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It is almost 50 years since the Roxy Café served its last milk shake. This week, take a trip down memory lane as the Roxy Café re-opens for business. Turn to page 3.

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Faces in the orange trees. Bingara Central School students take part in the 2011 picking ritual. This year's pick will be held on Friday.

Bingara ready for a special time

Bingara's famous Orange Festival will be on this Friday, Saturday and Sunday and once again it is all about oranges.

On Saturday, the centrepiece of the festival, a host of activities get underway from 9am in Maitland Street with everything organised to run in conjunction with the town's 150 year Central School celebration re-union, which kicks off on Friday.

Independent Member for New England, Richard Torbay, will be on hand to open the Bingara Orange Festival which will see the main street of Bingara erupt in music, colour and fun.

The second annual Busking Competition will be the major feature at this year's festival.

After the success of last year's competition the total prize pool has been increased to \$1000.

Places in the competition are limited so get your application form early.

Also in its second year will be the Great Orange Cook Off, with seven categories including; best cake, jam, junior cook and orange carving sections.

Prizes for the Cook Off have been kindly provided by The Roxy, Bingara.

"We will also have the ever popular market stalls, amusement rides for the young and young at heart, face painting, cupcake decorating and food, food, food!" said Tracey Carr, of Gwydir Shire Council.

The street parade will commence at 1pm with the theme "Education".

"We have \$100 "Bingara Bucks" on offer for the entry judged the most creative on the day," Tracey added.

Other events in Bingara over the three days:

• All weekend – The Roxy Café is open for business, evening bookings essential

- Friday, 9.30am Orange Picking Ceremony
- Friday, 10.30am Bingara Central School Formal Assembly, Morning Tea and Open Day
- Friday, 8pm Matt Zarb and special guest Ben Nelson Live at the Roxy
- Saturday, 5.30pm School 150th Anniversary and Reunion Dinner
- Sunday, 8am Lions Barbecue Breakfast and ecumenical service at Bingara Central School

For more information on the 2012 Bingara Orange Festival contact Tracey Carr phone (02) 6724 2000, <a href="mailto:ema

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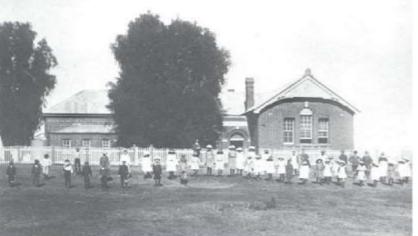
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The first brick school building at Bingara Central School.



Bingara Public School students, circa 1913.

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Bingara Central School – 2012.

Bingara celebrates 150 years of public schooling

Bingara Central School will celebrate 150 years of Public Education over three days from this Friday to Sunday, to coincide with the annual Bingara Orange Festival.

The anniversary celebrations kick off with the traditional Orange Picking Ceremony in Finch Street, Bingara on Friday morning at 9 30am

This, in itself, is a 50-year-old tradition where students harvest oranges from the trees planted as a living memorial to Bingara's fallen in World Wars I and II.

The Orange Picking Ceremony will be followed by a formal school assembly with the rededication of the school library and the burial of a time capsule followed by open classrooms, lunch in the school grounds and student performances.

Bingara Central School Principal, Mr Mark Vale said that the 150th Anniversary was a great opportunity to recognise past and present school and student achievements.

Saturday is the big day for Bingara's Orange Festival and from 9.30am classrooms will be open at the school.

A Bingara Central School float will feature in the Orange Festival main street parade which will depart from the school at 1pm.

The formal anniversary function will be held at the Civic Centre in Maitland Street from 5.30pm and will feature a three-course meal, recognition of past and present achievements, class re-unions and a street party.

The music will be provided by 'The Brass Arcade' whose line up boasts a former student whose love of music was nurtured through the band program at school.

On Sunday Bingara Lions Club

is hosting a breakfast at school to be followed by an open air Ecumenical Service in the school grounds.

For more information contact Mark Vale (Principal) on (02) 6724 1606 or via email bingara-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Bookings for the reunion are essential as the more than 400 expressions of interest already received indicate that many former students, staff and others, with connections to Bingara Central School, are planning on returning to Bingara for the weekend.

Bookings are being managed by the Bingara Tourist Office who can be contacted on (02) 6724 0066 or email bingaratourism@gwydir.nsw. gov.au

Further enquiries can be made by contacting the school.



Lucky winners, Brenden and Justine Knowles took home a Matador barbecue and outdoor kitchen package donated by GJ Gardner Tamworth, as a lucky door prize for visiting the company's display home.

GJ Gardner Open Day a huge success

The response to GJ Gardner's Open House late last month in gunnedah, was nothing short of amazing, according to GJ Gardner Principal, Daniel Urquhart.

"Despite the wet and cold weather of the previous day a huge crowd turned out to explore our new display home 'The Coolum Estate' " said Dan

Coolum Estate'," said Dan.
"Proving true to its design, The
Coolum Estate had room for everyone
and the Open Day really was fun for all
the family.

"The enticing smell of the sausage sizzle was hard to ignore while the kids had their faces painted and had a great time on the jumping castle.

"All visitors on the day were entered in the draw to win an outdoor kitchen package supplied by Bunnings Warehouse. "The lucky winners of the outdoor kitchen were Brett and Justine Knowles of Gunnedah.

"Natalie and I would like to thank all those who participated on the day including suppliers, tradesmen, staff and especially the public.

"Without their help and participation, the day would not have been such a success." Dan added.

"If you would like to come and view our new display home, opening hours are Thursday and Friday 10am to 4pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10am to 3pm, located at 6 Boronia Drive, Mornington Estate Gunnedah.

"Or should you like to discuss building a home contact our office located in Tamworth on (02) 6765 2634."

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Welcome to new-look Bingara Roxy Café

Almost half-a-century since it last served a milk shake or a mixed grill, Bingara's Roxy Café is again open for business.

The iconic establishment, once a part of the magnificent Roxy Theatre complex in Bingara's main street, will re-open its doors on Wednesday to coincide with the town's annual Orange Festival and the Bingara Central School's 150 ear celebration re-union.

The theatre, restored to its former glory and now regarded as one of the State's premier tourism facilities, has been hosting worldclass artists and stage and screen productions for several years. It was only natural that the café, closed for close to 46 years, would also be 'brought back to life'. Restoration was complete last ear in time for the 75th Anniversary Gala Ball which celebrated the town's Greek connection with an unforgettable evening of feasting and festivity under the stars. The only hurdle was finding someone to keep the café's doors open.

Enter Vio and Ayesha Nedianu. Vio, a native of Timisoara in Romania, came to Bingara when he saw the search was on for someone to take over the Roxy, saw what had been done to the café, and fell in love all over again.

Vio and Ayesha and five of their eight children – Amira, Zacharia, Ramona, Latifa and Hercules – have left Brisbane and their family Italian ristorante behind to make a new home in the town known as the Gem of the New England.

Together with chef Davinder (Bobby) Singh, Vio and Ayesha have been "burning the midnight oil" to ensure everything is in readiness for the weekend's big opening.

"This is a great opportunity for our family to establish someone



ABOVE: Vio Nedianu, left, and his assistant, Davinder (Bobby) Singh, are looking forward to the opening of the The Roxy Café this week.

RIGHT: Peters & Co, a scene captured in the café shortly after it was opened in the 1930s.

important in this wonderful town," said Vio.

"We have been made feel incredibly welcome by the people of this wonderful town and the council and the people who are behind making the Roxy complex one of the true treasures of the region," said Vio.

"We fell in love with bingara and the café and we plan to make it once again a place for people to gather and enjoy fine food."

The new menu at the Roxy Café will feature lunch fare and a special evening presentation, specialising in Italian, Indian and Australian

"Lunch will be light and practical with wraps, sandwiches, calamari, bolognaise and functional meals.

"For our evening menu, there will be exquisite entrees and great desserts and we are going to feature a lot of fresh seafood, with for example a risotto with crab, prawn, bug meat, chilli, white wine, garlic and fresh tomato sauce," Vio added.

"We will be providing fine Italian cured meats, select olives and cheeses and our coffee is the superb boutique roasted Rouge provided especially for us from our good friends in Brisbane," Vio added.

Fully licensed, patrons will be able to enjoy a selection of local and imported wines and beers.

The set-up of the refurbished Roxy Café lends itself perfectly to functions such as weddings, birthdays and parties and Vio and Ayesha plan to cater to that market.

They encourage and welcome tour buses and visitors to the nearby Roxy Theatre who also want to enjoy a fine meal in an ambiance reminiscent of an era that what was a once-thriving Greek café culture.



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Hobby Mania special

Gentlemen ... start your engines! It is with these few words that automobile races around the world begin.

Next Saturday in Gunnedah, radio controlled and model car enthusiasts ill fire up their machines at a special get-together.

It is a hobby that allows everyone in the family – dad, mum and the kids – to compete on even terms.

Scott Leader, of Leader's Castle and Hobby Mania, Gunnedah, is the man behind the model car rally,

Which he hopes will bring enthusiasts from all over the North West and New England to town. "It is also Hobby Mania's first

birthday and we are looking forward

to seeing enthusiasts from all over the region coming together to compare and put their machines through their paces," said Scott.

"We are hoping that we can have a section of the footpath and surrounds outside the shop cordoned off so that spectators can see what some of these cars, trucks and offroad models, can really do."

Scott said the first 12 months of Hobby Mania has been outstanding.

"This is a very popular hobby that everyone in the family can enjoy and it doesn't cost a fortune to become involved," Scott added.

"You can gain entry to the sport relatively cheaply and where you want to go after that is up to you. "You can progress up to the big machines that need the wide open spaces as they reach speeds of up to 100kp/h."

As part of his celebration for Hobby Mania, Scott is putting on a special sale.

From 8.30am to 10am customers will be able to save 25 per cent off hobby items not already listed for sale.

Between 10am and 11am there will be 15 cent off and 10 per cent off between 11am and noon.

As well as great savings, Scott also carries an extensive range of all the popular makes and models including HPI, LRP, GV, Traxxas, Axial RC and spares to cover any emergency.

The remote-controlled helicopter range includes Twister, Double Horse, Esky as well as Pacific Balsa as well as Redback and Glo Max fuels.

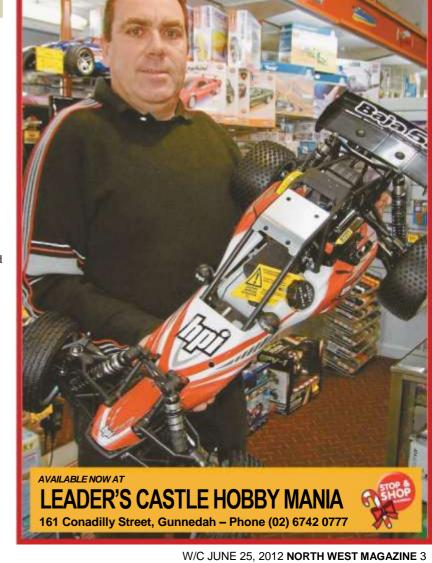
Leader's Castle also carries a range of other toys and kids' activities, racing boats and radio-controlled Abrams tanks, bikes, prams and strollers and some tempting treats for those with a sweet tooth.

"We are sponsoring a barbecue on Saturday morning which will aid the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, so come on down and enjoy a sausage sizzle," Scott added.

For further details contact Scot Leader at Leader's Castle and Hobby Mania, Gunnedah, (02) 6742 0777.



Model cars to suit all budgets and tastes are available at Hobby Mania, Leader 's Castle, Gunnedah.



Bingara Correspondential Saturday, Sanday, June 30, 1011/14, 2012

Most houses sold by Bingara Real Estate gent, Judy Northcott of H. (Roy) Miller Pty Ltd. are bought by people moving to the town.

"They all say it is a nice town, and are initially attracted by the river," udy

"They also say the town is clean and tidy.

Older people, she said, ook for medical facilities

Bingara boasts an excellent Medical Centre, the newly completed Multi-Purpose Service which provides both acute care and nursing home accommodation, and Touriandi, the aged care hostel. recently underwent major

"Bingara's location hich is central to the major centres in the region is also an advantage," Judy

"The biggest bonus for people moving to Bingara is the reliable water supply," Judy added.

"It is very attractive to people who have had water restrictions.'

Ros and Paul Moulton, ho moved to Bingara from Sydney seven years ago, say they have socialised more in Bingara than hen they lived in Sydney, because it is easier'

"There is plenty to do if people choose to be involved," Ros said.

Bingara's 'A country town that property specialist really shines

that shines with opportunities and interesting activities for visitors of

Imagine a town that offers you a friendly safe and healthy environment in which you and your family can take a well earned and relaxing break imagine Bingara!

The beauty of Bingara's natural geography, history and heritage of the area, the friendlithe exciting and diverse range of things to do will encourage you to extend your visit and return, again and again.

To those contemplating an inland holiday, you are enthusiastically recommended Bingara as your destination. To those of you considering a 'tree change', Bingara is not only a great place to visit, but a wonderful location

in which to settle perma-

The Bingara district is a rich and fertile area.

A diverse range of livestock including cattle, sheep, horses, alpacas, pigs and poultry are bred in the area while wheat, sorghum, lucerne and oats are all produced in the region.

The surrounding 'blue hills' of Bingara are covered with cypress pine and ironbark. The beauty

of this natural amphitheatre catches visitors by

Bingara's altitude of 300 metres above sea level ensures a climate of beautiful spring and autumn days through April, May and September, October.

June to August has cold frosty nights and sunny days. November through to January boasts a dry heat with little humidity.

Nestling on the western edge of the New England Tablelands, in a region known as the North West Slopes, Bingara is located 150km north of Tamworth, 70km west of Inverell, 604km north of Sydney and 500km south of Brisbane.

Bingara is at the centre of the Fossickers Way, a route which offers the traveller a quiet alternative to the New Engand or Newell Highways.

Situated on the Gwydir River, Bingara is the gateway to the mighty Copeton Dam.

Bingara is a one-stop shop with all your needs catered for.

There is a daycare centre, K-10 Central School as well as a medical centre and hospital.

On the river you will find the swimming complex alongside a picturesque caravan park with both self contained caravans and cabins available.

Sample the hospitality and enjoy a unique holiday experience in Bingara – where you are only limited by your imagination.

And don't forget a visit to the magnificent Roxy Theatre complex which is now complete with the re-furbishment and reopening of the Roxy



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This year's Orange Festival is bigger and juicier!

The Orange Festival will be held this Saturday with amusement rides for all to enjoy, fairy floss, stalls, performances, competitions, activities for the kids, face painting and cup cake decorating.

'The 'Sand Wizard' will also be at the Festival so you can create sand art!" said Tracey Carr, Gwydir Shire

"Also, don't forget to register your parade float and pick up an entry form for the Great Orange Cook Off.

"If you can sing, play an instrument, dance, juggle, breath fire, or entertain a crowd in any way, you can again compete in the Orange Festival Busking Competition.

and take home cash.'

With the total prize pool being increased to \$1000, there is more incentive than ever to show what you

This year there will be three secret judges who will be walking the street all day before making their decision on

"So get rehearsing and get your entries in," Tracey added

Forms can be collected from the Council Offices in Bingara and Warialda, or, down loaded from the Bingara website 'What's On' page www.bingara.com.au

For more information on the 2012 Bingara Orange Festival contact Tracey Carr on (02) 6724 2000, email



mperial Hotel is a proud upporter of Orange Festival

Imperial Hotel publicans Erik and Noelene Ozols continue to support Bingara and of course, the Orange

Erik and Noelen will again ensure their popular hotel is the centre of activity during Bingara's Orange Festival and they look forward to welcoming back old friends and making new visitors to their hotel welcome.

Plenty of refreshment and the prospect of entertainment will be the order of the day on Saturday, ensuring that the Imperial is one of the focal points of the

"We are again looking forward to the festival and helping to promote Bingara," said Erik.

Erik and Noelene have called Bingara home since 1994 and are now well and truly valuable and highlyrespected members of the Bingara community.

At the Imperial, Erik and Noelene have eight excellent rooms - one family, six doubles, one for disabled all with DVD players and a library of DVDs for their motel guests.

The hotel's upstairs rooms also have ensuites.

"We opted for DVDs instead of Pay TV because of the wider choice of movies we could offer.

"We have the rooms priced at only \$65 a double and they are not only clean but very affordable.

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Bingara Corage Extensile Sail Sail saturday, Sunday, June 30, July 1, 2012

9.30am Orange Picking Ceremony, Finch Street itside the Bingara RSL

9.45am Picking of the Oranges

10.30am Displays in the school auditorium and brary all day

11am Morning tea at Bingara Central School 11.30am Formal Assembly, Re-dedication of the Library, entertainment.

12.30pm Open Classrooms for parents, family, friends and past students of Bingara Central School 1pm Lunch available at Bingara Central, please ontact school for ordering

2pm Entertainment, planting of the time capsule, unveiling of anniversary plaque, memorial plaque plus open classrooms.

4pm Great Orange Cook Off entries to be delivered to the Bingara Office of Gwydir Shire Council.

Saturday

9am 2012 Bingara Orange Festival commences. Open school—150 years of education on display Busking Competition gets underway.

From 10am Busking Competition Entrants perform n stage throughout the day from 10am Bingara Minor League at Gwydir Oval game times are:

under 8's - 10am, under 10s -10.50am,

under 12's -11.40am and under 16s -12.30pm 11am Official Opening by the Hon. Richard Torbay MP

National Anthem by Matt Zarb

12pm Street parade assembles in Riddell Street eside the school

12pm Roxy presentation and tour, a fascinating behind the scenes look at Bingara's iconic Roxy Theatre 1pm Street parade along Finch and Maitland Streets 3pm Winners of the Busking Competition announced 3pm Orange Festival concludes

3pm Walking Tour of the Living Classroom or information and bookings phone

Rick Hutton: 0428 255 380

5.30pm Formal Anniversary Function, Maitland Street and The Civic Centre with

Hugh Whitfeld live entertainment.

Sunday

8am Bingara Lions Club Breakfast at Bingara Cenal School

10am Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Bingara Central School

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Gwydir Tourism Officer Jenny Mead and a selection of the memorabilia section of The Roxy. Ask Jenny for a look at the monogrammed The Roxy underwear which would make the perfect special gift!



Faithfully restored and refurbished, the interior of the Roxy Café which will open its doors for the first time in almost 50 years this week.









