

# CROOBLE CHRONICLE

Hello All,  
Well Christmas is hurtling towards us at breakneck speed and yours truly is (as usual) over-caffeinated and trying to do multiple tasks (badly) whilst trying to get on the road to Brisvegas (an hour and a half ago).  
The dust on every surface taunts me, as does the pile of washing which was all on my pre-trip to-do list but the upside of ageing is that as my eyesight deteriorates, it bothers me less. ☺  
Well I'm not going to go on about the woes that challenge us all, but suffice to say that I've had a word to Santa about what we'd all like for Christmas!  
Hope to see you at the community gatherings that keep us all soldiering on. Ed



## CROOBLE CAROLS

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 8TH, 2019  
6:30PM FOR 7PM START  
CROOBLE HALL

Program to include local talents sharing a carol or two  
(PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF SUPPER TO SHARE AFTERWARDS)



## Croppa Creek Store wins Gwydir Small Business of the Year!

Credit - Gwydir News

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners at this year's Gwydir Shire Business Awards!

Croppa Creek Store won the Small Business of the Year Award, proving yet again that small business can prosper in small communities.

Proprietors Todd and Carolyn Bellman took out the well deserved award recently and are reknowned for their community spirit and contribution to the village of Croppa Creek.

Pictured are from left, Jade Turner, Service NSW representative, Craig Aspinall, Prp. Carolyn Bellman and Jess Wells. Absent were Todd Bellman and Anthea O'Sullivan.



# CROPPA CREEK CHRISTMAS PARTY

**SATURDAY, 21ST DECEMBER  
2019**

**Club is open from 3pm  
SANTA ARRIVES AT 6.30PM**



**Raffles  
Yabbie Races  
Gumboot Toss  
Jumping Castle  
Barefoot Bowls  
Spit Roast Dinner  
Mail-Box Presentation**

*Please contact Gypsy in regards to  
Santa - 0457 994 351*

## Croppa Creek Bowling Club Dates

21/12/19 – Croppa Creek  
Christmas Party  
07/02/20 – Foreign Beer  
Night (Croppa Crows)  
23/02/20 – Beers For  
Batteries  
28/03/20 – Croppa Creek  
Gala Day  
25/04/20 – Anzac Day (Golf,  
Bowls, Tennis)

**I hate it when people  
ask me if I'm ready for  
Christmas. No Susan.  
I'm not even ready for  
today.**

CCBC 2019 Christmas Party  
Lucky Door Prize

**1 hr Joy Flight for yourself  
& 3 other people**

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\*\*Must be present at the Club at time of draw to claim prize\*\*

How awesome is this Prize!! Our Christmas  
Party will be on the 21st DEC. We are  
excited to celebrate with everyone big and  
small!!! 🎄

Croppa Creek Annual  
Mail-box/Property  
Entrance Sign  
Competition  
2019



Grab the Family &  
head out to the  
mailbox and whip  
together something  
creative & bold to  
show off the  
Christmas Spirit!!

Entry Forms will be  
available from the CCBC  
& Croppa Creek Store



My thoughts and well wishes are with everyone in the Crooble community as we come into the Christmas and festive period. As the drought continues I realise how tough things have been for farmers and businesses alike in the Gwydir Shire and so I'm hopeful, amongst the hours spent feeding and watering livestock this Christmas, you all take a little time for yourselves and your families.

During tough periods like this it's important we as a community stay in touch with each other and I'm glad to see the Crooble Chronicle is once again firing up and will be keeping everyone up to date with what's happening across the area.

To kick things off I want to let everyone know how supportive I am of efforts to secure \$52,713 for the installation of new electrical wiring and air conditioning in the Crooble War Memorial Hall. With water security front and centre for most communities at the moment these funds will also pay for the upgrade of the hall's water supply which includes the installation of two new tanks and a pump.

Council has applied for this funding through the State Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 3, with the grant currently being assessed and an outcome expected around March next year.

I remember in 2018 attending the fantastic local production of 'My Golden Triangle' last year and seeing the hall absolutely jam packed was a real treat and highlighted how well loved this venue is.

I will be keeping a close eye on the progress of this grant application and fingers crossed we have some good news in the New Year.

Again I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to catching up with the community in 2020.

## QUOTE FOR THE DAY

*"I will honour  
Christmas in my heart,  
and try to keep it all  
the year"*

**Charles Dickens**



# Happy Birthday!

**December -  
Carolyn Bellman,  
John Forsyth,  
Paige Whibley,  
Scott Kennett,  
Andrew and  
Henry Doering,  
Georgia  
Cruickshank, Lisa  
Westaway, Catie  
Bartelen**



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# Scholarships

Applications close **10 February 2020** - visit our website or call **07 4690 9555** for details

Can we help? Contact Marilyn to discuss school fee assistance for drought-affected families

[www.downlands.qld.edu.au](http://www.downlands.qld.edu.au)

**Downlands College**  
TOOWOOMBA QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA



### Croppa Creek PS visits Sydney!

CCPS students travelled to Sydney recently for a three day excursion which allowed them to experience many new things they might not otherwise have had an opportunity to do and took a little bit of the bush spirit to the big smoke. There were several sponsors, including Gywdir Shire Council (<https://www.facebook.com/GwydirShireCouncil/>) Inland Rail (<https://www.facebook.com/inlandrailofficial/>) & Clovelly Public School in Sydney (<https://www.facebook.com/clovellyPS/>). So to introduce themselves, they made a short video which you can see on their FB page.

Ex principal Matthew Jackman came back to visit and saw the extent of the drought and wanted to do something to help his old school. His new school, Clovelly PS, raised money through the 'fiver for a farmer' initiative, which went towards the cost of Opal cards and some of the activities scheduled. Part of their trip included a visit to Clovelly PS and the students had the opportunity to stay with some of their families. Other activities included visits to the Opera House, the Powerhouse Museum, Taronga Zoo, Parliament House, Centrepoint Tower and the Museum of Contemporary Art.

A wonderful Country to City partnership!



**Gwydir Shire Council** invites suitably qualified and experienced contractors to submit a tender for the Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuels for its operation.

Request for Tender documentation can be obtained through Councils website at no cost. <http://ow.ly/r9Kq50wK9B>  
Submissions are due by 5pm AEST, 13th December

## Request For TENDERS

Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuels



### Applications open for drought-focused BBRF

I'm urging eligible organisations in the Parkes electorate with projects ready to commence, to put forward their applications for the latest round of the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF).

BBRF is all about strengthening our local economy and delivering lasting benefits to local communities which we know are suffering the flow-on impacts of drought.

For more information on eligibility and applications, click here or call 13 28 46.





Local Land  
Services

Local Land Services is seeking skilled, motivated and experienced individuals to join our local boards to help grow our organisation and connect with the community!  
The term of 29 Ministerially-appointed board members end in March and April 2020.

The following chair and board member vacancies will become available in your area:

1 board member and 1 chair

Information about the roles, eligibility and the application process can be found on the website. If you require a hard copy of the Board Recruitment Package or further information, please contact your region's [Local Land Services](#) office.

Being a Local Land Services board member or chair provides leadership and professional development opportunities, while working to guide the strategic direction of our organisation through collaboration with the local community. If you think you would be an ideal candidate for one of these roles, apply today. You can also check your eligibility against the [Local Land Services Act 2013](#). Applications close Friday 13 December 2019, 5:00 pm. Visit <https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/> for more information.



Come and join us for our annual Christmas Party at the North Star Sporting Club on the 14th December 2019 from 4 pm NSW time.

We'll have a buffet style dinner with baked ham, rolls and sauces as well as a variety of salads, potato bake and dessert for the adults (\$ 25.00 per person), Kids will be free of charge and can enjoy a sausage sizzle and ice cream.

Like every year Santa will arrive in the fire truck around 6.30 pm NSW time.

Also our Christmas Raffle will be drawn that night. Tickets will be available for sale until 5 pm and are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Thank you for everyone that donate goddies to go and the wheel barrow. Lets see who will be the lucky winner!

It's not what's under the  
Christmas tree that matters  
it's who around it...



# MOREE CHRISTMAS RACES

**Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**From 12.00pm**  
**Moree Race Club**



## CHURCH NOTES

### BOGGABILLA SPECIAL DISTRICT TIME TABLE .

Sunday 3rd November to Sunday 19th January 2020

PLEASE NOTE ALL DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

Sunday 3rd Nov	Boggabilla	No Service.
	North Star	6:00pm
Sunday 10th Nov	Popinguy	9:00am
	North Star	6:00pm
Saturday 16th Nov	Parochial Council Meeting @ North Star @	2:30pm
Sunday 17th Nov	Yetman	9:00am
	North Star	6:00pm
Sunday 24th Nov	Croppa Creek	9:00am
	North Star	6:00pm
Sunday 1st Dec	Boggabilla	9:00am
	North Star	6:00pm
Sunday 8th Dec	Popinguy	NO SERVICE
	North Star	NO SERVICE
	CAROLS AT CROOBLE HALL	6:30pm for 7:00pm
Sunday 15th Dec	Yetman- Christmas Service	9.00am
	North Star	6:00pm
Sunday 22nd Dec	Croppa Creek Christmas Service	9:00am
	North Star	6:00pm
Christmas Day 25th Dec.	North Star	9:00am
Sunday 29th Dec	Croppa Creek	9:00am
Sunday 5th Jan	North Star	6:00pm
Sunday 12th Jan	Popinguy	9:00am
	North Star	6:00pm
Sunday 19th Jan	Yetman	9:00am
	North Star	6:00pm

For further information please ring Ran & Jenny (07) 4676 3186 or Ran 0427 291239

# NORTH STAR CLUB NEWS



Clear your schedules for the North Star Sporting Club Cocktail Party, 'A Night At The Star'! Held on the 29th of February commencing at 7pm, the Sporting Club is excited to announce the arrival of this event for all!

Whether you're a current resident looking for a great night out in a dressed up sporting club, a past resident looking to rekindle some memories of your old town or someone from another region just looking to have a great time, the Sporting Club welcomes all!

The aim of the night is to help raise funds which will be directed towards the construction of a children's room. This will assist the new mothers and fathers in the district by giving the children a safe area to enjoy within the club and the parents some peace of mind. Further details will be announced closer to the date, but be assured there will be a delicious selection of canapés, dinner and flowing drinks. Buses may potentially be organised to and from Goondiwindi depending on demand.

Tickets will be for sale online closer to February. We look forward to seeing you all supporting the club!

SARA STORER

Raindance

DROUGHT AND BUSHFIRE RELIEF CONCERT 2019



ARIA and 21 times Golden Guitar winner SARA STORER, along with her singer-songwriter brother, GREG STORER, is set to perform a special FREE family concert in Inverell for one night only

On Sunday 15th December 2019 at Inverell Town Hall, Otho St & Evans St, Inverell  
Show starts at 6pm

With a BBQ at interval (sausages are \$3 with the support of Apex Inverell)

Tickets - This is a FREE event for the whole family to enjoy. Its first come first served. Seating will be available. For further enquires please email: Maddy Noble on [madeleine.noble@yulgilbar.com.au](mailto:madeleine.noble@yulgilbar.com.au)

The night is proudly supported by: Arts North West Inc, The Yulgilbar Foundation and Apex Inverell

[WWW.SARASTORER.COM.AU](http://WWW.SARASTORER.COM.AU)



## North Star CWA Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at the Townhouse, Goondiwindi at 12:00 for 12.30 Qld Time please call Jenny Mitchell if you wish to attend  
07 4676 3186

TODAY'S ADVICE



SING CHRISTMAS SONGS  
AT WORK UNTIL THEY  
SEND YOU HOME

# CALENDAR

## December

8 <sup>th</sup>	Crooble Carols Night
12 <sup>th</sup>	North Star CWA Christmas lunch
14 <sup>th</sup>	North Star Club Christmas Party
	Moree Christmas Races
17 <sup>th</sup>	Croppa Creek PS Presentation Night
21 <sup>st</sup>	Croppa Creek Club Christmas Party
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day
31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Prawns with mango and avocado salad

#### Ingredients (serves 4)

- 4 handfuls mixed lettuce leaves
- 2 mangoes, cut into cubes
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 20 cooked prawns, peeled and deveined
- 2 avocados, cut into cubes
- 1 handful coriander leaves, chopped
- 1 long red chilli, chopped (optional)



#### DRESSING:

- 2 Tbsp white condiment (white balsamic vinegar)
  - 6 Tbsp olive oil
  - 1 Tbsp honey
  - 1/2 Tbsp wholegrain mustard
1. In a large bowl or on a platter, arrange lettuce, mango, onion, prawns and avocado.
  2. To make the dressing, shake ingredients in a jar until combined. Taste and adjust to your liking. Pour over salad, and sprinkle with coriander leaves and chilli.



Recently, Inland Rail and ARTC conducted the first round of industry supplier briefings to contractors / suppliers and interested parties to inform the community regarding being 'project ready' when work commences late 2020.

If you are interested in gaining assistance to ensure you are prepared in this capacity, a workshop is being held on:

**10 December 2019**

### Capability Development Workshop

**Time: 8:30am for 9am start – 4pm**

**The Max centre, Level 1/30 Heber Street, Moree, NSW, 2400**

As part of our commitment to maximise the benefits of Inland Rail for local and Indigenous businesses and social enterprises, we are holding workshops on how to prepare a capability statement to promote their expertise.

## ADVERTISING RATES

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