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## Grand Opening Of Warialda's Shop Of Opportunity Draws Huge Community Support



Warialda turned out in force on Saturday May 2, to celebrate the grand opening of the Warialda Shop of Opportunity, formerly known as Jimmy Bowman's Store. The long-awaited launch marked the beginning of a new chapter for the historic Plunkett Street building, which has been lovingly restored by dedicated locals over the past three years.

Community members travelled from near and far to witness the official opening, joined by special guests MP Brendon Moylan, Cr Rachel Sherman, and Mayor Tiffany Galvin, who cut the ribbon to declare the community hub open.

The atmosphere was warm and festive, with locals gathering over coffee and cake while browsing the newly stocked shelves. Bargains were snapped up quickly, giving preloved items a second life and keeping countless goods out of landfill.

The Shop of Opportunity is the proud creation of the Warialda Community Warriors, who have worked tirelessly to bring the project to life. What began as a dream more than three years ago has now become a thriving community asset — despite early doubts from some who believed the rundown building was beyond saving.

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In a statement of gratitude, the Community Warriors extended heartfelt thanks to everyone who has volunteered, built, donated items or materials, contributed time, organised behind the scenes, or supported the project in any way. They also acknowledged the many hands that will continue to keep the shop running into the future.

All proceeds from the Shop of Opportunity will be reinvested back into Warialda and surrounding communities, ensuring the benefits of the project continue to grow.

## *Opening Hours*

### **Monday**

9:00am – 2:00pm

### **Wednesday**

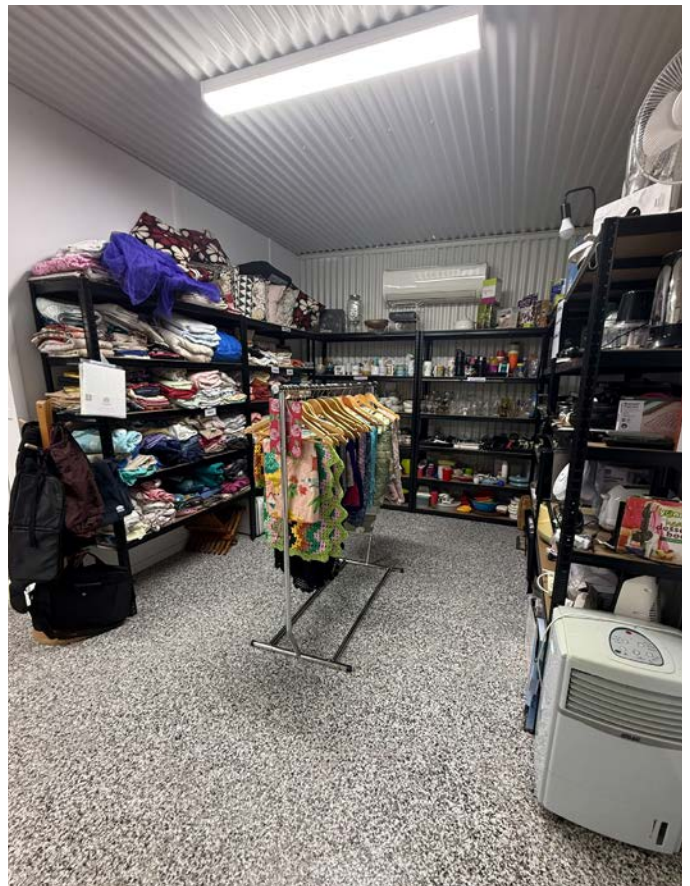
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# From the Mayor

**It's May already, and I feel like I say this every month—but time really is flying.** Sadly, there is still no rain in sight. The whole Shire is beginning to feel the strain, and with no rain forecast, there's a growing sense of fear across our communities. Memories of 2019 remain fresh, making this situation all the more confronting. At times like these, it's important to remember sometimes it's just about putting your hand on someone's shoulder and saying, "we've got you." When we're all in drought together, community spirit is everything. Despite the dry conditions, we've been enjoying some truly beautiful days weather-wise.

## Bingara Administration Building

I'm thrilled to share some exciting news this month—we are finally in! Our new administration building in

Bingara is complete, and I couldn't be prouder. Every time I walk through the doors, I get goosebumps. This project began with the previous Council and former General Manager, Max Eastcott, and it has been carried through by the current Council and General Manager, Leeah Daley.

This building has come to life thanks to an incredible team—builders, directors, councillors, and staff—who have all shown immense pride and commitment. We now have a modern, state-of-the-art facility bringing all staff and services together under one roof. Even more impressive, the project was delivered at less than 1% over budget—an outstanding achievement.

At the time of writing this, the official opening is scheduled to be held on Friday 15 May 2026 at 11:00am. I look forward to reporting on this in the next Mayoral Column.

## ANZAC Day Commemorations

ANZAC Day was commemorated beautifully in every town and village, each in its own meaningful way.

I had the privilege of attending the dawn service in Upper Horton, where around 70 people gathered. A highlight was the unveiling of a stunning new ANZAC Memorial, crafted by SRLB Welding & Fabrications. Lit by firelight, it was a truly moving sight and well worth a visit. This year, Upper Horton also honoured the horsemanship, bravery and comradeship of the ANZACs, with a focus on Beersheba and the Light Horse.

I then returned to Bingara for the 11:00am service, along with Cr Crump and Cr Crispin followed by a lovely luncheon at the RSL hosted by the Bingara Sub-Branch. Guest speaker Emma Pleffer delivered a powerful address that resonated with everyone present.

ANZAC Day is always a meaningful time for reflection, remembrance and community connection. My fellow councillors attended services across the Shire, each returning with stories that reflect the strength and spirit of our communities. Cr Collins and Cr Sherman attended the Warialda ANZAC Day Service in the Warialda Town Square, while Cr Gill represented Council at the Gravesend Service. In the north of the Shire, Cr Coleman attended the Yallaroi ANZAC Day Service, and Cr Willmot joined the community at North Star to pay tribute to those who have served.

We must also acknowledge the many volunteers who dedicate their time to organising these important events. Thank you for the meaningful work that you put into our community.

## Welcome to Warialda Information Evening

A "Welcome to Warialda" evening event was held on Tuesday 28 April 2026 at the Warialda Golf and Bowling Club. This initiative was organised by Cr Mick Collins. It was wonderful to hear from local groups and welcome new residents. Feedback from the evening was extremely positive, highlighting the value of connection



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and community information.

### Warialda Op Shop

On Saturday 2 May 2026, we celebrated the opening of the Warialda Op-Shop. A dream realised after three years of dedication by a passionate group of volunteers. The transformation of the building is remarkable, and the space now offers not just affordable goods, but a welcoming place for people to gather, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, and connect with others. All proceeds go back into supporting the community.

### Warialda Town Hall

The closure of the Warialda Town Hall remains under review pending the outcome of geotechnical investigations. Geotechnical testing was conducted on 23 April 2026 to assess the condition of the site and identify any underlying structural or ground stability issues. The resulting report is expected to be presented approximately four to five weeks after the testing date. Following receipt of the report a structural engineer will be engaged to come up with an engineering solution to stabilise the structure.

### Telstra Issues

Once again, I must address the ongoing Telstra issues. It feels like this has become a regular topic, but please know we are continuing to advocate strongly on behalf of our community. While telecommunications are not a local or state government responsibility, we are the ones hearing firsthand how these disruptions impact residents and businesses.

Brendan Moylan MP recently arranged a meeting with the Chief of Staff for the Minister for Communications, Anika Wells. While we were unable to meet with the Minister directly, the discussion was productive, and I believe our concerns were heard. A follow-up meeting is expected in

Canberra in June during the ALGA conference.

I raised serious concerns about the risks posed by these outages, including the possibility of a fatal incident, as well as the economic impact on businesses—particularly in Warialda—when both Telstra and NBN services failed. I thank Brendan Moylan for his continued support in pushing these issues forward.

Council has put forward a number of practical solutions aimed at improving network resilience and reducing the impact of outages. This feedback has been acknowledged and aligns with measures being progressed through the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation) Bill 2025 currently before Parliament.

### Section 355 Committees of Council

There are a number of Section 355 Committees across the Shire that play an important role in supporting and managing local community facilities and events. These committees provide residents with an opportunity to contribute to their community and support community events throughout the year. If you are interested in joining a Section 355 Committee, please email [mail@gwydir.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@gwydir.nsw.gov.au) and Council staff will put you in contact with the appropriate committee.

Current Section 355 Committees in the Gwydir: Bingara Anglers Club, Bingara District Historical Society, Bingara Men's Shed, Bingara Op Shop, Bingara Pottery Committee, Bingara Senior Citizens Centre Management Committee, Bingara Showground Committee, Bingara Special Events Committee, Carinda House, Warialda Community Warriors Op-Shop, Warialda Driver Reviver (Road Safety), Warialda Historical Society, Warialda Men's Shed, Warialda Tourism Committee, Warialda Sports Council, Warialda Rail Community Committee, Gravesend Community Group (Hall Committee), Gravesend Recreation

Reserve Management Committee, Coolatai Sportsground Committee (Recreation Space), Crooble War Memorial Hall Committee, Croppa Creek Hall Committee, North Star Hall Committee, Yallaroi Hall Committee, Country Education Fund of GLR, Naroo Advisory Committee, Gwydir River Run, Bingara Campdraft Committee, Bingara Pony Club, Bingara Jockey Club, Bingara Show Society and Coolatai Campdraft Committee.

### General Manager Recruitment

I wish to advise that recruitment for the General Manager position is progressing, with applications having closed on 27 April 2026. The selection panel has met with Local Government NSW to review applications. First-round interviews are scheduled for 11 May 2026, with final interviews to follow on 1 June 2026. The process remains confidential and further updates will be provided as appropriate.

### Country Mayors Meeting—Parliament House Sydney

General Manager, Leeah Daley and I also attended the Country Mayors meeting at Parliament House following the Regional and Rural Summit.

We travel to Sydney quarterly for these meetings, where country mayors come together to discuss the issues facing regional communities. It is an important opportunity to raise concerns, advocate for the bush and ensure regional voices are heard. One of the ongoing frustrations shared by many mayors is that decision-makers in the cities often have little understanding of the realities faced by communities outside metropolitan areas.

The main topics discussed at this meeting were drought and Inland Rail, particularly concerns surrounding the Government's decision not to continue with the project.

Presentations were delivered by:

- Steve Whan, NSW Minister for Skills,



TAFE and Tertiary Education.

- Justin Clancy, NSW Shadow Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education.
- Craig Jenkins on training opportunities, cadets, apprentices and school-based traineeships in local government, including available benefits and subsidies.

We were proud to share that Gwydir already performs strongly in this area and expressed our interest in participating in the working group moving forward.

There was also a presentation from the Royal Flying Doctor Service by South Eastern Section CEO Greg Smith on the critical role the service plays across regional and remote Australia.

Further presentations included:

- Renee Leon on the importance of regional universities in NSW.
- Brett Whitworth from the Office of Local Government.

We also had question time with NSW Premier Chris Minns, where mayors had the opportunity to raise issues directly with him. One of the major topics discussed was the push to have drought recognised as a natural disaster.

I also took the opportunity to raise the serious issue of poor connectivity across the Gwydir Shire. I explained that there will eventually be a fatality if the issue is not addressed urgently. Communities are regularly left without phone service for days at a time, hospitals cannot contact doctors during emergencies, and businesses are forced to close because EFTPOS and internet services fail.

I told the Premier:

*"I know this is not directly your responsibility—it's a federal issue rather than state or local government—but it is my problem because I care about my community."*

When the Premier asked what I wanted him to do, I replied:

*"Get me a meeting with the Federal Minister and come and support me so we can fix this issue before it's too late."*

The Premier committed to supporting that request, so stay tuned.

**Inland Rail**—We were invited to a press conference with Jamie Chaffey MP to speak about the Government pulling the funding on finishing Inland Rail.

We put in a motion that the CMA Board make urgent representation to the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, The Hon Catherine King MP:

1. To express NSW CMA's disappointment in the cessation of the Inland Rail Project.
2. To seek urgent clarification on the next steps in relation to the scaling back of the project.
3. To seek appropriate compensation and support measures for contractors, businesses, and councils that have incurred significant sunk costs and undertaken substantial planning and investment in preparation for the project.
4. To seek clarification on how impacted rural remote and regional communities in NSW, and associated planned infrastructure and economic development opportunities, will be supported moving forward.
5. That a delegation of affected NSW Country Mayors Association Mayors seek an urgent meeting with Minister King to discuss the impacts of the project's cessation on regional communities and local councils.

Inland rail motion passed unanimously by the CMA.

### LGNSW Rural & Regional Summit—Sydney

General Manager, Leeah Daley and I recently attended the LGNSW Rural & Regional Summit in Sydney, with the summit expertly hosted by Juanita Phillips.

The summit is always a valuable opportunity to hear firsthand about

the major issues affecting rural and regional communities, while also liaising with other councils facing many of the same challenges we experience across our region. Sharing ideas and discussing practical solutions is an important part of these gatherings.

A number of key topics were covered throughout the summit, including Rural Health, Drought, Special Rate Variations, and Water Security & Resilience.

We also heard from The Hon Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government, who spoke about the Code of Meeting Practice and current matters affecting local government across NSW.

One of the most important sessions focused on Rural Health and featured Dr Joe McGirr MP, Member for Wagga Wagga; Dr Michael Holland MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health; and The Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, Shadow Minister for Regional Health and Shadow Minister for Mental Health.

The panel discussed LGNSW's six-point action plan aimed at addressing the growing rural and regional healthcare crisis:

- 1. Strengthen the regional health workforce** through a significant NSW Government investment package to address workforce shortages across general practice, specialist care, nursing, allied health and mental health services in rural and remote NSW.
- 2. A GP Guarantee** to support regional training pathways, recruitment and retention incentives, and long-term workforce sustainability to ensure communities have ongoing access to primary healthcare.
- 3. Reimburse councils for filling health gaps** where local government is increasingly stepping in to support essential services.
- 4. Fund patient transport as core health infrastructure**, recognising the importance of transport access



for rural residents seeking medical care.

**5. Provide safe, local maternity care** for regional families.

**6. Invest in community-based aged care and ageing in place** to better support older residents in rural communities.

### Warialda Show

It's hard to mention all the exciting things that made this year's Warialda Show so special! Celebrating an incredible 121 years, the show was once again a fantastic success, thanks to the enormous effort of the committee and volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes each year. I also thoroughly enjoyed the lovely luncheon in the art pavilion hosted by Kate Lockhart and her wonderful team. It was fantastic to celebrate local achievements with Warialda's own Louisa Gilmore, recently crowned the Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman for 2026 at the Sydney Royal Show. The grounds were buzzing with a great crowd, and one of my absolute highlights was watching talented young local Matilda Brooks perform with Cowgirls with Wings—her trick riding was spectacular, and even more impressive knowing she taught herself in her back paddock at home. A special thank you also to Allied Beef and Kiaora Feedlot for supplying the cattle for the campdraft—support from local businesses like this is what helps make these events possible.

As I often say, how lucky are we to live in such a wonderful Shire.

Please remember: *great communities don't just happen—they are built together through shared vision, hard work, and a commitment to a better future.*

Keep up the great work. Until next time...

**Living the Gwydir Good Life**  
Cr Tiffany Galvin, Mayor



At the Warialda Show catching up with Brendan Moylan MP and Warialda local Louisa Gilmore who was recently crowned the Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman for 2026.



## From the General Manager

### Drought is Impacting on our Community

#### Roads

The current prolonged dry conditions are having a direct and increasing impact on Council's road maintenance and construction activities. Effective road maintenance and construction practices rely heavily on the application of water to achieve appropriate compaction and durability outcomes.

As water sources across the Local Government Area continue to decline, the availability of water for roadworks is becoming increasingly constrained. This is significantly affecting our ability to undertake maintenance works to the standard we would ordinarily expect.

Historically, Council has benefited from the generosity of local landholders who have been willing to provide access to on-farm water supplies to support roadworks. However, ongoing drought conditions have placed considerable pressure on farm water reserves, and understandably, many landholders are now prioritising their own operational and stock water needs. Current weather forecasts



indicate that these conditions are unlikely to improve in the short term, and further deterioration is possible.

Water Deliveries

In contrast to previous drought periods, Council will not be undertaking the delivery of potable water to residents during this event.

At present, there are private operators within the community who provide this service. When enquiries are received by Council, staff are providing contact details for these local businesses to ensure residents can access potable water as required.

This approach supports local service providers while also allowing Council to focus its resources on core service delivery during this period of increased operational pressure.

Impact on Parks and Gardens

The ongoing dry conditions are also placing significant pressure on Council's parks and gardens assets. With limited water availability, it is necessary to modify our irrigation practices to ensure the most efficient and effective use of available resources.

Adjustments are being made to watering schedules and methods, with a focus on prioritising key assets and maintaining plant survival rather than amenity standards alone. While the transition to cooler weather will assist in reducing irrigation demands, the scale of Council's recreational and open space network has increased in recent years, resulting in higher overall water requirements.

As part of Council's winter maintenance program and while Level 3 Water Restrictions remain in place in Warialda, irrigation of local ovals and parks will move from night time to daylight hours to sustain these areas for community use during the ongoing dry conditions. Early morning watering helps protect turf during colder weather, reduces frost and disease risks, prevents damage to irrigation infrastructure and supports more efficient water use during ongoing

restrictions. Council will continue to monitor conditions and adjust watering as required.

These measures are essential to preserving our open spaces and community assets through the current conditions, however, there may be noticeable changes in the presentation of parks and gardens as a result.

**Welcome to Warialda**

I recently had the pleasure of attending the Welcome to Warialda event held at the Golf and Bowling Club. It was extremely encouraging to see that new residents are choosing to make our communities their home.

What was particularly heartening was the range of presentations delivered by local Warialda groups. It served as a timely reminder of the many valuable initiatives and community services that exist within our towns. They are often taken for granted because they are so readily accessible.

Carmen Southwell and I were pleased to represent Council at the event, where we provided an overview of Council's services and the role we play across the community. We also took the opportunity to highlight the range of volunteering opportunities available for those interested in becoming more involved.

It is pleasing to report that this has already resulted in a positive outcome, with a new volunteer driver coming forward to support the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (formerly HACC) service.

Congratulations to the Golf & Bowling Club for this initiative.

**Warialda Shop of Opportunity**

I would like to acknowledge the recent opening of the Warialda Shop of Opportunity.

Firstly, I note a personal connection to this initiative, as I am a proud member of the Warialda Warriors Group, which originally commenced as a fundraising

group supporting Challenge Disability Services in Warialda. Over time, the group has evolved into a broader community-based organisation, undertaking a range of initiatives to raise funds and provide support for the Warialda community.

After more than three years of planning, the Warialda Shop of Opportunity officially opened its doors last weekend. It was pleasing to see Mayor Cr Tiffany Galvin in attendance to formally open the shop, with a strong showing of volunteers and community members who continue to support this initiative.

The establishment of an Op Shop delivers a number of important benefits to the community. In addition to raising funds that are reinvested into local projects and services, it provides an accessible and affordable retail option for residents, supports sustainable practices through the reuse and recycling of goods, and creates opportunities for community connection. Importantly, it also offers valuable volunteering opportunities, enabling community members to contribute, develop skills, and remain actively engaged.

This initiative is a strong example of the positive outcomes that can be achieved through community collaboration and volunteer commitment, and I commend all those involved in bringing this project to fruition.

**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**

General Manager  
Gwydir Shire Council



# Public Notice

## Proposed Road Name Change

*Roads Act 1993* – Section 162

*Roads Regulation 2018* – Clause 7

Gwydir Shire Council gives notice of its intention to rename the “eastern section only” of the following road in Bingara:

**Current Road Name:** White Street.

**Proposed New Road Name:** Baker Street.

**Location:** from the intersection with East Street to Bligh Street, Bingara



Reason for Change:

To resolve addressing anomalies and improve sequential numbering for emergency service response and service delivery.

Public Submissions:

Any person may make a written submission regarding this proposed road name change.

**Submissions must be received by:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2026

**Submissions can be made via:**

Email: [mail@gwydir.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@gwydir.nsw.gov.au)

Post: Gwydir Shire Council  
33 Maitland Street  
Bingara NSW 2404

Please include “Road Name Change Submission – Eastern portion of White Street” in your correspondence.

**For further information**, contact Jeff Geraghty on 6724 2000 or via email.

Jeff Geraghty  
Geographical Information Systems Officer  
Gwydir Shire Council

## BUSINESS NSW TO SUPPORT GNSDGD SKILLS CONNECT SERIES STRENGTHENING REGIONAL WORKFORCE CAPABILITY

Business NSW New England North West is proud to support the Greater Northern Skills Development Group (GNSDGD) in delivering the Skills Connect leadership and workforce development series across the New England and North West region this June.

As workforce and skills needs continue to evolve across the New England North West, collaboration has never been more important. GNSDGD, reinvigorated in its mission, is partnering with Business NSW New England North West to deliver the Skills Connect series, a proactive, region-led initiative focused on building capability, supporting workforce development and responding to key priorities identified by local businesses, including youth engagement.

GNSDGD brings together stakeholders from across the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector, including industry, training providers, schools and community representatives, playing an important role in strengthening the region's skills pipeline and supporting clear pathways into employment.

The Skills Connect series will be held in Tamworth on June 2 at the Mercure Tamworth and in Bingara on June 3 at the Roxy Theatre, delivering targeted development opportunities that support individuals and businesses to build capability and leadership.

The series will feature Mark LeBusque, a Harvard-trained consultant, author and leadership coach with more than 25 years of corporate experience, focused on strengthening the human skills that underpin effective leadership, including self-awareness, resilience, emotional intelligence and communication.

Across both locations, the program will include three tailored sessions for job seekers, supervisors, and senior leaders and business owners, providing practical approaches that can be applied immediately in the workplace.

Nicky Turner, Chairperson of GNSDGD said the series reflects the organisation's strong focus on ensuring regional communities have access to relevant, high-quality development opportunities.

"A key focus for GNSDGD is ensuring people in our region can access training and development aligned to local industry needs,"

"Through Skills Connect, we are delivering targeted opportunities in Tamworth and Bingara that support job seekers, supervisors and business leaders to build capability directly relevant to their roles."

Business NSW New England North West Regional Director Stephanie Cameron said the latest data highlights the importance of regionally led action.



*The Skills Connect series will feature Mark LeBusque, a Harvard-trained leadership coach and author, sharing practical insights into resilience, emotional intelligence, communication and effective leadership.*

"According to the Business NSW Workforce Skills Survey 2026, 28.1% of New England North West businesses report a lack of local access to relevant training—more than double the rate in 2024 and above the NSW average, while the proportion of businesses reporting limited capacity to supervise or train staff has also increased."

"This reinforces the importance of initiatives like Skills Connect, which support businesses to continue building capability and strengthening their workforce." Business NSW's partnership with this series reflects its commitment to backing region-led action that supports businesses to respond to evolving workforce needs.

### SAVE THE DATE

Tamworth: Tuesday June 2 2026, Mercure Hotel, Tamworth  
Bingara: Wednesday June 3 2026, Roxy Theatre, Bingara

**Registration essential.** More event details will be released soon.



**Brendan Moylan MP**  
Member for **NORTHERN TABLELANDS**



# Farmers Face Permanent Flooding Under Controversial Inundation Bill

TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2026

The NSW Liberals and Nationals have condemned the Minns Labor Government for pushing ahead with legislation that will erode the property rights of NSW landholders, causing further breakdown in trust with regional communities.

The *Water Management Amendment (Easements for Inundation) Bill 2025* is proposed NSW legislation that will create a framework for permanent easements, enabling government water authorities to legally inundate private land for environmental water delivery purposes.

The Opposition has also raised alarm over a late-stage Government amendment, not properly consulted on with landholders or peak bodies, which would remove compensation rights for damage caused by government-directed inundation.

Shadow Minister for Water Steph Cooke said the Bill entrenches a rigid and unfair approach to environmental water delivery that locks landholders into permanent impacts without genuine choice.

"This Bill locks in permanent inundation easements as the only pathway to delivering water to the environment, stripping landholders of flexibility and removing the ability to tailor agreements to individual circumstances," Ms Cooke said.

"What is most alarming is the Government's refusal to genuinely consider deed-of-release arrangements, despite repeatedly acknowledging landholder concerns."

"Instead, they have doubled down on permanent easements and now, at the eleventh hour, introduced a change to

remove compensation rights entirely."

"That is a major escalation with zero consultation."

Ms Cooke said the late amendment removing compensation for inundation damage was 'particularly egregious' and demonstrated a disregard for basic fairness.

"The idea that landholders could suffer damage caused by government-managed inundation with no right to compensation is extraordinary," Ms Cooke said.

"It removes long-standing legal protections and replaces them with a 'trust us' approach from a government that has already lost the confidence of many regional communities, and has a long legacy of water mismanagement."

Shadow Minister for Agriculture Brendan Moylan said the Bill and the Government's handling of it would have serious consequences for landholders across the Murray-Darling Basin.

"This legislation is Labor's latest effort to erode property rights in regional NSW," Mr Moylan said.

"Farmers are being asked to accept permanent easements that affect land value, borrowing capacity, and long-term succession planning, all while being told they have no real alternative."

Mr Moylan said the lack of consultation on the compensation amendment was "completely unacceptable".

"There has been no engagement with affected landholders or representative organisations before this change was introduced," Mr Moylan said.

"It reinforces a pattern of decision-making where regional communities are expected to accept outcomes after the fact, rather than being genuinely involved from the start."

"Labor continues to show a disturbing disregard for landholders' property rights in NSW."

The Opposition moved an amendment to establish a legislated deed-of-release pathway as a genuine alternative to permanent easements, which was voted down by the Minns Labor Government and the Greens in the Legislative Council.

The debate now moves to the Legislative Assembly, where the Opposition will again oppose the legislation.



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**Australian Government**



# New Era Begins for Council Services



Community members, councillors, staff and invited guests gathered in Bingara on Friday to celebrate the official opening of Gwydir Shire Council's new Administration and Customer Service Centre.

The new building brings together more than 30 Council staff under one roof for the first time since July 2021, when staff were evacuated from the former administration building and temporarily relocated across several sites throughout Bingara.

Speaking at the opening, Gwydir Shire Mayor Tiffany Galvin described the project as an important investment in the future of the community.

"Buildings are more than bricks and mortar," Cr Galvin said. "They are investments in people, in community, and in the future our children will inherit."

The modern facility now houses Council administration, customer service, Service NSW, the Visitor Information Centre and Centrelink services, along with a community meeting room available for public use.

Cr Galvin said Council had "fought hard" to deliver the project, which was completed at a cost of just over \$6.1 million and less than one per cent over budget.

Demolition of the former structure began in late 2023, with construction taking just over 12 months to complete.

While the building represents a new era for Council services in Bingara, speakers throughout the ceremony also reflected on the importance of preserving the town's history through



the retention and restoration of the historic memorial hall façade.

General Manager Leeah Daley said the decision to incorporate the original façade into the new development was about more than preserving a building.

“That façade represents the Bingara soldiers who served and sacrificed,” Ms Daley said. “By integrating it into this building we have ensured their legacy remains at the heart of our community, carried forward with dignity and respect.”

Ms Daley also noted that the project was delivered without funding assistance from other levels of government, describing it as a direct investment by the community in its own future.

“It speaks to confidence,” she said. “Confidence in who we are. Confidence in where we’re going.”

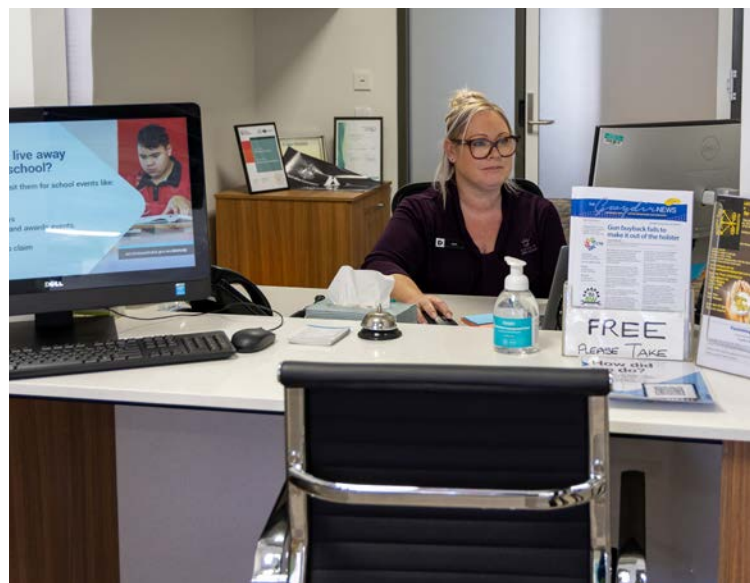
Northern Tablelands MP Brendan Moylan congratulated Council and staff on the completion of the project and acknowledged the patience of employees who had worked across multiple temporary locations during construction.

“I think it’s just so important that we have that façade and that this building continues to play the role that it was originally intended to,” Mr Moylan said.

The ceremony also recognised the many individuals involved in the project, including designers Owen and Bree from StruXi, Building Services Manager Colin Cuell, and builder Shay Brennan.

In one of the more personal moments shared during the opening, Ms Daley recounted how a brick bearing a handprint was discovered during demolition works. Rather than discard it, builders carefully incorporated the brick into the new construction so its story could continue as part of the building’s history.

Former councillors Catherine Egan and Marilyn Dixon, along with former General Manager Max Eastcott, joined representatives for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony, recognising their contribution to the project from its earliest stages through to completion.



# How Local Learner 'Cracker' Helped Bring Learning To Life



When Craig 'Cracker' Whitfield signed up at Community College Northern Inland (CCNI) to learn about ancient grains as part of Moree's groundbreaking Native Grains Project, it was hard to predict where the journey would lead next.

What followed was enrolment in the Certificate III in Individual Support, first aid training, and more recently, the Introduction to Small Engines course delivered through CCNI's Employment Allrounder – Trade Pathway Program at Moree Campus.

Wanting to better understand the equipment used in his growing lawn maintenance business, Craig enrolled in the hands-on workshop to build practical mechanical skills and confidence working with small engines.

"I wanted to learn the basic mechanics of the equipment I'm

using," Craig said.

But Craig's involvement in the workshop extended well beyond his own learning experience.

He also organised the donation of lawnmowers used throughout the course, helping create valuable hands-on learning opportunities for fellow students participating in the training. The donated equipment gave learners the opportunity to work directly with real machinery in a practical workshop setting.

The course introduced learners to practical workshop skills including small engine maintenance, safe use of hand tools, workplace safety, preventative maintenance practices and working effectively in trade environments. Students also gained experience identifying common mechanical issues and developing confidence using workshop equipment correctly and safely.

Introduction to Small Engines was funded under the NSW Government's Adult and Community Education (ACE) program.

Using donated lawnmowers and workshop equipment,

*Students enrolled in the Introduction to Small Engines workshop at Community College Northern Inland's Moree campus posing happily with the donated mowers they worked on during class.*



## National Careers Week 11-17 May 2026



students were able to apply their knowledge in a relaxed learning space focused on practical experience, teamwork and problem-solving. The workshop environment encouraged participants to learn by doing, while supporting each other through the process.

Craig has already begun sharing some of the skills and knowledge gained during the course with younger members of the community, helping them build confidence and gain exposure to practical work opportunities. He hopes the experience can inspire others to see practical skills as a pathway into employment, independence and community connection.

*Craig 'Cracker' Whitfield with a collection of donated mowers that he organised for use by the class.*



“He has an eye for the future — for this to be a bit of a social venture to help young people gain skills, maintain their own equipment and build connection and confidence,” said Moree Campus Coordinator Kylie Gray.

Kylie said Craig’s willingness to support others and contribute equipment to the course reflected the strong community spirit that often develops through local adult learning programs.

For Craig, the warm and friendly environment at CCNI was an important part of the experience — encouraging him to continue exploring new learning opportunities.

“The welcoming atmosphere at the College where I study Certificate III in Individual Support made me feel very comfortable, like it was a small family. This warmth of place is what motivated me to also study Ancient Grains, First Aid and Small Engines workshops,” he said.

With his aged care and disability support training due for completion mid-year, Craig is keen to continue exploring new opportunities and skills through learning. He said the courses had not only helped him gain practical knowledge, but also introduced him to new people, ideas and possibilities for the future.

Stories like Craig’s highlight how practical, community-based learning can bring people together, helping them build confidence, explore new interests and create community impact.

People interested in future Small Engines workshops or similar Career Pathways programs are encouraged to contact Kylie at CCNI’s Moree Campus to register their interest in upcoming opportunities for hands-on skills development and learning. Call 1800 952 264 during business hours.

**Career Pathways** programs provide practical, hands-on learning opportunities that help people build confidence, develop workplace skills and explore future employment pathways.

# Warialda Local Builds Future Skills Through TAFE NSW This National Careers Week



Warialda locals are being encouraged to future-proof their careers as evolving industries and new skills reshape jobs, with Australia's workforce expected to grow by almost one million jobs over the next five years.

According to Jobs and Skills Australia, total employment is forecast to increase by around 6.5 per cent, driven by strong demand across sectors including health care and social assistance, professional services, education and technical industries, highlighting the importance of practical, job-ready training.

It comes during National Careers Week (11-17 May), which shines a spotlight on the economic, social, and personal benefits of career development and lifelong learning.

TAFE NSW is encouraging Warialda locals to consider how industry-aligned training can help turn career aspirations into skills that work, whether entering a new industry, building on existing experience, or gaining confidence to step into a higher role.

One of many locals to turn to TAFE NSW Gunnedah to grow their career is 49-year-old Warialda local Bruce Healey, who recently completed his Diploma of Nursing after nearly 30 years working as a chef. After relocating to Warialda from Sydney, he followed a long-standing interest in healthcare and retrained for a new career in the health sector.

Bruce says many skills from hospitality have translated into nursing, particularly time management, communication and working under pressure.

"It's ironic really, going from being a chef to nursing, a lot of the skills are the same. Time management is huge. In cooking you can't burn the food, and in nursing you can't leave patients if something is wrong. It's all about communication and dealing with people from all walks of life."

"I always wanted to go into healthcare when I left school, but didn't think I could do it at the time. Being older now, you understand things differently. My advice is just to take that first step, once you get into TAFE NSW and placements, everything starts to click, even when it feels overwhelming at first."

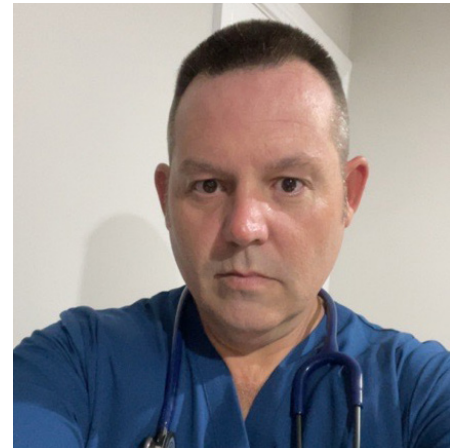
Bruce also says one of the most rewarding parts of his experience has been the strong sense of community at TAFE NSW Gunnedah. He's formed lifelong friendships with fellow classmates, built through shared challenges and support during their studies.

"As a proud Aboriginal man, the support I've received has been incredible. The teachers really understand where you're coming from and take the time to connect with you on a personal level. They're in tune with their students and genuinely want to see you succeed, which makes a huge difference."

Further highlighting the need for practical skills, a recent report from global hiring platform Indeed shows job postings in Australia remain elevated, with demand for specialised, job-ready skills continuing to rise.

TAFE NSW Managing Director, Chloe Read, said workforce change is opening new pathways for people to enter high-demand industries through practical, flexible training.

"As industries evolve, workforce needs are changing quickly, and training



needs to keep pace so people can access emerging opportunities with confidence.

"Education and training at TAFE NSW can include short courses, a mix of online or face-to-face learning and industry work placements, microskills, and microcredentials, so students can build confidence, respond to workforce demand, and move quickly into employment or further study."

"Whether you're starting out, changing direction, or looking to progress in your career, TAFE NSW is here to help you navigate that journey."

Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, Steve Whan said National Careers Week was a reminder of the strong, job-ready skills TAFE NSW delivers.

"Vocational education and training delivers the skills that work for hands-on careers across growing industries. It gives people the opportunity to build confidence, gain experience, and take control of their future career."

"National Careers Week is an opportunity to recognise the vital role TAFE NSW plays in upskilling our workforce for the jobs of tomorrow."



## The NWTC Film Club's Feature Film for May is 'Conclave'

The May movie from the North West Theatre Company's Film Club is Conclave from 2024.

Conclave is a political thriller film directed by Edward Berger and written by Peter Straughan, based on the 2016 novel by Robert Harris. The film stars Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow, Sergio Castellitto, and Isabella Rossellini.

Conclave follows one of the world's most secretive and ancient events—selecting a new pope. In the film, the catholic church's most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world and are locked together in the Vatican halls. Four cardinals emerge as likely candidates and, tasked with running the covert process, Cardinal Thomas Lawrence (Fiennes) ends up investigating secrets and scandals about the major candidates.

Little by little each candidate becomes involved in controversies and plots until only two candidates become viable. Lawrence finds himself at the centre of a conspiracy and discovers a secret that could shake the very foundation of the church.

Conclave is more entertaining than you'd expect from a Vatican political thriller. No cheap thrills, no wasted plot. Just a good, trim, crowd-pleaser.

The film shows at the Roxy on Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 4.00pm. **New members are always welcome.**



The North West Theatre Company Film Club presents  
**Conclave**  
**Sunday May 31st 2026 | 4:00pm | The Roxy Theatre**

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**Chemical User ♦**

AHCCHM307 Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases  
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2 Day Face-to-Face Workshop 9.00AM - 4.00PM \$435

Warialda Campus Wed 10 - Thu 11 June

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**Chainsaw - Operate and Maintain ♦**

AHCMOM213 Operate and maintain chainsaws  
Learn the skills and knowledge required to safely operate a hand-held chainsaw and maintain it in working condition.

2 Day Workshop 8.30AM - 4.00PM \$670

Warialda Campus Tue 7 July - Wed 8 July

**Hospitality**

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

**Responsible Conduct of Gambling (RCG) ♦**

SITHGAM022 Provide responsible gambling services

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

Barraba Campus Thursday 30 April

Warialda Campus Wednesday 27 May

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**Forklift**

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**Forklift ♦**

TLILIC0003 Licence to operate a forklift truck

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

Warialda Campus Wed 24 - Thu 25 June

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## First Aid

Issuing Registered Training Organisation  
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### 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**

Warialda Campus  Tuesday 16 June

### Provide CPR

**HLTAID009** Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation



½-Day Face-to-Face Workshop 9.00AM - 12PM \$90 **F**

Warialda Campus  Tuesday 16 June

### Provide First Aid in an Education and Care Setting

**HLTAID009** Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
**HLTAID010** Provide basic emergency life support  
**HLTAID011** Provide first aid  
**HLTAID012** Provide first aid in an education and care setting



1-Day Face-to-Face Workshop 9.00AM - 5.30PM \$210 **F**

Warialda Campus  Tuesday 16 June

**HLTAID009** Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation expires one (1) year from the date of attainment.  
**HLTAID010** Provide basic emergency life support expires three (3) years from the date of attainment.  
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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.



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## High Risk & Industry

Issuing Registered Training Organisation  
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### Work Safely at Heights

**RIIWHS204E** Work safely at heights



1-Day In-Campus 9.00AM - 4.30PM \$260 **F**

Warialda Campus  Monday 15 June

### Confined Spaces

**RIIWHS202E** Enter and work in confined spaces



1-Day In-Campus 9.00AM - 4.30PM \$310 **F**

Bingara Campus  Tuesday 2 June

## Hospitality

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### Food Handling (Level 1)

**SITXFSA005** Use hygienic practices for food safety



1-Day Face-to-Face Workshop 9.00AM - 3.00PM \$160 **F**

Barraba Campus  Monday 25 May

Warialda Campus  Wednesday 17 June

### Food Safety Supervisor

**SITXFSA005** Use hygienic practices for food safety

**SITXFSA006** Participate in safe food handling practices

NSW RTO approval number 71063



1-Day Face-to-Face Workshop 9.00AM - 3.00PM \$260

Barraba Campus  Mon 25 May - Tue 26 May

Warialda Campus  Wed 17 June - Thu 18 June



## News from Bingara Central School



# From the Principal

### Sydney Royal Easter Show Success!

Bingara Central School is incredibly proud of the outstanding efforts and achievements of our students who recently attended the Sydney Royal Easter Show with four steers.

Addison, Jai, Jymari, Bianca, Jordy, Ava, Luka and Ben demonstrated exceptional dedication in the lead-up to the event. Their commitment was evident through the many hours spent after school and on weekends preparing their animals to the highest standard. This level of effort is what underpins success at such a prestigious competition.

To earn a ribbon at the Sydney Royal Easter Show is an incredible accomplishment, given the high level of competition from across the state. Bingara Central students rose to the challenge, proudly bringing home Third Place in the Schools Steer Competition and a Second and Third Place in the Open Heavyweight Class—a fantastic result that reflects both their hard work and skill.



*Bingara Central School students with their award-winning steers*

Beyond the competition ring, students embraced all aspects of the Royal Show experience. From engaging with the broader agricultural exhibits to building connections with other young exhibitors, the week was filled with valuable learning opportunities, and a well-earned trip into the city, where students captured a memorable selfie with the iconic Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge.

This experience would not have been possible without the generous support of our community. We extend our sincere thanks to the Bingara Community Op Shop and the Bingara RSL Club for their sponsorship, which played a vital role in enabling our students to attend. We also wish to thank Mark Bradshaw for his generous assistance with transporting the steers, and a very special thank you to Mrs Marshall for her ongoing support and dedication throughout the week.

### Students Begin NSW RFS Cadet Program

We are excited to announce that a group of Bingara Central School students have commenced the NSW Rural Fire Service Cadet Program this term. This invaluable opportunity will see our students developing

practical skills, building character, and strengthening their connection to our local community.

Under the guidance of the dedicated volunteers at the Bingara RFS station, our cadets will learn all about bush fire safety, prevention, and first aid. The program offers hands-on experiences with equipment, teamwork training, and real emergency response techniques. Students will gain confidence as they work together, learn to communicate effectively during challenging situations, and develop leadership skills that will serve them well beyond school.

For our students, the RFS Cadet Program is more than a learning experience—a chance to grow, build resilience, and become active participants in the safety and wellbeing of town.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Bingara RFS volunteers, who make this program possible. Their passion for keeping our town safe and their commitment to educating students is appreciated.

Congratulations to our new cadets as they make their way through this program and we look forward to sharing their experiences throughout the term.



**Do it for Dolly Day**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, we went blue and shone a light on kindness, respect and inclusion. *Do It For Dolly Day* has become an annual event at BCS and this year was led by the Student Leaders of Laver. We stand against bullying and look for ways to support each other across the school, in the playground and in the community.

A pickleball tournament and steak sandwiches at lunch time were a great opportunity to enjoy each other's company. A series of mindfulness activities held in the library included a kindness wall, colouring-in and word searches.

Our gold coin donations of over \$245 will go directly to *Dolly's Dream* which supports important initiatives that empower young people.



# News from Warialda Public School

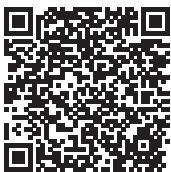


## From the Principal

### Warialda Public Preschool

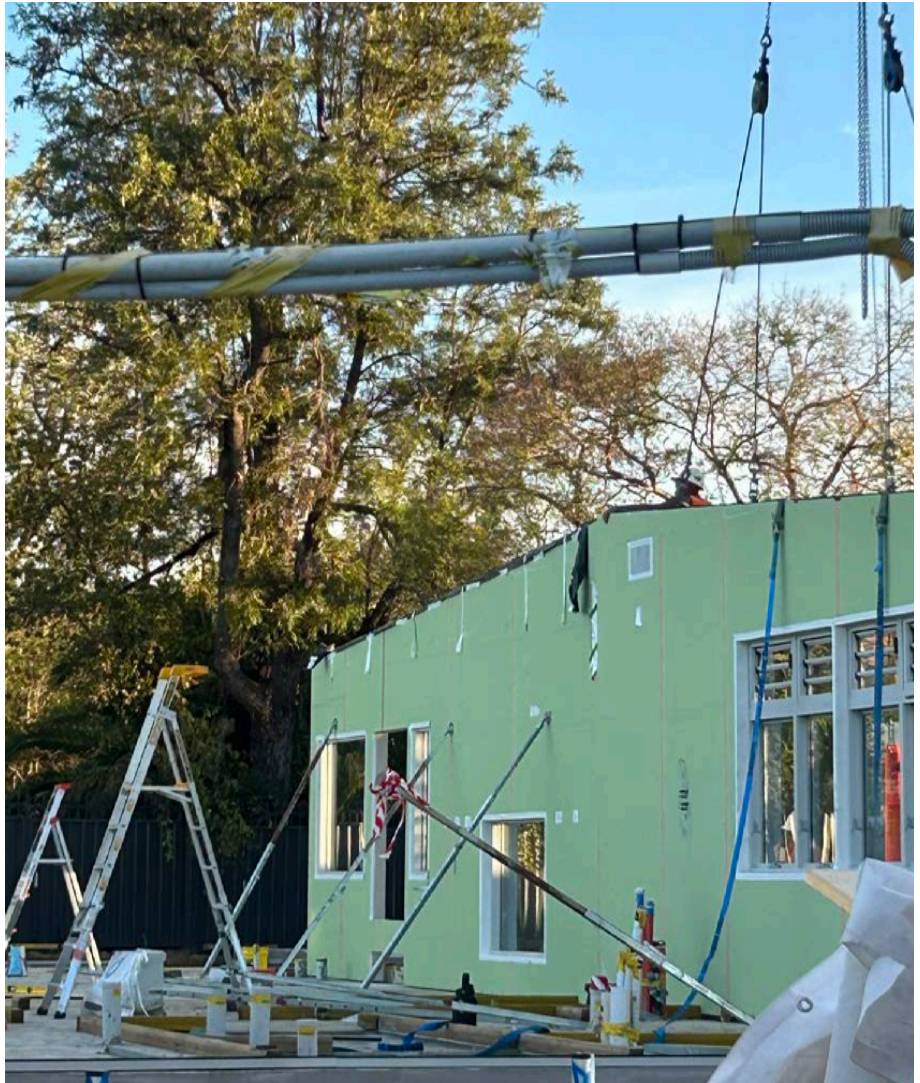
Come and join our team of enthusiastic and passionate educators here at Warialda Public School!

We are seeking applicants from suitably qualified teachers for our up-and-coming Preschool! Scan the QR code below for application information.



It has been amazing watching the progress from essentially a concrete slab, to the installation of the walls, windows and soon-to be roof! Watched on by very interested children and adults alike, we have loved finding out more about cranes, how they work... and how quickly a building can 'appear'! It is very exciting!

Construction for preschool is anticipated to be completed in time for Day 1 Term 1 2027. The opening date of the preschool will be communicated after service approval is complete.



### Warialda Public School: Celebrating 175 years of Public Education

#### SAVE THE DATE!

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026, we will be celebrating 175 years of WPS with a Creative Arts Extravaganza, Warialda Public School Tours, a 175 years Dinner ... whilst also celebrating our marvellous town with the local 'Honey Festival' on this weekend!

After 175 Years, we are still going strong and love our school! Stay tuned for further details—we can't wait to see you then!

### Warialda Public School Kindergarten Transition

We are excited to invite all our new 2027 Kindergarten families to join us as we begin our 'Busy-Bee transition program starting in Term 3.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

To support you and your child through this important milestone, we warmly welcome you to our Parent Information Evening on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August at 6:00pm.

This will be a great opportunity to meet our staff, learn about our school community, and ask any questions you may have.

For more details or any inquiries, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We're here to support you every step of the way.

A huge congratulations to Edie, Faith, Mia and Ariel who will go on to represent WPS and the Zone at the NW trials- Fantastic effort!

Warialda Public School

# KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

## WPS Busy-Bee Program

Our Busy-Bee Program will commence in Term 3. Please use the QR code below to enrol your child for the 2027 school year.

**TERM 3 DATES:**

- Wednesday 12th August: Parent Information Evening 6pm in the school library
- Friday 14th August: Busy Bee Session 9am-11am
- Friday 28th August: Busy Bee Session 9am-11am
- Friday 11th September: Busy Bee Session 9am-11am

Remember to bring a water bottle, a hat, and some fruit!

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 Hope Street, Warialda 2402

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### Leatherwork classes—Hands-on Creative learning!

What an amazing opportunity for our students to learn some of the many skills involved in making and creating leather work projects. Under the guidance of school chaplain, Mr Mac, Stage 2 and Stage 3 students have been working diligently to complete their projects, ranging from key rings to leather belts! We are so proud of their hard work and persistence.

### State Swimming Representatives

A huge 'Congratulations' to our Warialda Swimming Champs; Harry Durkin, Reid Rose, Dexter Brooks, Ziggy Hall and Lilly-Ann Turner!

Our swimmers represented WPS beautifully in the pool and are to be commended on the all the training and hard work that goes into making it to this exceptional level of competition. All our swimming crew set new PB's or were on par with their best times, which is such a great achievement. Our boys Relay team shaved a further five seconds off their PB! Impressive!

### Warialda Public School—From little things, big things grow!

Not only are we educating and 'growing' our students at WPS, our school with so many opportunities, we are also so thankful to Nancy from BEST Nursery Inverell for donating so many wonderful seedlings to our students to grow at home!

Tracey Digby  
Principal

### AFL Coaching and Championships

Last week, each of our classes were treated to a specialised AFL coaching clinic. Under the watchful eye of Lachie and Jayla, our students refined their catching, kicking and passing. Our AFL North West representatives also had an individual session with Lachie in preparation for their upcoming State AFL Championship tournament next week.

How lucky are WPS students? Opportunities are the key to success!

We are wishing Reid, Harry, Beau, Ziggy and Logan all the very best as they not only represent the Northwest in AFL, but also WPS! We know they will play hard and display not only determination and persistence but also will shine in their great sportsmanship skills they bring to each game

### Inverell Zone Netball Representatives

Last week, eight keen WPS netballers went up against some brilliant talent in Inverell in order to gain selection into the PSSA Inverell Zone Netball Team. All the girls gave it their all, representing WPS with great sportsmanship, plenty of jumping and a never-give-up attitude!



# Touriandi Lodge Community Update

There's been a really lovely sense of community and connection at Touriandi Lodge throughout April, with residents, staff, and visitors all coming together to share in a range of meaningful events and activities.

Our Easter raffle was held at the beginning of April and created plenty of excitement throughout the home.

Bingara Country Music event. This outing was thoroughly enjoyed, with residents taking in live performances, socialising with others from the community, and enjoying a relaxed and entertaining afternoon out.

Residents, staff, and members of the community gathered at the home on 24 April for a special ANZAC Day ceremony to honour Australia's servicemen and women. The service provided a reflective and respectful space to remember their service and sacrifice, with residents sharing memories, listening to readings, and observing moments of silence. It was a meaningful occasion that brought everyone together



Residents, families, and staff supported the raffle, and winners were delighted with their prizes. It was a fun and engaging way to celebrate the Easter period together.

Throughout the month, residents have also enjoyed several visits from Bingara Central School students. These visits continue to be a highlight on the lifestyle calendar, bringing energy, laughter, and intergenerational connection into the home. Residents enjoy chatting with the students, sharing stories, and taking part in activities together. These moments are always filled with smiles and are greatly valued by everyone involved.

Community involvement extended beyond the Lodge, with residents enjoying a trip to the local RSL to attend the

in recognition of ANZAC tradition.

May has started off well with residents enjoying a special morning recognising and honouring mothers and mother figures within our community. The Mother's Day morning tea was filled with warmth, shared memories, morning tea, and time spent with family and friends. It was a beautiful opportunity to acknowledge the important role mothers have played in the lives of our residents.

As always, we would like to thank our staff, families, volunteers, and wider community for their ongoing involvement and support. We look forward to sharing more activities and events in the months ahead.



BINGARA

# Garden Club

ENCOURAGEMENT DRIVE-BY AWARD

APRIL 2026

The April 2026 Encouragement Drive-By Award was won by Erik and Noelene Ozols of 9 Bligh Street. Their garden has considerable street appeal. It is framed by a range of shrubs and trees, including Bottlebrush and Grevilleas on the left side of the drive. The house faces the south and a row of standard roses are a feature in the front of the house. The large verandah shows off large, very healthy ferns and an asparagus fern. The right side of the house sports more roses.

This vista is framed by a lush green Buffalo grass lawn and an elegant fence—a peaceful relaxing garden!



# LEST WE FORGET ANZAC DAY 2026

## North Star Remembers

Community members gathered at North Star on ANZAC Day to reflect, remember and honour the service and sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand servicemen and women.

The service was officiated by Michael Pearlman, who delivered the ANZAC Day address, while Davina Mulligan conducted the prayers. A moving tribute to local military history was also presented by Murray Woods, who shared stories of his grandfather's service during World War I, along with the service of his father and uncle during World War II.

The well-attended service once again highlighted the importance of preserving local stories and recognising the contribution of generations who served their country.



# A Big Weekend Of Tennis For Bingara from 6-8 June

by Jan Miller

The King's Birthday long weekend in June will again see Bingara hosting the annual Bingara Bush Bash Open Championship Tennis Tournament.

This year is a special one as it marks the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the inaugural tournament (then known as the Bingara and District Tennis Championships) held on the King's Birthday weekend in 1936. As part of the celebrations of this milestone, a dinner is planned for the Saturday evening at the Roxy Theatre.

Over the years, the tournament has attracted players from far and wide including from places such as Canberra, Victoria, Albury, Dubbo Orange, Trangie, Coonabarabran, Sydney, Newcastle, Maitland, the Hunter Valley, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Taree, Kempsey, Wauchope, Tweed Heads, Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. In the region players have come from Tamworth, Armidale, Uralla, Moree, Gunnedah, Inverell and of course, Bingara. The tournament also has had the privilege of having a long-term New Zealand resident regularly travelling over each year to play in it.

This year, the tournament is expecting over 60 players, including the return of ten-time champion Pat Staunton from Sydney and other superb players. Apart from the competitive aspect of the tournament, players enjoy the social activities including the Sunday night dance/concert held at the Bingara Sporting Club.

**ALSO** – We are looking to create a 'Rogues Gallery' so if you have photos or remembrances from any of these



tournaments (family members, friends, grandparents, aunts, uncles—no matter how old, we have 90 years to play with), that you'd be willing to share please make **contact with Jan Miller on 0429 991 747**.

A lot of memories—a lot of fun! We will have them on display at the Sporting Club and at the Roxy.

***Always a sell-out!***

**Entries for the tournament close on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May and can be made online by scanning the QR code:**



<https://www.92computing.com.au/bushbashentry.htm>

# Bush Kids Bring Home Bronze in Sydney

by Angela McMaster

Four determined country swimmers have proven that distance is no barrier to success, bringing home a bronze medal from the NSWPSA Swimming Championships in Sydney in the Earl McGee Relay.

The relay team was made up of Bill McMaster, Ella Woods and Ava Coulton, Sam McMaster and one of Ava's younger sisters as training partner Stella, (Stella also competing in an indivisible event in Sydney) who all attend North Star Public School and proudly represented their small bush school on the big stage.

Living over an hour from any major town, training was never simple. Two of the swimmers trained at the Goondiwindi pool, while the other two travelled to the Warialda pool. When local pools closed for winter, families had to find creative ways to keep training going.

For the Coulton family, that meant swimming laps in an irrigation dam. During school holidays. All the children made the most of every opportunity while travelling with their families for farm work. The McMaster twins even found themselves training in the freezing cold 25-metre pool at Mungindi.

Relay changeover practice was often held wherever possible—in the Woods family pool or thanks to generous neighbours, the Backus family, who happily let the kids use their lap pool for training sessions.

Coordinating training took kilometres of travel, careful planning, and juggling around other commitments, family schedules and time away during the holidays, but a pool could always be found (or a dam).

These bush kids may not have the same facilities as their city competitors, but like so many rural families, they simply make it work. Their bronze medal is proof of the determination, dedication and resilience that country kids are known for.

It makes you wonder what the city teams would think of their training program.

A huge thank you goes to coaches Ange Walker (Mullins), Amy Brennan and Sue Nixon for their coaching along the way.



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# Wombats Down Barraba For First Win Of 2026

by Toby Cooper

Photos courtesy of Kristy Johnson

The Warialda Wombats have secured their first victory of the 2026 Group 19 A Grade competition, defeating the Barraba Bulldogs 36-8 in front of a strong home crowd at Jim Payne Oval last Saturday.

After opening the season with two tough away losses to Glen Innes (30-26) and Guyra (54-14), the Wombats entered the clash knowing it was a must-win encounter and responded in emphatic fashion for an important breakthrough victory.

Warialda got off to the perfect start, with Dominic Dunn and Tom Bell crossing for early tries to establish a 12-0 lead. Barraba answered with a try of their own before Dunn grabbed his second of the afternoon to give the Wombats a 16-4 lead at half time.

The home side continued to control the contest in the second half, running in another four tries to secure an impressive 28-point victory. Bell completed a standout afternoon with his second try, while Denzel Munro also crossed in an impressive attacking display. Tiger Rawlings added four conversions with the boot as the Wombats ran out convincing 36-8 winners.

Munro, Dunn and Rawlings collected the Wombat of the Year points, while Mitchell Parker, Michael Hodges, and John Armstrong were all outstanding through the middle of the field.

Earlier in the day, the Wombat Ladies were unable to back



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up their thrilling 24-20 Round 3 victory over Guyra, running into a red-hot Barraba outfit.

Despite the 44-10 loss, Paige Hall continued her strong try-scoring form with two tries, while Indika Gallen, Laitoya Dawson and Shakaya Stevens received the points in a spirited effort that showed promising signs heading into the middle stages of the season.

The Wombats Reserve Grade side also enjoyed success, overcoming Barraba 16-8 in a hard-fought contest. Following a narrow 14-4 loss to Guyra in their opening match, the side responded well against the Bulldogs with tries to Sam Cau, Robbie Dunn and Ty Agett, with the Wombat points awarded to Dylan Muggleton, Robbie Dunn and Isaac Johnson following strong performances.

The Wombats were scheduled to host the Moree Boomerangs on Sunday, May 17, before travelling to Tingha the following week. They will then return to Jim Payne Oval on May 30 to take on the Glen Innes Magpies in a special Ladies and Sponsors Day fixture.



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# ACRES Speedway Team News



**Above:** Brooklyn 3rd at Grafton on Good Friday



**Above:** Team Chief, Rick Turner ready to race at Lismore on Easter Saturday.

Since our last report, the ACRES Speedway Team has had quite a hectic time with several race meetings requiring a lot of long-distance driving to the events.

Firstly, on March 14, I did something that I normally would never do and that is letting someone outside the Team drive the racecar. Brooklyn was not available for the meeting at Narrabri and so I put the call out for someone who would like to have a drive. I had a reply from Tim Hayne who said his son, Jackson, who was an All-Star Junior would. Jackson had wrecked the Hayne car in a crash at Gilgandra last year and had not raced since. That wasn't really what I wanted to hear, but nevertheless, I was prepared to give him a go and so it was off to Narrabri.

I wasn't the least disappointed. It took 14-year old Jackson half of the first race to get the feel of our Mirage and then he was "into it". He finished a very close third in that first outing. The next two heats, he drove very consistently and then came the Feature Race. He started out of position 4 and within a few laps was in second spot chasing down Clinton Hall who had gotten away from the rest of the field. The laps ran out but runner-up was a pretty good effort and we were all very pleased with the result. If the opportunity arises, I would readily let Jackson drive the car again.

The following week, Brooklyn and I were off to Gilgandra where we'd had a disastrous two nights back in January. We were all set for a great night and the first race was a beauty. Brooklyn finished a credible fifth and the car was in top shape. Out for Heat 2 and Brooklyn got off to a great start. Unfortunately, after the first lap, down came the rain and the race was halted "until the storm passed". The storm didn't pass and so the whole event was abandoned. It was quite unpleasant trying to pack up in the horrible conditions. The things you do for Speedway.

I thought it was a smart idea to leave the car in Gil ready for the Good Friday meeting two weeks later and then Dubbo on the Saturday and Sunday. Wrong! Both venues cancelled their meetings because of the lack of nominations due to the fuel prices. And so I had to drive all the way from

Warialda, collect the car from Gil and take it back "home". But, gluttons for punishment that we are, we drove to Grafton to race on Good Friday and then Lismore the next two nights.

Brooklyn had a great night at Grafton and finished third in the Fast Fours' Feature race. At Lismore the next night, I donned a race suit and raced the Mirage for the night. I hadn't raced since 1994, 32 years ago, I'm almost 80 and I had never raced a front-wheel drive car. It's very different. I felt a little foolish finishing way behind the leaders but I managed a third place podium finish in the Feature race. Brooklyn meanwhile, rode as a passenger with Street Stock driver Sam Bodley and he certainly gave her a good ride with some exciting moments including losing a rear wheel in the Feature race.

On the Sunday night, Brooklyn was back in the Fast Fours. However, she was the only one there on the night and so raced with the Street Stock class. Undeterred by their much more 6-cylinder power, she really got amongst them and thoroughly enjoyed the four heat races. Then came the 35-lap Feature. She was going very well for seven laps until the front right lower control arm on the Mirage snapped. With the wheel swinging uncontrollably, she hit the wall and then rolled down into the middle of the track. It seemed that the race Steward didn't see her and the race continued until the two leaders came upon the Mirage sitting mid-track. The first car missed her but the second didn't and slammed flat chat into the front left side, wrecking both ours and his car. Then, the race was stopped.

Fortunately, when I inspected the damage in the daylight at home in Warialda, it wasn't as bad as I had imagined and I had the car almost ready to race again. However, I had to return home to Townsville urgently and we missed race meetings at Grafton and Narrabri.

Our next meeting will be at Tamworth on May 23 and then Gunnedah the next day.

Rick Turner

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# Bingara Golf Report

by John Gill



## April 2026

On the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April Bingara Golf held its annual open weekend of golf. The weekend can only be described as a successful weekend, from volunteers on the course, ladies for morning tea, lunch time meal, administration, (table duties) bar staff, hot dog stand, sponsors—thank you all for making the weekend a success.

Also a special thanks to Judy and Robert Northcott and also Garry Hincksman for all their after hours of hard work to have it go smoothly.

### April Events

Saturday 18 April 2026 - Mixed 18-hole 4 B.B.B. Stableford Event was played with 13 pairs taking part.

Winners Tania Doyle and Ron Armstrong

Sunday 19 April 2026 - Mens 18-hole Open Stroke Event was played with 71 golfers taking part.

Open Winner Kim Cleal - 74 gross score

### A Grade Results

With six A grade golfers on a gross score of 76 a play-off was needed to find a winner and runner up.

Gross Winner Mick Kinnear - 76 gross score

Runner Up Shane Thompson - 76 gross score

Nett Winner John Dawson - 66 nett

Nett Runner Up Tony Dawson - 68 nett

### B Grade Results

With six A grade golfers on a gross score of 76 a play-off was needed to find a winner and runner up.

Gross Winner Tyrone Greacen - 81 gross score

Gross Runner Up Cameron Maisey - 83 gross score

Nett Winner Craig Lockhart - 67 nett

Net Runner Up Shaun O'Brien - 69 nett

### C Grade Results

Gross Winner Anthony Ballard - 89 gross score

Gross runner up saw another play-off between three C grade golfers. After three sudden death attempts to find a winner John Gill was runner up with a 90 gross score.

Gross Runner Up John Gill - 90 gross score

Nett Winner C / B Anthony Buff - 66 nett

Nett Runner Up Trent Gregory - 66 nett

Junior Winner Ryan Kinnear - 81 gross score

### Other Results

Veterans Winner Kim Cleal

Pro Pin Winner 7/16 Tee Macklin Groth (Junior)

### Nearest to Pins

A Grade 2nd / 11th Tee Peter Smith

B Grade 4th / 13th Tee David Brown

C Grade 9th / 18th Tee Tony Ballard

### Longest drive run in age group

50 Years Under Harry Rae

51 to 65 S Jones

66 to 79 John Dawson

80+ Richard Scutt

### April Monthly Medal

On Sunday 12th April the April Monthly Medal was played with 24 golfers taking part on the day.

Winner Les Jenkinson - C / B 69 nett

Runner Up Mick Walton - 69 nett

## Know the warnings for bushfires, floods and storms



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PUBLIC NOTICES

**ROSS COOPER  
OPTOMETRIST**

**2026 Next visits to Bingara**

May 28<sup>th</sup> 2026 — Ross Cooper  
June 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 — Ross Cooper  
July 30<sup>th</sup> 2026 — Ross Cooper

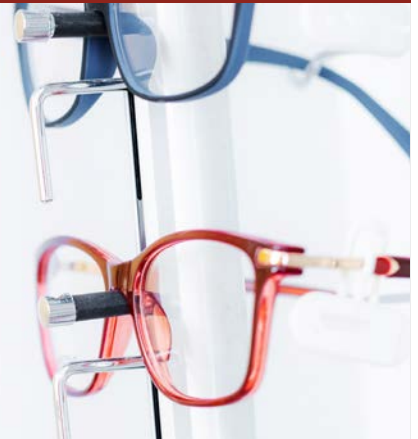
For appointments, contact  
Or Medical Services Bingara on  
**02 6724 1900**

**Goondiwindi  
(07) 4671 1550**

**2026 Next visits to Warialda**

May 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 — Ross Cooper  
June 24<sup>th</sup> 2026 — Ross Cooper  
July 29<sup>th</sup> 2026 — Ross Cooper

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April 2026

Up from 53% in May 2025

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH CLINICS AT COOLATAI, YETMAN AND GRAVESEND**

Footcare Nurse not available during June.  
Flu Vaccines will be given if available.

- Coolatai** - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June
  - Yetman** - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June
  - Gravesend** - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June
- Weather and staff permitting.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> June 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.*

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# What's on

# Church Notices

## MAY 2026

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>** National Simultaneous Storytime - Livestream of this year's book and activities - Bingara Library from 11:00am - Everyone is welcome - Warialda Preschool from 11:00am - Everyone welcome

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>** Upper Horton Trail Bike Ride

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>** NWTC Film Club May Feature Film - Conclave - Roxy Theatre, Bingara starting at 4:00pm - **New members are always welcome**

## JUNE 2026

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Community Health Outreach Clinic - Coolatai

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Skills Connect Leadership and Workforce Development Series - Roxy Theatre, Bingara - Registration essential - More event details will be released soon

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>** Gather and Trade Aboriginal Artisans Micro Markets and Myall Creek Memorial Exhibition at Ceramic Break Sculpture Park

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> - Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** Bingara Bush Bash (Tennis) - Entries close Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Entries online at [www.92computing.com.au/bushbashentry.htm](http://www.92computing.com.au/bushbashentry.htm) - For more information contact Jan on 0429 991 747

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>** Myall Creek Massacre Memorial Ceremony

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** Community Health Outreach Clinic - Yetman

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** Fashion Parade - Bingara Community Op Shop - \$10pp includes morning tea - Bingara Library

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** Community Pot Luck - 6:00pm at the Warialda Anglican Church Hall - Bring something to share - Questions? Contact Ann on 0428 291 902

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** Community Health Outreach Clinic - Gravesend

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** Bingara District Historical Society - Monthly Meeting commencing 10:30am at the Bingara Museum Complex, 16-20 Maitland St, Bingara

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>** Upper Horton Horse Sale

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** Croppa Creek Cracker and Bonfire Night

## JULY 2026

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** Willoughby Youth Exchange

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Bingara Orange Picking Ceremony

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>** Bingara Orange Festival

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** North Star Pony Camp

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** North Star Charity Campdraft

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>** Upper Horton Campdraft

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** RRR North Star Motorbike Trail Ride

## 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](mailto:office@bingaraanglican.org)

**Warialda** Warialda Anglican Church, Services Sundays 9:30 am All welcome. For information please contact Margaret Haug (warden) on **0427 529 802**.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### PARISHES WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Bingara** Sundays 8:00am

**Delngra** Sundays 10:00am  
4<sup>th</sup> weekend 6:00pm

**Warialda** Saturdays 6:00pm  
4<sup>th</sup> weekend 10:00am

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Bingara** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks - Rosary 9:30am/Mass 10:00am

**Warialda** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks - Mass Mon, Wed 9:00am  
Tue, Thu 10:00am

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

## UNITING CHURCH

Inverell Uniting Church services are live streamed at 9:00am on the Inverell Uniting Church Family private Facebook Group. These services are also recorded for later viewing - please search and join.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**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**.