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## Supporting Northern Tablelands Landcare With \$1.7 Million Boost



*New England Landcare chair Steve Harvey, Regional Landcare coordinator Keith Walker, Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan, local Landcare coordinator Struan Ferguson, vice chair David Steller, and regional administration officer Shelomi Doyle.*

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan has welcomed more than \$1.7 million in funding for Landcare programs across the electorate under the latest round of the NSW Government's Landcare Enabling Program.

Local projects secured support through the program, with funding to be shared between North West Regional Landcarers Inc in Bingara (\$922,561) and the New England Landcare Network in Armidale (\$830,899).

Mr Moylan said Landcare continued to play a vital role in delivering practical outcomes across regional communities.

"Landcare succeeds because it is driven by local people with local on the ground knowledge delivering practical solutions for our communities," Mr Moylan said.

"This funding will help strengthen local networks, support volunteers and continue important projects across the Northern Tablelands.

"Whether it is restoring waterways, improving soil health, tackling erosion

or helping landholders improve farm management practices, Landcare groups focus on practical outcomes that benefit both local communities and the environment."

"Regional communities understand that lasting environmental outcomes are achieved by working with landholders, not against them, and Landcare continues to prove that community led conservation works."

Landcare NSW chair Steve Bunnell said these projects are based on local priorities, community involvement.

"Landcare is often associated with planting trees, but in reality it represents one of the most cost-effective, community-driven environmental investments in New South Wales," he said.

"Importantly, it also strengthens partnerships with Aboriginal communities, supporting the integration of cultural knowledge into land management and ensuring stewardship of Country is shared and respected."

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## From the Mayor

### Wow, what an exciting month across Gwydir Shire.

For the first time in quite a while, I am pleased to start my column a little differently. Instead of talking about how dry it is across the Shire, I can begin by saying how fortunate we have been to receive some much-needed rain right across our communities.

It was wonderful to hear people asking, "How much rain did you get?" instead of saying, "Gee, we need some rain, things are getting desperate." The relief across the district was immediate. The rain has allowed farmers to get winter crops planted, filled water tanks for residents who were becoming increasingly concerned about supplies and brought a welcome green tinge back to our landscape.

As Mayor, there is nothing better than seeing optimism return to our communities.

The rain has not only brought moisture to our paddocks and put water in our tanks, it has lifted spirits across the Shire. After such a long dry period, seeing the countryside start to green up again reminds me just how resilient our communities are, and how much hope a good rain can bring.

While we are all grateful for what we received, we are now hoping for some follow-up rain to keep us going through the coming months.

### Bingara Administration Building Opening

Another significant milestone for Gwydir Shire was the official opening of our new Administration Building in Bingara.

What a wonderful day it was to celebrate alongside our community, staff, former councillors, project partners and special guests. This project has been more than three years

in the making, and it was incredibly rewarding to finally stand inside the completed building and officially open its doors.

Council staff were relocated from the former Administration Building in July 2021 due to severe black mould issues. Staff have since been working from multiple locations across Bingara. While everyone adapted remarkably well, there is no substitute for having a team working together under one roof.

The journey to get here was not without challenges. After extensive investigations and consideration of refurbishment options, Council made the difficult but necessary decision to construct a new building that would provide a safe, modern and functional workplace for staff and community services.

The result is a beautiful state-of-the-art facility that houses more than 30 staff members and brings together a range of important community services, including Customer Service, Service NSW, the Visitor Information Centre and Centrelink. It also includes a community meeting room available for public use.

Importantly, the project has preserved and restored the historic façade that remains such an important part of Bingara's streetscape and history.

This \$6.1 million investment represents far more than bricks and mortar. It is an investment in our people, our services and the future of Gwydir Shire. It stands as a testament to the vision, determination and teamwork of everyone involved and is something our community can be proud of for generations to come.

One of the highlights of the day was the official ribbon cutting, conducted by General Manager Leeah Daley, former General Manager Max Eastcott, former Councillors Catherine Egan and Marilyn Dixon, and myself, acknowledging the many people who contributed to making the project a reality.



*General Manager Leeah Daley, Mayor Tiff Galvin, former Councillor Marilyn Dixon, former General Manager Max Eastcott, former Councillor Catherine Egan and Brendan Moylan MP were in attendance for the official cutting of the ribbon and cake.*



## G W Y D I R S H I R E

It was wonderful to have Brendan Moylan MP join us for the occasion, along with Mayors and General Managers from neighbouring shires who travelled to Bingara to help celebrate this significant milestone. Their support reflects the strong relationships we share across the Northern Tablelands local government community.

Of course, no celebration would be complete without a cake, and it was a pleasure to share that special moment with everyone who has contributed to the journey of delivering this remarkable building for our community.

### **Appointment of General Manager**

The next exciting development for Gwydir Shire is the appointment of our new General Manager, Leeah Daley.

Over the past few months, Council has undertaken an extensive recruitment process in partnership with LGNSW Recruitment to identify the right person to lead our organisation into the future. Following final interviews and an Extraordinary Meeting of Council, I am delighted to announce that Leeah has been appointed as Gwydir Shire Council's permanent General Manager, effective as of 9 June 2026.

Leeah is highly community-minded, lives locally and is actively involved in a number of community committees and organisations. Her strong connection to our region, combined with her passion for local government and genuine commitment to our communities, makes her an excellent fit for the role.

Having worked with Council for more than 35 years and served as Interim General Manager over the past 12 months, Leeah brings a wealth of experience and an extraordinary depth of knowledge about our organisation, our communities and our people.

She understands the history of our Council, the challenges we have faced and the opportunities ahead. Her appointment is a well-deserved recognition of her dedication, leadership and the respect she has earned throughout her career.

Gwydir Shire has been fortunate to benefit from long-serving General Managers over the years, providing stability, strong leadership and clear strategic direction. This continuity has played a significant role in the progress and success of our Shire, and I am confident Leeah will continue that tradition as she leads our organisation into the future.

On behalf of Council and the community, I congratulate Leeah on her appointment and look forward to working alongside her, as we continue building a strong future for Gwydir Shire.

### **2026 Destination and Visitor Economy Conference**

I recently attended the 2026 Destination and Visitor Economy Conference in Maitland alongside Cr Rachael

Sherman and staff members Carmen Southwell and Haylie Reynolds.

This conference is always one of my favourites on the calendar, and I genuinely look forward to attending each year. It is incredibly inspiring and I always come away with new ideas, valuable information, and fresh perspectives to bring back and share with our community.

One of the key messages from this year's conference was that successful tourism is less about the numbers and more about the product and the experience being offered. It reinforced to me just how much Gwydir Shire has to offer as a tourism destination. We already have the product.

From the north of our shire, with its vast cropping and grazing landscapes that many city visitors rarely get the opportunity to experience, to the south with the stunning Horton Falls and Horton Valley, we have an incredible range of attractions. In between, visitors can enjoy Cranky Rock, the Faraway Domes, the Sculpture Park, beautiful green spaces in Warialda, the Gwydir River, the Glacial Area, the Roxy Theatre, the Living Classroom, our fantastic caravan parks in Warialda and Bingara, and a range of free camping opportunities.

There is so much to see and do right here in our own backyard. I believe we need to continue showcasing these unique experiences so more people can discover what Gwydir Shire has to offer as a holiday destination.

My goal is to gather as much information and inspiration as possible and work alongside our community to strengthen our visitor economy and showcase the very best of our region. By promoting our attractions and experiences, we can encourage visitors to stay longer and spend more throughout our communities, supporting local businesses and creating opportunities across the shire.

The conference theme of "Putting Inspiration into Action" certainly resonated with me, and I am excited about the opportunities ahead.

Next year's conference will be held in Coffs Harbour, and I would love to see Gwydir Shire put together a nomination for Best Tourism Tiny Town. It would be wonderful to showcase everything our community has achieved and perhaps bring home an award for our remarkable Shire.

### **2026 NSW Local Government Excellence Awards**

On Thursday 4 June, I had the privilege of attending the 2026 NSW Local Government Excellence Awards at Randwick alongside our Director of Engineering Alex Eddy, Infrastructure Delivery Manager Sujana Patel, and Director of Business and Strategy Justin Hellmuth.

I am incredibly proud to share that Gwydir Shire Council was selected as a finalist in these prestigious state awards. This is a remarkable achievement for our Council and staff, particularly considering we were competing in the category for councils with populations under 100,000 people, while

Gwydir Shire proudly serves a community of around 5,000 residents.

Our submission, *Produce to Pavement – The 100km Dream*, showcased the innovative work being undertaken across our road network. The project was developed to address one of regional Australia's greatest infrastructure challenges—upgrading extensive rural road networks with limited funding available.

Through this initiative, Council successfully delivered more than 100 kilometres of reconstructed and sealed rural roads, supporting agricultural industries, freight productivity, tourism and community access. One of the most significant outcomes has been a 25 per cent increase in Council's sealed local road network.

The program combined strategic planning, strong community engagement and innovative infrastructure solutions to secure funding for more than 100 kilometres of road improvements across seven key transport corridors. By embracing modern techniques such as polymer stabilisation, locally sourced materials and in-situ crushing methods, Council was able to deliver durable road infrastructure at costs as low as \$180,000 per kilometre—approximately one-third of traditional construction costs.

While we did not take home the award, being named a finalist among councils from across New South Wales is an outstanding recognition of the dedication, expertise and forward-thinking approach of our staff. This achievement highlights what can be accomplished when innovation, strategic planning and community needs come together.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the *Produce to Pavement – The 100km Dream* initiative. You should all be extremely proud of this achievement and the lasting benefits it is delivering for our community.

## Orange Picking and Festival

The Orange Festival is one of the highlights of our community calendar and a wonderful celebration of everything that makes Bingara such a special place. Honouring the memory of those who have fallen in service to our nation and recognising the significance, the orange trees stand as a living memorial. The festival continues to bring together locals and visitors to enjoy our unique community spirit and country hospitality. From the street parade and market stalls to live entertainment and family-friendly activities, there is something for everyone to enjoy. We are also delighted to welcome back Bingara's very own Hugh Whitfeld, who will once again be joining us as Master of Ceremonies, helping to bring the energy and excitement that has become a much-loved part of the festival.

On behalf of Gwydir Shire Council, I warmly invite you to join us on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 July for a fantastic weekend of fun, connection and celebration as we showcase the very best of Gwydir.

## Gwydir Libraries

School holidays are almost here, and once the Orange Festival has wrapped up, you might ask, what can our children do on those cold winter afternoons? The libraries have the answer.

Gwydir Libraries will host a range of winter holiday programs at both library locations during July. On Thursday 9 July, staff from Tamworth will present two special sessions at Bingara Library from 11:00am to 12:00 pm. Numbers are limited, so early bookings are essential.

### Session 1 – 3D Pen Creations (Ages 6+)

Children can use the new 3D Doodler pens to create art, sculptures, miniatures, jewellery, and accessories, either by following templates or designing freehand.

### Session 2 – Mandala Drawing (Teenagers and Adults)

Participants will learn how to draw their own monochrome mandala in a fun and mindful workshop using a compass, protractor, and white or black gel pen. A 3D-printed template will also be provided for participants to take home.

In addition, both Bingara and Warialda libraries will host afternoon sessions for children aged 6 to 12 years on the following dates:

- Tuesday 7 and 14 July – 2:00pm to 4:30pm
- Thursday 9 and 16 July – 2:00pm to 4:30pm

Activities for these sessions are still being finalised and will be announced soon.

Bookings are now open, and places are limited.

Cosy up with an enjoyable book this winter and celebrate the joy of reading!

## Warm Winter Read

This annual campaign encourages readers of all ages to build lasting reading habits and make more time for reading during the colder months.

Whether you enjoy listening to an audiobook, exploring a graphic novel, browsing a magazine, or curling up with an enjoyable book, reading comes in many forms—and it is all good for you.

Warm Winter Read runs from 1 June to 31 August 2026 and is open to all age groups in both communities.

Visit your local library and tell us your favourite genre—we would love to recommend similar authors for you to enjoy this winter.

## Citizenship Ceremony Croppa Creek

One of the highlights of the past fortnight was the privilege of presiding over a citizenship ceremony in Croppa Creek, where we officially welcomed new Australians into our community. It was a pleasure to congratulate Sam and



Ami Coleman, along with their daughter Mia, as they became Australian citizens. Having arrived from the United Kingdom with a sense of adventure, Sam and Ami chose to make Australia their home, raising their young family and contributing positively to community life.

We also welcomed Father Deleep Antony, Parish Priest of St Patrick's Catholic Church and St Mary's Church, Bingara, who became an Australian citizen after dedicating his life to serving others through his ministry. Father Deleep has provided invaluable spiritual guidance and support throughout our region, and his commitment to both the Church and the wider community has made a lasting impact.

Citizenship ceremonies are always special occasions, providing an opportunity to celebrate the diversity, dedication and shared values that help make Australia such a welcoming and vibrant nation. On behalf of Gwydir Shire Council, I congratulated our newest citizens and wished them every success as they continue their journey as proud Australians.



Sam and Ami Coleman with daughter Mia were congratulated on becoming Australian citizens after making Australia their home.



Father Deleep Antony, Parish Priest of St Patrick's Catholic Church and St Mary's Church, Bingara, was congratulated as a new citizen at a ceremony held at Croppa Creek.

### Upper Horton Trail Ride

The Upper Horton Trail Ride was held on 30 and 31 May and once again proved to be a fantastic event for families and motorcycle enthusiasts alike. Organised by Moree Motorcycle Club and Thomas Lee Motorcycles, and proudly hosted by the Upper Horton community, the event featured more than 60 kilometres of tracks catering to all ages and rider abilities. The weekend was extremely well supported, with participants describing it as an awesome event with a fantastic track and great atmosphere. It is wonderful to see events like this taking place across our Shire, bringing visitors together, supporting local communities and showcasing the unique experiences our region has to offer.



### Myall Creek Memorial Commemoration

On Sunday 7 June, I had the privilege along with fellow Councillors Cr Scot Crispin and Cr Sarah Crump, of attending the 126th Anniversary Commemoration of the Myall Creek Massacre Memorial, joining community members, descendants, dignitaries, elders and visitors from across the region and beyond to remember, reflect and learn.

The day began at the Myall Creek Memorial Hall before walking up the road to the Yarning Circle, where we

gathered together before being Welcomed to Country by Aunt Sue Blacklock. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of this land and the enduring connection Aboriginal people have to Country.

One of the highlights of the day was hearing from guest speaker Professor Emerita Judy Atkinson, whose presentation focused on how responding to trauma stories can lead to healing outcomes. Her words encouraged reflection on the importance of truth-telling, understanding and the role we all play in supporting healing and reconciliation.

The program also included traditional dancers, a smoking ceremony, and the application of ochre and ash, providing meaningful opportunities for cultural sharing and connection. Participants then walked together to the Memorial Rock for the commemorative ceremony, a journey that allows time for reflection on the events that occurred at Myall Creek in 1838 and the lessons that continue to resonate today.



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*Cr Tiffany Galvin thanked attendees who contributed to making the day a meaningful and respectful occasion reflecting remembrance, truth-telling and reconciliation.*

The Myall Creek Memorial is much more than a place of remembrance. It stands as a symbol of truth, reconciliation and the ongoing commitment to building understanding between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians. Each year, people come together to honour those who lost their lives, while also recognising the progress that can be achieved through respect, dialogue and shared understanding.

I would like to sincerely thank the Friends of Myall Creek Committee and their many volunteers for their continued dedication and hard work in organising this important event. Their commitment ensures that the stories of the past are not forgotten and that future generations have the opportunity to learn from them.



*The Myall Creek Memorial Commemoration was well supported by attendees including representatives from all levels of government, land councils, Indigenous groups, schools, universities and the general public.*

As Mayor, I am proud that Gwydir Shire Council continues to support and help maintain this significant site alongside our neighbouring councils. It is an honour to be part of a community that values remembrance, truth-telling and reconciliation.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the day such a meaningful and respectful occasion.

## 90 Years June Long Weekend Tennis

What a wonderful privilege it was to celebrate 90 years of the Bingara Big Bash Long Weekend Tennis Tournament.

The history of this remarkable event stretches back to 1936. On 8 July that year, the *Bingara Advocate* reported on the first tournament held on the new tennis courts at the Golf Links over the June long weekend. Even then, players travelled from outside centres to compete, beginning a tradition that has stood the test of time.

Over the past nine decades, the tournament has welcomed hundreds of players from across Australia, with some participants going on to become professional tennis players. What may have once been regarded as a traditional "boys'



weekend" has evolved into a family-friendly event that attracts players of all ages and abilities.

One of the most special aspects of the tournament is the tradition that continues through generations. Those who grew up attending the long weekend tennis open are now bringing along their own children and grandchildren, ensuring the spirit of the event lives on.

This year's celebrations included a special 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at the Roxy Theatre, where past and present players, volunteers and supporters gathered to share stories and memories from across the decades. It was wonderful to hear so many tales of friendships formed, rivalries played out on the court, and the many characters who have made the tournament what it is today.

A highlight of the celebrations was the launch of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative book. The amount of history collected and preserved is truly remarkable. A huge congratulations to Tony and Jan Miller, who spent countless hours researching and compiling the material, and to their daughter Joanne, who worked tirelessly to bring it all together and have it printed in time for the celebrations. The book is a wonderful piece of local history and well worth a read for anyone interested in the story of this iconic event.

The tournament is about far more than tennis. It is a reunion for friends and families who return year after year. John Lindsay, for example, travels from New Zealand each year simply to catch up with friends and enjoy the weekend. Bob Seal was also back for the celebrations, marking an incredible 55 consecutive years of attendance.

The tournament also delivers significant benefits to our local economy, with accommodation booked out weeks in advance and visitors supporting local businesses throughout the long weekend. Just as importantly, it creates a vibrant atmosphere across the town as locals and visitors gather to watch great tennis and enjoy each other's company.

Events like this do not happen without volunteers. For 90 years, dedicated community members have given their time and energy to ensure the tournament continues. There are far too many people to mention individually, but every volunteer deserves recognition and thanks. I would especially like to acknowledge Tony and Jan Miller, who have contributed so much to this year's celebrations despite facing health challenges of their own.

As we celebrate this significant milestone, it would be wonderful to see the next generation step forward and become involved. The future of this treasured tradition depends on volunteers who are willing to continue the legacy and help the tournament reach its centenary in 2036.

With beautiful weather throughout the weekend, plenty of outstanding tennis and many opportunities to reconnect with old friends, the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations were a fitting tribute to one of Bingara's most enduring and beloved traditions.

Congratulations to everyone who has played a part in the story of the Bingara Big Bash Long Weekend Tennis Tournament over the past 90 years. Here's to the next decade and beyond.



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### Warialda Rotary Changeover

Cr Mick Collins, Cr Ravi Gill and I had the pleasure of attending the Warialda Rotary Club Changeover Dinner held at the Warialda Golf and Bowling Club on 9 June 2026, celebrating another successful year of service to our community and beyond.

The evening featured inspiring presentations from guest speakers Greg and Sue Moran, who shared their long association with Rotary and their involvement with ShelterBox and the Kokoda Hospital project in Papua New Guinea. Their dedication to supporting communities in need was evident, and it was wonderful to hear about the ongoing work being undertaken at the hospital. Several members of the Warialda Rotary Club have also had the opportunity to visit Kokoda and witness firsthand the positive impact of this project.

We also heard from Tracey Digby, whose passion for education is truly inspiring. Tracey spoke about her journey from classroom teacher to principal and reflected on her experiences working in remote communities, including islands in northern Australia where English was often not the first language spoken. Her commitment to ensuring every child has access to quality education was evident throughout her presentation.

One of the highlights of the evening was learning that the Warialda Rotary Club donated \$7,105.75 to local and international projects during the 2025–26 financial year.

Beneficiaries included Naroo, the Community Fund and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, among other worthy causes. This generosity demonstrates the significant contribution Rotary continues to make to our region and communities around the world.

Congratulations to office bearers: Nerissa Jackson as President, Paul Jones as Vice President, Ben Perry as Secretary and Youth Protection Officer, and Peter Hancock as Treasurer and Youth Services Director.

I thank the Warialda Rotary members for their dedication, volunteer spirit and commitment to making a difference. I wish the team every success for the year ahead and look forward to seeing the positive impact of their continued work throughout our community.



*Warialda Rotary Club members and guests celebrated the club's annual Changeover Dinner at the Warialda Golf and Bowling Club on 9 June, reflecting on a successful year of community service and looking ahead to the year to come.*

As always, thank you to everyone who contributes to making Gwydir Shire such a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

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](mailto: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



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Experience in water or sewer operations is highly regarded, but not essential – and it does not need to be extensive. If you have any level of exposure or transferrable skills, we encourage you to get in touch with us.



Council is interested to hear from individuals who are eager to contribute, willing to learn, and committed to helping deliver reliable essential services to our communities.

**Even if you are unsure whether your experience is directly relevant, we encourage you to get in touch.**

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# From the General Manager



**It is a great honour to have been appointed as General Manager of Gwydir Shire Council, and I sincerely thank the Mayor and Councillors for the confidence they have placed in me.**

My journey in local government began in 1988 at Yallaroi Shire Council, where I started as a trainee cashier. At the time, I had planned to return home to Warialda for just 12 months before heading overseas. However, 38 years later, I am still here and proud to be part of a community that has always felt like home.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to work across many areas of Council, gaining a broad understanding of how local government supports and serves its community. Like many long-term staff, I have seen significant change. One of my earliest memories is being given a set of floppy disks to install Council's first email system—along with the advice not to spend too much time on

it because “email was just another fad.” It is a reminder of how much things evolve, and the importance of being open to change and new ideas.

Throughout my career, I have been committed to learning and self-improvement. With the encouragement of colleagues and mentors, I have undertaken further study alongside my work and developed a strong foundation of knowledge across the local government sector. While there have been opportunities to pursue other career paths, nothing has been more rewarding than serving the community I live in.

As General Manager, I am committed to working collaboratively with the Mayor, Councillors, staff, and the wider community to deliver positive outcomes for our Shire. I am focused on building on the strong foundations already in place, while ensuring Council continues to provide high-quality services, sound governance, and sustainable growth for our communities.

Gwydir Shire Council is fortunate to have a highly skilled and dedicated workforce. The calibre and commitment of our staff is one of our greatest strengths. Like many councils, we are also planning for the future, with a particular focus on succession planning as our workforce ages. Through initiatives such as our Career Start Program, we are investing in the next generation. We are ensuring that knowledge and skills are passed on and that our community continues to be well supported into the future.

I am proud of our organisation and the work we do, and I look forward to continuing to serve the Gwydir community in this role.

## Croppa Creek Road Upgrade

Works on the Croppa Creek Road upgrade are nearing completion, with sealing carried out at the end of May. This is the final stage of upgrading this key freight route. Most of the alignment was stabilised

in 2025. Current work is focused on adding pavement in sections where existing thickness was not sufficient. The project remains on track for completion prior to 30 June 2026.

## North Star Road Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation is underway on a three-kilometre section of North Star Road north of North Star, targeting areas where the pavement has failed. The treatment involves polymer stabilisation of the subgrade combined with cement and fly ash stabilisation of the pavement to rebuild strength and improve long-term performance. Progress has been slowed by wet weather, which has limited access and reduced available working windows. Despite this, the project remains on budget. A temporary seal has been applied to completed sections to manage safety risks and prevent the stabilised surface becoming slippery under traffic before final surfacing is completed.

## Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme (CPTIGS) 2023-2024 & 2024-2025

The final bus shelters were installed in May at the Burundah Drive/Warialda Road intersection and on Gragin Road near the Fairford Road intersection, completing the current delivery program. These works were funded under the Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme (CPTIGS) for 2023–24 and 2024–25. The program supports targeted upgrades to passenger transport infrastructure in regional areas, with a focus on improving safety, accessibility and amenity at key pickup locations. This project addresses identified gaps in shelter provision and delivers a consistent standard across priority sites.

## Maintenance Grading and Resheeting

During May, Council carried out scheduled maintenance grading and



resheeting across several rural routes to keep road surfaces in workable condition and ensure ongoing access. Works were completed on:

- Noumea Road
- Reserve Creek Road
- Adam Scrub Road
- Peates Road
- Glenarthur Road
- Tucka Tucka Road
- The Forest Road
- Croppa Creek Road
- Bangheet Road

Council manages an extensive road network of around 2,400 kilometres, including more than 1,600 kilometres of unsealed gravel roads. Regular grading and resheeting are essential to maintain safety, accessibility, and the long term condition of these assets, particularly after adverse weather.

### Slashing

Slashing works were carried out throughout May to manage roadside vegetation, improve visibility, and reduce fire risk. The following roads were serviced:

- Killarney Gap Road
- Warialda Road
- North Star Road
- Getta Getta Road

- Croppa Moree Road
- Cobbadah Road
- Allan Cunningham Road

Vegetation control remains a core part of Council's seasonal maintenance program, supporting public safety and meeting our environmental management responsibilities.

### Warialda Tennis Court Resurfacing

Council staff have been working directly with the Warialda Tennis Club to support the upcoming resurfacing of the courts at the Warialda Recreation Ground. Courts 1 and 2, closest to the football oval, will be resurfaced with new synthetic turf. Courts 3 and 4 will receive minor baseline repairs to keep them serviceable. This work is being delivered through the Clubgrants Category 3 Fund secured by the Tennis Club in November 2025, supported by in kind assistance from Gwydir Shire Council.

### Upper Horton Rural Fire Service Station

Construction has commenced on the new Upper Horton RFS Station, with Council delivering the project on behalf of the Rural Fire Service. Erection of framework and external

roof and wall cladding is now complete. Rough in of plumbing and electrical work is in progress. Work is progressing as expected. Once complete, the new station will be a valuable asset for the Upper Horton community, providing local firefighters with modern facilities to support their vital role in protecting lives, property and the community during fire emergencies.

### Roxy Cafe

I am very excited that the Roxy Cafe is open again. Council has entered into a commercial lease with new tenants who are well known to our Shire.

The Roxy is a treasured community asset. Over June you will notice works being undertaken on the awning. Other works include repainting the foyer, Greek museum and Candy Bar foyer, retiling the Roxy Cafe entry wall and completion of the courtyard restoration.

### 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

## ROSS COOPER OPTOMETRIST

### 2026 Next visits to Warialda

June 24<sup>th</sup> 2026 — Ross Cooper  
July 29<sup>th</sup> 2026 — Ross Cooper  
August 26<sup>th</sup> 2026 — Ross Cooper

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

## Goondiwindi (07) 4671 1550

### 2026 Next visits to Bingara

June 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 — Ross Cooper  
July 30<sup>th</sup> 2026 — Ross Cooper  
August 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 — Ross Cooper

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





**GWYDIR**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

# Stay Independent. Stay Connected. Stay Supported.



Gwydir Shire Council's Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) provides practical services to help older residents remain living independently in their own homes.

**CHSP**  
COMMONWEALTH HOME  
SUPPORT PROGRAM

## OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:



### Meals on Wheels

Nutritious meals delivered to your door.



### Community Transport

Travel to medical appointments, specialist visits and essential services.



### Social Support Groups

Enjoy activities, friendship and connection.



### Individual Support

One-on-one support to help you stay independent.



### My Aged Care Referrals

We can help you access the support you need.



### Vital Call Referrals

Peace of mind with a friendly check-in service.

### More Than Just Aged Care



Through our Community Transport Programme, we can also assist eligible clients **under the age of 65** to attend medical appointments.

 **This service is funded by Transport for NSW.**



Whether you need help getting to appointments, enjoying social activities, accessing nutritious meals, or staying connected with your community, *our friendly team is here to help.*

### SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES



#### Bingara

38 Maitland Street  
**6724 1948**  
9am – 4pm  
Monday to Friday



#### Warialda

36 Hope Street  
**6729 1889**  
9am – 5pm  
Monday to Friday



#### Delungra

34 Inverell Road  
**6724 8554**  
9.30am – 12.30pm  
Wednesday

### Want to learn more? CONTACT US TODAY!

 **Bingara 6724 1948**

 **Warialda 6729 1889**

 **Delungra 6724 8554**

 Friendly local staff are available Monday to Friday.




Australian Government  
Department of Health and Aged Care

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under the Commonwealth Home Support Program



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



# Grant Secured to Seek Solution to Seniors Housing Shortages

FRIDAY, 12 JUNE 2026

Gwydir Shire Council has taken a step to addressing housing shortages in the region after securing \$90,000 to plan for a future development at Naroo in Warialda.

The grant was secured through the Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund (RHSPF) which is aimed at supporting the groundwork and planning needed to deliver additional homes across the state.

Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan met with Gwydir Shire Council mayor Tiff Galvin and general manager Leeah Daley at Naroo to discuss the plans.

“Across regional NSW, many communities are experiencing strong demand but face barriers when it comes to development,” Mr Moylan said.

“More than a decade ago, Gwydir Shire Council acknowledged the changing needs of the local community and the demand for seniors housing.

“They identified expanding Naroo by implementing independent living units, assisted living and residential aged care in the land surrounding the current facility.

“The grant through the RHSPF will allow council to create plans for the expansion of the site.

“I congratulate Gwydir Shire Council on making the move to plan for future housing opportunities for their community.”

Gwydir Shire Council mayor Tiff Galvin said council will top up the funding with another \$20,000 to properly assess the potential for housing developments.

“Seniors in our community deserve to have somewhere to live where they can maintain their independence while having essential services at their fingertips,” she said.

“This funding will allow council to assess the viability of expanding what is currently on offer at Naroo and provide greater certainty around the future of housing in Warialda.



Gwydir Shire Council mayor Tiff Galvin, Member for Northern Tablelands Brendan Moylan and GSC general manager Leeah Daley at Naroo which has been touted as a potential site for seniors housing.

“The research will better assist council to plan for the future and put us in a better position to deliver homes, infrastructure and services for residents within our community.”



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**BINGARA**

# Orange festival

*Bingara, Now and Then*

**SATURDAY 4 JULY 2026**

**10am | Street Parade 2pm**

**MEMPHIS MOOVERS | HUGH WHITFELD TO MC | CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY  
ROAMING PERFORMERS CHEWBACCA & CIRQUE UM NAVIGATE | FOOD TRUCKS  
MARKET STALLS | TOURS OF THE ROXY THEATRE | AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND NEWCASTLE**



Bingara, NSW

  
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SHIRE COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE GWYDIR SHIRE AND SURROUNDS

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# 90 Years of The Roxy

AUSTRALIAN ARMY  
BAND NEWCASTLE  
PERFORMING LIVE

Friday 3 July 2026

6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

26 Member Band



Scan. Book. Enjoy!

For further event details, or  
assistance with booking your  
ticket, please contact the Bingara  
Visitor Information Centre.



**Australian Government**  
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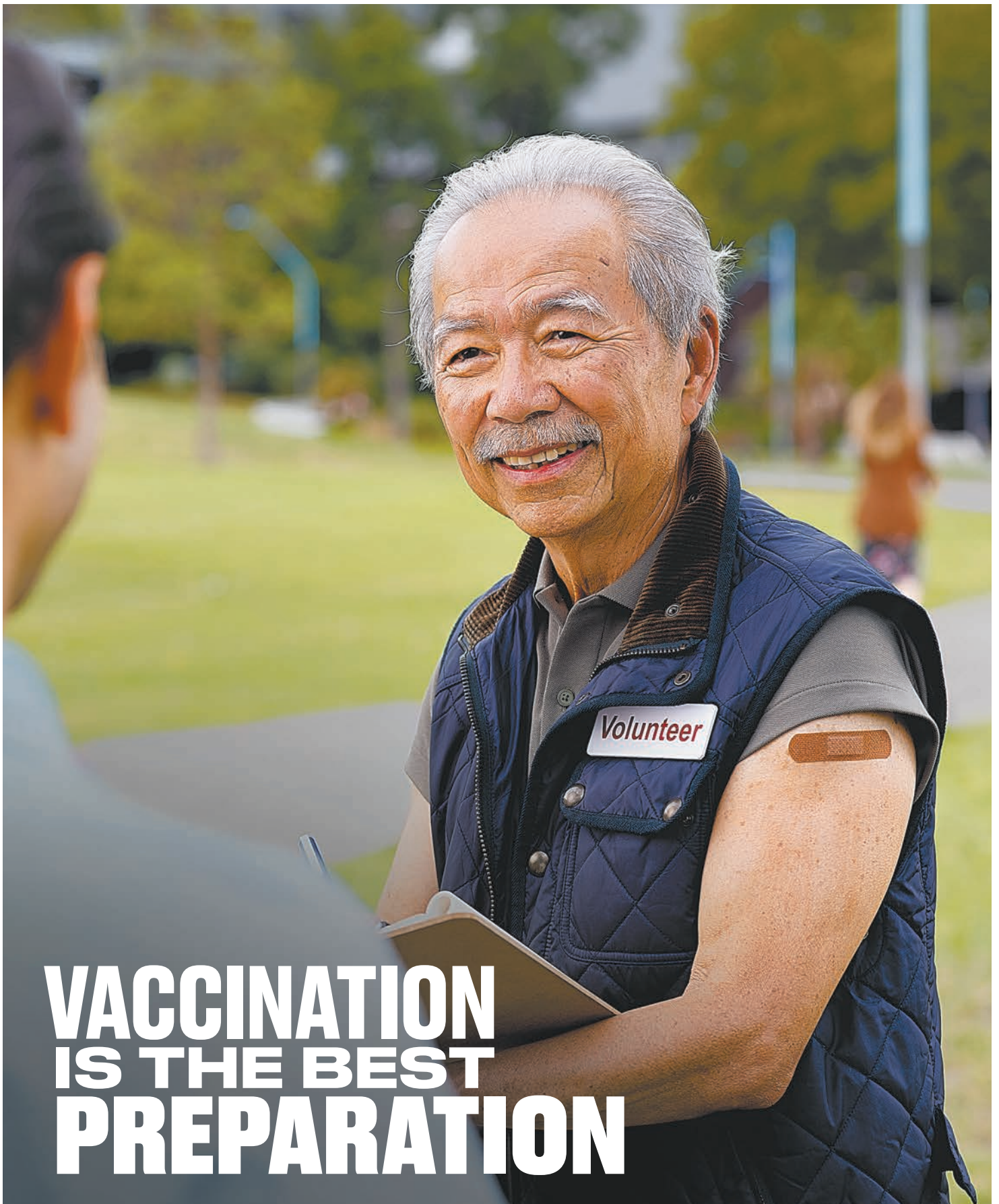
Whether you're feeling unwell, caring for someone else, worried about your health or unsure what to do, the 1800MEDICARE registered nurses will listen, explain things clearly and guide you to the right care. They can provide you with health information and help you find services in your area. If you are injured or unwell, they will help you to understand whether your condition needs

extra attention from health services like a GP, care at a Medicare Urgent Care Clinic or the emergency department or can be managed safely at home. If further advice and referral is required, the registered nurses may arrange a call-back with a GP or connect you with other health services such as Medicare Urgent Care Clinics or pharmacists.

If you are eligible for a call back from a 1800MEDICARE GP, the GP will be able to provide additional advice or write you an electronic prescription if you need one. The GP can also send a summary after the call to your regular GP, to help with your ongoing care.

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These channels can help you understand your options and connect with the most appropriate care 24/7.



# VACCINATION IS THE BEST PREPARATION

Influenza, COVID-19 and RSV viruses are always changing, and the risk of serious illness goes up if you're over 65. By vaccinating regularly, you can protect yourself before a new strain goes around.

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and book your vaccinations today  
or visit [health.gov.au/winter-vaccinations](https://health.gov.au/winter-vaccinations)**



**Australian Government**

# Ash Morse Brings Nowhere Land LIVE to the Roxy Theatre, Bingara

Award-winning Australian performer and composer Ash Morse will bring his acclaimed concept album **Nowhere Land** to life at the Roxy Theatre, Bingara, on Saturday 27 June.

Rarely experienced outside major city venues, **Nowhere Land** is a powerful musical journey that blends the drama of theatre with the intimacy of deeply personal storytelling. The album follows a soul trapped inside "The Dream Machine", a haunting reality simulator that explores isolation, suffering, hope and the longing to find a way home.

Australian Songwriters Association past-president Brian Henderson Ward described the work as "more complex than Bohemian Rhapsody", praising its "outstanding vocal performance", "fabulous harmonies" and "genius" musicianship.

Recorded across five studios with a large ensemble of live musicians, **Nowhere Land** moves from fragile, haunting moments to cinematic bursts of sound, with Ash's voice guiding the listener through every twist, peak and moment of release.

Ash Morse is known for bold, genre-defying music spanning piano ballads, orchestral works, cinematic scores and big band arrangements. With millions of streams and views, national and international performances, and a fearless approach to emotion and storytelling, Ash continues to create music that is original, powerful and unforgettable.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience **Nowhere Land** live in Bingara.

**ASH MORSE**  
**NOWHERE LAND**  
*Vocals and Grand Piano with instrumental backings - a musical experience that stays with you long after the last note...*

**THE ROXY THEATRE**

Sat. 27th June 7:00pm \$30pp / \$75 Family

**TICKETS**

Arts Fest ON TOUR

NORTH WEST THEATRE COMPANY

ROXY BINGARA

Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience **Nowhere Land** live in Bingara.



## The NWTC Film Club's Feature Film for June is 'The Last of the Blonde Bombshells'

The Last of the Blonde Bombshells is the North West Theatre Company Film Club's June film. It is a charming film from 2000 set in the UK about the reunion of a WWII all-girl (almost) swing band. A fine cast of oldies bring light-hearted perspectives on life to this fun tale with an award winning performance by Judi Dench and Cleo Laine.

After Elizabeth's (Dame Judi Dench's) husband dies, she begins to play her tenor saxophone again and remembers when she was fifteen and a member of the Blonde Bombshells, an all-girl (with one exception) swing band. Urged on by her granddaughter, memories are awakened after a chance encounter with Patrick (Ian Holm), a charismatic wartime drummer who once masqueraded as a female musician to stay with the all female swing ensemble known as the Blonde Bombshells.

Elizabeth hunts up all the old members of the band and urges them to perform, and in doing so, learns more than she knew about the band, its members, the roses on the drum set, and herself, the last of the Blonde Bombshells. The story alternates between the 1940s and the present day with flashbacks revealing the character's histories and relationships.

The film has a fabulous cast. Alongside Judi Dench and Cleo Laine are Ian Holm, Leslie Caron, Olympia Dukakis, Joan Sims, Billie Whitelaw and June Whitfield. And the jazz and swing music that forms the backbone of the story is terrific.

Time well spent and a fun watch for all.

The film will be shown at the Roxy in Bingara on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm. **New members are always welcome.**

JUDI DENCH IAN HOLM OLYMPIA DUKAKIS

It's never too late for an encore.

*The Last of the Blonde Bombshells*

The North West Theatre Company Film Club presents  
**The Last of the Blonde Bombshells**  
Sunday June 28th 2026 | 4:00pm | The Roxy Theatre

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## 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**

Bingara Campus Tuesday 30 June

Barraba Campus Monday 6 July

Warialda Campus Monday 27 July

### Provide CPR

HLTAID009 Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation



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

Warialda Campus Tuesday 30 June

Warialda Campus Monday 6 July

Warialda Campus Monday 27 July

## High Risk & Industry

Issuing Registered Training Organisation  
Community College Northern Inland | RTO 90027

### Confined Spaces

RIIWHS202E Enter and work in confined spaces



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

Bingara Campus Tuesday 21 July

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.



**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.



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- **Need CPR certification only?** Enrol in Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.
- **Need a full first aid qualification?** Enrol in Provide First Aid.
- **Work in childcare, education or an early childhood setting?** Enrol in Provide First Aid in an Education and Care Setting.

Students enrolled in CPR attend the morning session only, while students enrolled in Provide First Aid or Provide First Aid in an Education and Care Setting attend the full day.

## First aid certification periods

- **Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)** should be renewed every 12 months.
- **Provide First Aid** should be renewed every 3 years, with CPR refreshed annually.
- **Provide First Aid in an Education and Care Setting** should be renewed every 3 years, with CPR refreshed annually.

Visit [www.ccni.nsw.edu.au](http://www.ccni.nsw.edu.au) to Apply or Enrol or Call Toby on 0438 546 519


## 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  Wednesday 29 July

Barraba Campus  Tuesday 18 August

### Responsible Conduct of Gambling (RCG) ♦

SITHGAM022 Provide responsible gambling services

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

Warialda Campus  Thursday 30 July

Barraba Campus  Wednesday 19 August

## 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

2 Day Face-to-Face Workshop 9.00AM - 4.00PM \$435

Warialda Campus  Mon 3 - Tue 4 August

Warialda Campus  Tue 13 - Wed 14 October

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

## 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  Wed 24 - Thu 25 June

- ♦ 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.

## Traffic/WHS

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

### 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

### 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 24 Aug - Wed 26 Aug

### Working Under Powerlines ♦

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

1-Day Face-to-Face Workshop 9.00AM - 4.00PM \$655

Warialda Campus  Monday 31 August

### Working Under Powerlines Refresher ♦

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

1-Day Face-to-Face Workshop 9.00AM - 4.00PM \$580

Warialda Campus  Tuesday 1 September

- ♦ 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.



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For more information or to book  
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# News from Warialda Public School



## From the Principal

### Rotary Dinner

It was an absolute pleasure to be a part of the Rotary Club evening this week, being invited by Nerissa Jackson to be one of the guest speakers. To be able to speak about education, my journey, our goals for our students, and how it is a team effort—as they say, *It takes a village!* It was heart-warming to hear all the community support and outreach that Rotary drive—such an important role in our community and this was so evident. We really are part of a dedicated and superb community here at Warialda.

### Aboriginal Dance Workshop

We had the privilege of taking along a fantastic group of students to an Aboriginal Dance workshop that was held at Moree Public School. This day was coordinated by the NSW Department of Education, and mentored by the Brolga Dance Academy.

Throughout the workshop, our students learnt a fusion of traditional and contemporary dance movement and applied these using their own



knowledge of storytelling and their culture.

Along with dancing and games, and then lunch and recess time together, our WPS kids also enjoyed meeting new friends along the way. We were so proud of the way our students conducted themselves, and how they rose to the challenge of learning/doing things that may have been out of their comfort zone.

It was a great day celebrating our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture led by the dynamic Brolga Dance Academy Team! Thank you!

### Cross Country Inverell Zone Representatives

Last Friday a huge contingent of keen long distant runners braved the cold and wet to compete for a position in the Zone Team. With 15 of our students making it through to the Northwest Cross-Country, I am sure that there will be plenty of training happening in the next few weeks! Congratulations to all our students who gave their very best in the run and showed great sportsmanship, whilst covering a decent amount of km! Well done! Off to Coolah we go!

8/9 Years Boys	8/9 Years Girls
Tommy English 2nd	Alice Trigger 8th (2nd Reserve)
Edward Coulton 3rd	
Harlee Brazel 7th (1st Reserve)	
	10 Years Girls
	Olivia Clark 6th
	Ashley Cooper 7th (1st Reserve)
11 Years Boys	11 Years Girls
Reid Rose 2nd	Mia Landers 4th
Henry Coulton 4th	Sofiya Matsviyeuskaya 8th (2nd Reserve)
12/13 Years Boys	12/13 Years Girls
Dexter Brooks 4th	Faith Turner 3rd
Levi Taylor 5th	Charlotte Landrigan 5th
	Indie Cosh 6th

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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 warialda-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au  
 Hope Street, Warialda 2402

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### 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.

### Selection Success—Touch Football Inverell Zone Team

It was a wet yet wonderful day in Inverell, with a large and enthusiastic group of touch footballers putting their skills to the test in the Touch Football PSSA Zone trials. The competition was fierce, but our students made us proud with their teamwork and WPS spirit.

Congratulations to Ziggy and Dexter, who have been selected for the boys' team! And a big round of applause for Indianna, Poppie, Edie, Indi, and Faith for making it into the girls' team. We're so proud of all our students who gave their best. It was fantastic to see everyone supporting each other and enjoying such great touch footy!

### Inverell Eisteddfod

What a beautiful group of students who headed across to Inverell to compete in the Inverell Eisteddfod, singing 'Riptide' and 'Budapest' under the watchful eye of choir teacher, Mrs Sarah Dawson. The delight that our students have when it is announced that choir practice is on during recess or lunch is beautiful to witness! A lot of our choir are younger students (Year 1). They performed with confidence and flair, and such an obvious love for music, and how it makes them feel. Coming in 2nd place in the small schools section was a great achievement—we are so proud of them all.

### PSSA Netball Success

Last week, we headed across to Moree Public School to play our first game of netball for the knockout competition. With both teams playing some fantastic and fast-paced netball, it was a great match.

With the score of 21-7 our way, both teams agreed that it didn't reflect that the feeling was of a very close game.

All the students from both teams are to be commended for playing with a great attitude and a smile—it was heartwarming to see, particularly as this was a 'first game' for a few of our students from both schools.



### Girls Soccer Triumph

It was a close, exciting match against Ross Hill that went into overtime... and the girls are now through to the next round of the PSSA Soccer competition!

Tracey Digby  
Principal



# Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at Carinda House

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May Carinda House hosted a garden party to raise money for research through the Cancer Council. It was pleasing to see so many Warialda locals enjoying the sunny morning with family and friends.

The morning started at 10.00am with musical items from Sue Smoothie and Michael Gooda and patrons enjoying the delicious cakes, slices and biscuits with their cup of tea/coffee. The guest speaker, Ritchie Hair, a Cancer/Palliative Care Social Worker from Hunter New England Health based in Moree, gave a very interesting and informative talk. Ritchie has left some information booklets at Carinda, so if you know of someone who is looking for information regarding cancer support please let them know about these free booklets. President Margaret thanked Ritchie for his talk and presented him with a gift from Carinda. Northern Tablelands MP, Brendan Moylan, was also in attendance and spoke to the patrons.

Winner of the raffle was Noeline Warby and lucky door prize winners were Georgina Smith and Anne Jones. Congratulations to these lucky ladies.

Carinda was given a beautiful Queen Bed size patchwork quilt a week before the Morning Tea, to also raffle for the Cancer Council. This beautiful quilt, in shades of green, was made and donated by Marilyn Terbett—a cancer survivor. Carinda is very grateful for this wonderful donation from Marilyn. Tickets in this raffle can be purchased at Carinda—priced at \$2 per ticket—and this will be drawn on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

A big thank you to the Warialda business houses, schools and Naroo who supported the Tuesday delivery of scones with jam and cream, or damper and honey boxes. Special thank you to Connie and Cherie, the Cake Ladies, who made all of the scones, and to Kate Hall who made the dampers.

To Sue and Michael thank you for the music and please come again! To Gwydir Shire for providing extra chairs for patrons, thank you.

Last but not least, a very special thank you to the hard working ladies at Carinda and for cooking the most delicious and yummy cakes and slices!

**At the end of the day \$2,601 was raised for the Cancer Council! An amazing effort for our small community so, thank you Warialda!**



Australia's  
**Biggest  
Morning  
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Garden Club

ENCOURAGEMENT DRIVE-BY AWARD

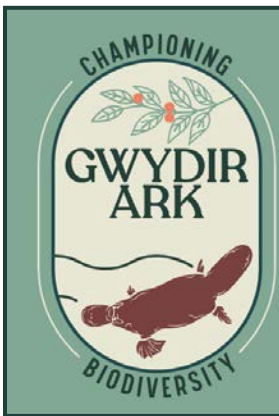
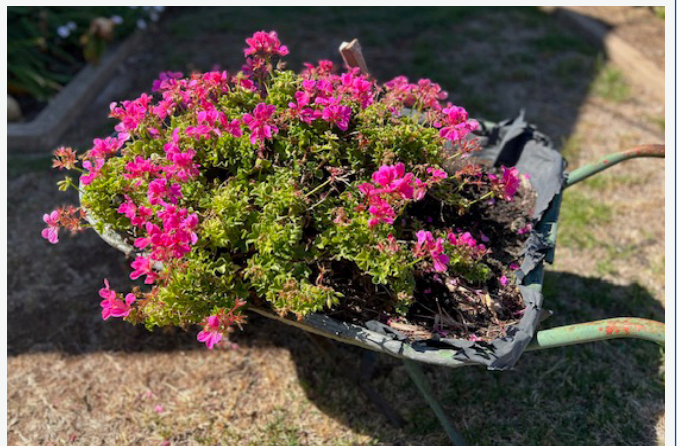
APRIL 2026

Maree Pankhurst at 23 Finch Street, Bingara received the Encouragement Award in Area D in April. A real 'family' garden which has survived through 60 years of shared plantings, frosts, droughts and floods this garden is such a colourful presentation full of surprises, ornaments and love of plants of all sorts. In no particular order colour dominates.

At first glance an old wheelbarrow highlights the front, displaying its deep pink old fashioned geranium. Supporting the front path is a huge leafed, shiny, healthy plant which promises delicate pink flowers in winter, a Bergeria. Oyster plants, gerberas, a cascade rose on a trellis, agapanthus, gazanias, azaleas and what are these two surprises? A delphinium and a Granny's bonnet answering the call of an extended summer.

A special point of interest on the driveway is a large magnolia, lamb's tongue, day, arum and spider lilies, naked ladies, a standard rose on a garden wheel, bearded iris and some delicate white rain lilies (purple if rain coming, otherwise white!). Vincas or periwinkles fill in the gaps.

Such a welcoming garden—well done Maree!



Previous meeting discussion included:

- **PROTECTING** the Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) on the Bird Route on Narrabri Road.
- **ENCOURAGING BIODIVERSITY** at The Living Classroom.
- **KOALA TREE** management processes and permanent water.
- **SEED BANK** monitoring completed for Autumn.
- **INDIAN MYNA** Community Control program in partnership with Council.

Upcoming meetings and events in 2026:

- **NEXT WALK** Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June. River walk, destination is a surprise. Meet at the Bingara Pool at 9:00am, to car pool in 4WD vehicles. We may collect Tiger Pear (so please bring a bucket and tongs if you can), and we may see Koala.
- **FERAL PIG AND WEEDS MEETING** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 6:00pm at the Imperial Hotel, Bingara.
- **NEXT MEETING** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2:00pm at the Imperial Hotel, Bingara.



## Bingara CWA Members Recognised for Community Service

by **Kerriane Anderson**  
President  
Bingara Branch of CWA of NSW

Bingara CWA Branch members were thrilled to receive recognition certificates from The Legislative Assembly of NSW, nominated by Brendan Moylan MP. It is so humbling and appreciated to be recognised for all the behind the scenes work that our branch members do.

Bingara CWA Branch focuses on fundraising for the needs of our community. If any member of the public has ideas about where donations could be used, please let us know. New members are always encouraged to join our progressive, fun group.

Our morning tea fundraiser is held on the last Friday of each month, delivering morning tea boxes to the local offices and shops for \$5.00. Any person may call in at the



*Bingara CWA Members, Alison and Bev were thrilled to have received recognition certificates from The Legislative Assembly of NSW following nomination by Brendan Moylan MP.*

rooms to pick up a takeaway or sit and have a chat with a cup of tea or coffee.

We will be at the Orange Festival and Grazing on the Gwydir, offering a display of items for sale as well as our very welcomed baked goods.

## Conference Highlights for Warialda CWA

by **Libby Cotter**  
Secretary  
Warialda Branch of CWA of NSW

Representing the Warialda branch at the CWA of NSW State Conference in Forster during early May was both informative and enjoyable. Motions relating to health, road safety and other community issues were considered, while members also had the opportunity to meet delegates from across the state.

A subsequent visit to Sydney for a meeting at State Office was also found to be both worthwhile and interesting.

The Gwydir Group recently farewelled a long-time member, patroness and former State President, Mrs Heather Gilmour, who held a variety of roles within the organisation over many years. Mrs Gilmour was a member of County of Burnett, a collective of ladies from the Yallaroi area.

Anyone interested in attending meetings is encouraged to come along on the fourth Thursday of each month from 9.30am. New members are always welcome.

**The next meeting** will be held on Thursday, 25 June.



## Bingara Local Vocals

**We are the Local Vocals - Bingara's Choir.**

If you'd like to come along and join our happy group, we meet every Monday at the Bingara Sporting Club.

We arrive at 4.30pm to have a drink and a social catch-up. Then we practice between 5.00pm and 6.00pm.

**ALL** voices are very welcome. We'd love to see you there.

We have lots of laughs and lots of fun

If you have any questions, please email us at:

**bingaralocalvocals@gmail.com**

# Bingara Golf Report

by John Gill

## May 2026

Bingara Men's Golf held its 2026 Club Championships on 16–17 and 23–24 May, comprising four 18-hole stroke events. Twenty-seven golfers nominated for the championships, competing across four grades: A Grade, B Grade, C Grade and Veterans.

### Results

#### Club Champion and A Grade Champion

Congratulations to Shane Thompson, winner of the 2026 Club Championship and A Grade Championship.

#### A Grade Results

Gross Runner-Up	Ron Armstrong
Nett Winner	Tom Fullerton
Nett Runner-Up	Tyrone Greacen

#### B Grade Results

Champion	Merv Hall
Gross Runner-Up	Robert Northcott
Nett Winner	Richard Scutt
Net Runner-Up	Marshall Bond

#### C Grade Results

Champion	Laurie Mensforth
Gross Runner-Up	Tony Johnson
Nett Winner	Bob Williams
Nett Runner-Up	John Gill

#### Day Winners

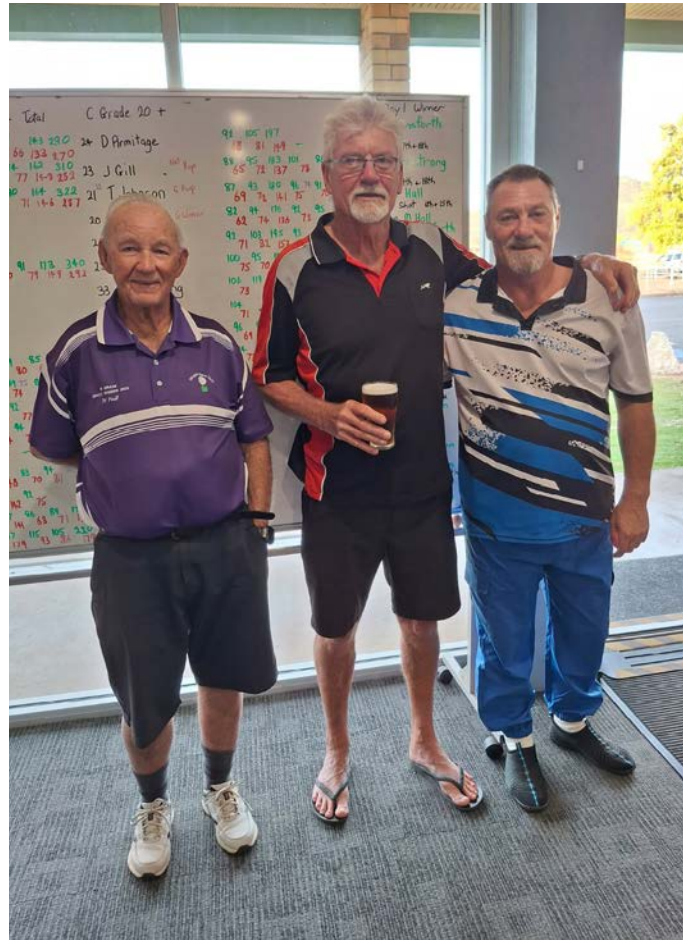
Day One	Laurie Mensforth (62 nett)
Day Two	Merv Hall (63 nett)
Day Three	Shane Thompson (67 nett)
Day Four	John Gill (63 nett)

#### May Monthly Medal

The May Monthly Medal was held on 10 May 2026, with 24 golfers taking part.

#### Results

Winner	John Gill (61 nett)
Runner-Up	Shane Thompson (64 nett)



**Bingara golf champions**, left to right: Merv Hall - B Grade & Veterans; Laurie Mensforth - C Grade; and Shane Thompson - Club & A Grade.

## Know the warnings for bushfires, floods and storms



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PUBLIC NOTICES



# Copeton Dam Level

as at  
15 June 2026

# 60%

Down from 61% in  
May 2026

Up from 53% in June 2025

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED  
TO JOIN THE  
CWA County of Burnett  
branch as we celebrate our

# 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH AS WE  
RECOGNISE 70 YEARS OF COMMUNITY  
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	DATE: Saturday 27th June
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	VENUE: Warialda Showgrounds
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*We would be delighted to have you  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

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

Flu Vaccines will be given if available.

**Coolatai** - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August

**Yetman** - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August

**Gravesend** - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August

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.*

**FEATURED BUSINESSES**



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# What's on

## JUNE 2026

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bingara District Historical Society - Monthly Meeting commencing 10:30am at the Bingara Museum Complex, 16-20 Maitland St, Bingara
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	River Walk, Destination a Surprise - Meet at Bingara Pool to carpool in 4WD vehicles - 9:00am - May collect Tiger Pear (so bring a bucket and tongs if you can) and we may see some Koalas.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Upper Horton Horse Sale - Starts at 11:00am - For bookings and enquiries call Leon Cummins on 0428 821 661
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Plan to Protect from Feral Pigs and Weeds - 6:00pm - Imperial Hotel, Bingara - Contact Jo on 0490 802 370
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Croppa Creek Cracker and Bonfire Night
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Morse - <b>Nowhere Land</b> Performance - Roxy Theatre, Bingara

## 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 - 10:00am to 3:00pm - Maitland Street, Bingara
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>	Glow Night Youth Disco - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Roxy Theatre, Bingara - Ages 13 to 18 - Bus Provided - FREE Event - DJ and music - Food and slushies - Games and prizes - Places are limited, RSVP is required - Contact Tori on 0408 454 813
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Upper Horton Campdraft
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas in July - Warialda Golf and Bowling Club - Live music - Great food - Tickets \$35 adult and \$20 child
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Family History Day Workshop - 1:00pm to 3:00pm - Free community event - Bookings are essential - 35 Plunkett Street, Warialda - Call 0427 222 698 to book
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	RRR North Star Motorbike Trail Ride

## AUGUST 2026

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Community Health Outreach Clinic - Coolatai
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Community Health Outreach Clinic - Yetman
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Flanno for a Farmer - Croppa Creek Bowling Club
TBA	Croppa Creek Bowling Club Karaoke Night
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Community Health Outreach Clinic - Gravesend
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Warialda Campdraft

# 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](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**.