



JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

Hi everyone and welcome to June!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Diary for this month.

Anyone wishing to add content to our Diary can leave their entries on the piece of paper in the Post Office or email me at newsletter@barmedman.com.au with details. It can be about the coming month – or something in the future.

Please leave/email your entries before the 21st of each month. Thank you!



CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: Slate hearth for wood burning fire in excellent condition.

1.25 metre wide by 1.21 metre deep

Ring 0458762052 for further information.



If anyone has any classifieds they would like to include in our Diary – please feel free to write them on the sheet at the Post Office or email me at newsletter@barmedman.com.au by the 21st of any month.

GENERAL NEWS

The Art & Craft Coffee Shop will remain closed until further restrictions are lifted.

If any locals wish to buy items from the shop they can contact Tania on 0455551431 or Patricia on 69762121.

The Truck Stop is now serving a selection of takeaway food and meal deals and you can help yourself to a free coffee while you wait.

Don't forget if you have any personal items or items of interest that you would like printed in the Barmedman News in the Temora Independent or West Wyalong Advocate please contact Shirley Clay.

BARMEDMAN BOWLING CLUB

Patrons will be pleased to hear that our Club is reopening for the first time since Covid19 restrictions.

Starting Thursday the 4th of June the club's opening hours will be:

Thursday 4.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Friday 4.00 pm – 12.00 am (Meals available Friday nights)

Saturday 2.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Sunday 1.00 pm – 8.00 pm



PATRONS ARE REMINDED THEY WILL NEED TO ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING AND GOOD HYGEINE PRACTICES

COMING EVENTS

Saturday 15th August - Depending on further restrictions being lifted it is hoped to hold a "Victory in the Pacific" Service at Soldiers Memorial Park on Saturday 15th August to commemorate the end of World War Two in our region.

Commencing at 10.30am the service will not be as formal as the Anzac Day one although it is hoped to have a Defence Force representative in attendance.

There will be a laying of wreaths for those who wish to do so. Those attending will be asked to bring a plate to share for morning tea.

Watch for further information in the July diary.

ON THIS MONTH:

CHURCH SERVICES:

At time of print it was unknown about the reintroduction of Church services in Barmedman.



BIBLE STUDY:

At time of print it was unknown about the reintroduction of Bible Study.



RECIPES



PLAY DOUGH

- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup table salt
- 2 tbsp cream of tartar
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 cup boiling water
- Food colouring

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a bowl, combine the flour, salt and cream of tartar. Mix well.
2. Add the oil
3. Mix a few drops of food colouring into the boiling water and add to the bowl.
4. Mix everything very well and massage with your hands until it is no longer sticky.
5. Once it has fully cooled, wrap in plastic and put in an airtight container. Store at room temperature for about 6 months.

HANDY HINTS

Always struggling to find the right band-aid? Sort them into various sandwich bags by size, shape, etc. and use the bandages themselves as labels on the front.

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### Sponge sanitizer

Your kitchen sponge is considered to be one of the dirtiest cleaning materials found in your home. To clean your sponge, simply wet the sponge and microwave it on high for 2 minutes. This will kill up to 99% of germs.

Please email me your Handy Hints at [newsletter@barmedman.com.au](mailto:newsletter@barmedman.com.au) (or write on the sheet at the General Store).

If you request it can be added in from "Anonymous".

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*Here's hoping for a safe and healthy June for everyone. First month of Winter.  
HOPE YOU STAY WARM!*

*On the next page is a beautiful poem written by John Raine before he passed away in March 2019. Thank you to John's brother, Steve (Postie), for sharing. RIP John.*

## *“BARMED BLUES” by John Raine*

It's dry in old Barmedman town,  
As dry as a hide on a fence.  
The farmer's aren't happy. They're starting to frown.  
Conversation's becoming quite tense.

Dust clouds blow in, much to our dismay  
Howling in from the North and the West  
Then turn 'round next day and blow t' other way!  
Can't make up their mind which way's best.

In the paddock, dust devils are dancing  
Their weird and silent ballet,  
Swirling and twirling and prancing,  
Then, ghostlike, just fading away.

Flies have gone blind, with so many eyes  
Full of sand don't know which way to trust  
And, to my surprise, I watched butterflies  
Come to land raising large clouds of dust!

The birds flying 'round have all turned red-brown,  
Can't hardly tell cockies from crows.  
Sparrows are coughing, a gravelly sound,  
The poor rooster blows ring when he crows!

And, it has to be said, all Kelpies are red!  
'least that's the impression I got.  
If it weren't for their names they'd all look the same,  
And, you couldn't call one of them Spot!

It's not really a drought, there's town water about  
And the mineral pool hasn't gone down,  
The pubs are both out, but there's still beer to shout  
At the "Bowlo" where the greens are now brown!

And there's still the loud rush as young Scrubby Bush  
Takes his truck load of lambs to the slaughter  
We'll fill his three decks with big bladders, by heck!  
So's next time he can bring back some water.

But, you see, it's the wind that's causing the twinges,  
Not just the lacking of rain.  
Last night, my gate blew right off it's hinges!  
And before that, my dog off his chain!

The birds all fly at low level  
And, for some, landing's quite a surprise!  
They fly backwards and go like the devil  
To keep the dust of their eyes!

And, when it comes to conserving our water,  
Our town planner is nobody's fool.  
If it gets any worse, he says that we oughter  
Close two lanes of the pool!!

But – let the dust fly – let the rain tumble down!  
Let the wind blow wild and free!  
I've made my home in this quiet, little town  
And there's no place that I'd rather be.