Bingara golf, as has his service as a volunteer along with Bingara volunteers of the course.

The recently renovated 7 / 16 green is now complete and in play as of 1st February. Steve Stokes was given the privilege of teeing off the golfers Sunday 1st February to a big applause from all golfers present.

Thank you Steve from all golfers and the Bingara community.



PUBLIC NOTICES

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as at
16 February 2025

64%  **15%**
from December 2025

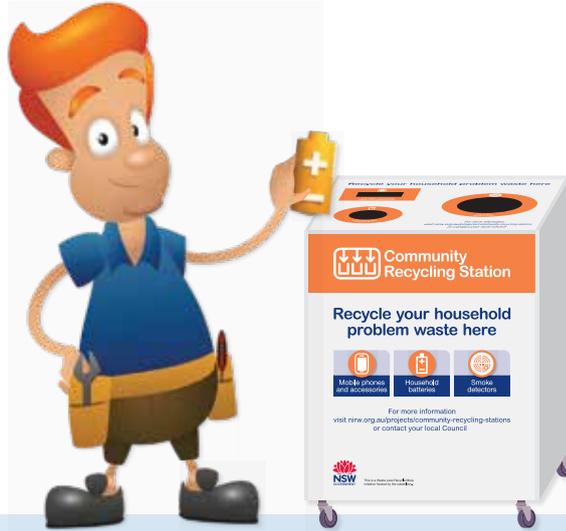


Bingara BUSH BASH

Annual Tennis Tournament
90th Anniversary
6 - 8 June 2026
Watch this space for further
information.

Community Recycling Stations

The right place for your small problem waste



It's FREE to drop off:

- Household batteries
- Electronic waste
- Smoke detectors
- Ink cartridges
- Fluoro globes (no fluorescent tubes)
- Eye glasses
- Mobile phones
- X-rays

Collection of these items will vary by location.

To find your nearest Community Recycling Station and the items accepted, visit nirw.org.au/projects/community-recycling-stations or contact your local Council



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Next issue of The Gwydir News
Thursday 19th March. **Book ads by Monday 9th March** at email:
gwydirnews@ccni.nsw.edu.au

PUBLIC NOTICES

WARIALDA CULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE CARINDA

AGM will be held on Thursday 12th March 2026 commencing at 10.00am in the Stump Room. Current members and new members are invited to attend.
M. Stubbins | Secretary WCCC

BINGARA SENIOR CITIZENS

All are welcome to drop in at our Maitland Street room on Wednesday and Thursday mornings for a cuppa and chat or just to say hello!

BINGARA DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monthly meeting will be held on Friday 20th February 2026 commencing 10.30am at the Bingara Museum Complex, 16-20 Maitland Street, Bingara.
New members are welcome.
Judi Peterson | Secretary BDHS



BINGARA
Garden Club

THE BINGARA GARDEN CLUB HOLDS MONTHLY MEETINGS AT THE BINGARA SPORTING CLUB AT 10AM ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Aspiring members are welcome.

FEATURED BUSINESSES



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What's on

FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday 22nd NWTC Film Club - 'All the President's Men' - 4:00pm - The Roxy Theatre, Bingara - New members welcome

MARCH 2026

Sunday 1st Biggest Clean Up Australia Day

Saturday 7th Gravesend Long Lunch - \$125pp - Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/DIBLP from 12 February 2026

Saturday 7th Wildflowers - Concert - Soldiers Memorial Hall, Warialda

Tuesday 10th Rod Halsted Author Talk - Warialda Library - 10:00am to 11:30am - Morning tea available - Free event - Call 0460 006 845 to book a spot or book online at <https://cnrl.events.mylibrary.digital/event?id=192788>

Thursday 10th Warialda Cultural Community Centre - Carinda - AGM - 10:00am in the Stump Room

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th Gwydir River Run Stockman's Challenge

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th Mason Daley Memorial Cod Classic, Gravesend - Details on the Gravesend Fishing Club Facebook page

Saturday 21st - Sunday 22nd Bingara Show

Friday 28th Croppa Creek Crows Rugby Gala Day

Saturday 29th 90 Years of the Roxy - Playing the first movie ever screened at the Roxy Theatre, Bingara - 'Roberta' - 4:00pm - The Roxy Theatre, Bingara - New members welcome

APRIL 2026

Friday 3rd - Monday 6th Bingara Anglers' Club Easterfish

Saturday 11th Warialda Races

Wednesday 15th - Sunday 19th Bingara Country Music Festival

Saturday 25th ANZAC Day Services

Sunday 26th NWTC Film Club - 'The Teacher Who Promised The Sea' - 4:00pm - The Roxy Theatre, Bingara - New members welcome

MAY 2026

Thursday 7th - Saturday 9th Warialda Show

Saturday 9th Rovers - Performance - Roxy Theatre, Bingara

Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th Coolatai Vintage Tractor Pull

Saturday 20th National Simultaneous Storytime

Church Notices

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Bingara Worship at St John's Anglican Parish, Bingara - Sundays 9.30am

Minister Matt Stones can be contacted on (02) 6724 1668 or email office@bingaraanglican.org

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.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bingara Scots Presbyterian Church is open for worship at 10.00am every Sunday. Sunday School is also held each week.

Warialda St Stephen's Presbyterian Church has a weekly worship service each Sunday at 10.00am. All welcome. Enquiries (02) 6721 0511.