



JUNE 2021 VILLAGE DIARY

Bang-Up Bash!

Sunday 16 May 2021, saw the improvements to the Barmedman Community Recreation Grounds officially open to the public. The inaugural Barmedman Barbie Bash (The Bash) was great fun and included a distinct lack of pomp and ceremony (a long standing Barmedman tradition). It would be great to see The Barmedman Bash become an annual event.

The new permanent pump track and covered barbeque area, with free electric BBQ's and seating, have been made possible because of a grant from the Commonwealth Government's Drought Communities Program.

Steve and Linda should be congratulated for their effort in obtaining the grant for the Rec. Grounds improvements and The Bash, as well as organising the event itself. A huge shout out to everyone involved in any way who helped make the day a wonderful success. This includes mother nature, who kept the sun shining to combat the cold wind. It was great to see so many locals turnout to make the most of the free attractions.



Picture: Clockwise from top left, Ali, Darcy, Tony from Moruya, Chris, Sheridan, Tony from Moruya and Paul from Parkes entertaining visitors at The Bash.

A big shout out also needs to go to the Bland Shire Council outdoor and admin staff for all their behind the scenes support during construction as well as putting on the event. The musos loved the mobile stage and look forward to their next opportunity to use it!

The atmosphere on the day was relaxed and visitors were entertained with live music by some great local musicians Chris, Sheridan, Ali and Darcy. Our local talent was backed up

by Paul from Parkes with his Country and Western music and Tony from Moruya with his Rock and Blues. Tony proved invaluable by supplying the sound and PA equipment free of charge.

The frigid breeze carried the enticing smell of BBQ'd sausages and onions, supplied by Bland Shire and expertly prepared by Trish Stanmore and her helpers. Many hungry bellies were tempted and satiated by the magnificent blend of fresh

ingredients, culinary skills, and condiments.

Local businesses supported the event offering tasty treats. Neats Party Hire provided delicious free popcorn and fairy floss; Ali and Darcy brought their ice cream van (and were surprised by the eagerness of locals to gobble up their frozen treats on a freezing day). Kin & Co Wellness Bar with delicious soup and Coffee warmed hearts and hands.

Tristan's Mobile Barber Shop proved a big hit providing free haircuts for young and old alike. The Fashion Police reported; "All

scruffy and wayward hair was taken in hand and dealt with accordingly."



Picture: Tristan the Barber showing off his undercut handywork. Apparently, "BARMEDMAN is too long to fit on one head."

The Barbed Wire Craft Workshop, run by Amanda

O'Reilly, from Prickly Pears Tullibigeal, was well attended. The Eighteen participants were delighted with their creations which are now proudly displayed in homes as far away as Wagga. The Workshop was made possible through Workshop and Wine sponsored by the Bland Shire Council.

In conjunction with the Bash, Baptist Care Aged Services used the new Wellness Centre at 64 Queen Street to share information about services and support for older members of the community.



Picture: Happy customers outside Tristan's Mobile Barber Shop.

Barmedman Historical Display

No. 72 (aka 72 Queen Street) was kitted out with an historical display for The Bash. The display includes photos, newspaper clippings, from the early years of Barmedman's town, mineral pool and schools.

Several former residents returned for The Bash including Gill Beer from Leeton and her sister Robyn Batley from Nelsons Bay [both nee Kelly], accompanied by Robyn's daughter Leanne from Caringbah. As well as perusing

the historical display and attending The Bash, the girls travelled out to "Stoneleigh" their former family home.

Alan and Joy Harriot from Temora also enjoyed the historic display and were pleased to catch up with the Kelly girls, sharing memories and lots of laughs as they saw photos of themselves in earlier times.

Thank you to those who contributed to the historical display, sharing your history brought back lots of memories and laughs for many visitors.

The historic display will remain at No. 72 for some time yet and can be viewed on weekdays during business hours or via the Arts, Craft and Coffee Shop on Sundays from 10am until 1pm.

Welcome Back West Wyalong Advocate

After a four month hiatus it is great to have the West Wyalong Advocate back in circulation. It will be printed every Friday. Let's all get behind this local paper. If we want to continue to receive local independent news, we need to support them.

Cruising Along

Approximately thirty cars from Orange "Cruising Along" Car Club visited the Barmedman Mineral Pool on 4 May. Sixty club enthusiasts enjoyed our "hidden gem" as organiser Terry Davis called the pool.

The Barmedman General Store and the Arts, Craft and Coffee Shop catered for some lunches whilst others packed a picnic.

Terry and some of the crew visited the local school, giving the children backpacks and "goodies" bags donated by Orange Rotary.

As well as being club for car cruising enthusiasts, the Orange "Cruising Along" Car Club raise

money to support Cancer Care Western NSW. Members gain donations by selling advertising space on their cars and gather items from local businesses to auction, involving the local townspeople in the fund-raising efforts. This year the club is raising money for "Funding Clinical Trials" for Cancer Care

Western NSW.

Each car sporting John Davis Motors advertising earned a \$500.00 donation from the Motor Group. The members also purchased about \$100.00 in mosquito repellent from the Barmedman General Store for the auction.



Picture: Orange Cruising Car Club enthusiasts outside the Barmedman Mineral Pool.

Mineral Pool Mischief

The Barmedman Mineral Pool Committee have reported that the donation boxes and shower controllers at the Mineral Pools were vandalised, and money stolen. Replacing the locks and getting the showers up and running again will cost \$3,500. The money stolen is used to pay for the electricity to run the pool pumps, gas to heat the showers, water for the lawns and gardens as well as general maintenance and other running costs of the pool. The pool is run by Volunteers.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Thank you to everyone who supported the Biggest Morning Tea at the Arts, Craft and Coffee

Shop on 27 May. The shop donated one dollar from every cup of coffee or piece of slice sold on the day.

If you could not make it on the 27th and would like to donate, the donation boxes will be at the Arts, Craft and Coffee Shop and the Barmedman General Store until early June, so there is still time to make a contribution to Cancer Research.



Picture: Howard, Ray and Helen supporting the Biggest Morning Tea.

Maher Cup Book

Neil James Pollock has released a draft of part one of a book on the Maher Cup. For those of us under 50, or who weren't born locally, the Maher Cup was a rugby league challenge cup contested between teams from the New South Wales (NSW) South West Slopes and northern Riverina between 1920 and 1971.

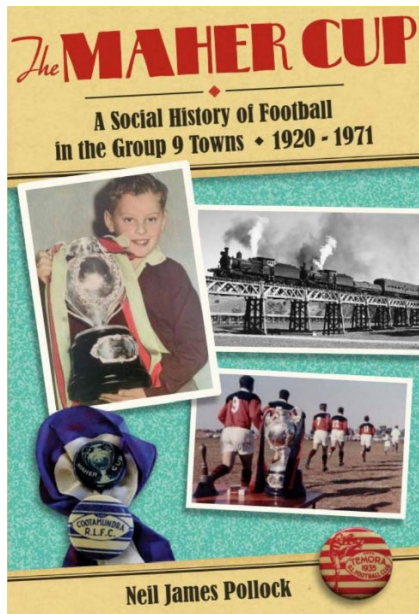
The book also seeks to reflect on what the communities were like in those years of recovery and hope after the Great War.

The Maher Cup challenge is where Barmedman became known as "the mouse that roared". Not because of the current rodent infestation, but because our team regularly defeated those of much larger

towns.

[Barmedman.] "The mouse that roared. Regularly defeating towns ten times its size there was something special about Barmedman. On Maher Cup Days the three pubs overflowed as the population of a few hundred became thousands. If the Cup was a religion this was its Jerusalem."

Barmedman had a great Maher Cup history with several players going onto greater things. When Quandialla failed to get enough players to field a team in 1952, many of their players travelled to Barmedman with enough players to make up three grades, 1st's 2nd and juniors.



Picture: Cover of the draft of The Maher Cup.

The author is interested in visiting Barmedman and scanning any pre 1971 football clippings, photos and football programs you may have tucked away for posterity. He is also interested in viewing the old records of the football club.

The draft can be downloaded from: mahercup.com.au/book.

The author welcomes all feedback, comments, criticism, complaints, corrections, additional information and questions. Email: neiljpollock@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

As mentioned last month, the Barmedman Courthouse needs a few basic repairs, and the fence needs painting. September has been delegated as the month for a community working bee. A specific date will be announced shortly so you can make space in your diary.

CLASSIFIEDS

Lounge for Sale

For Sale: Lounge in good condition Barmedman – \$50.00. Phone 0458 762 052



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ON THIS MONTH

Church Services:

St John's Anglican Church:

Morning Prayer
Sunday, 6 June, 8:00am

St Joseph's Catholic Church:

Mass
Sunday, 13 June, 8:00
Sunday, 27 June, 8:00

Bible Study

Thursdays 10 and 24 June at 2.30 p.m.

For more information, please ring Keith on 0408 003 760

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