

Letters To The Editor



The Editor,
Barraba Gazette.

Dear Sir,

Last week's Gazette contained a letter from Kylie Hargreaves, Deputy Secretary Resources and Energy (DRE). She says that she writes to correct a misunderstanding regarding community consultation surrounding the demolition of a building on the Woodsreef site. I would assure both the Barraba community and Ms Hargreaves that there has been no misunderstanding in regard to the information that was given to me by the project manager of the Woodsreef Rehabilitation project. I have understood every word she has said and sort clarification when deemed necessary.

Ms Hargreaves has never attended a Woodsreef Community Advisory Group (WCAG) meeting or to the best of my knowledge never attended a Woodsreef Taskforce meeting. Any information Ms Hargreaves claims to have is second hand information from her colleagues in DRE. My information is first hand and can be backed up by the other members of the WCAG including those mem-

bers who live outside of Barraba. Ms Hargreaves goes on to explain how the welfare of workers, community and environment is paramount to DRE (and this is the best bit folks) and at all times plans have been made public. I'd like to know where Ms Hargreaves. As far as this member of the public is concerned, nothing could be further from the truth. I would go as far to say that at least some of the plans have been purposely withheld from the public so the DRE could get the job done with the least amount of damage to their budget.

At all of our WCAG meetings, emails and phone calls there was absolutely, and I say absolutely, no mention of any type of controlled demolition by induced collapse or otherwise. For Ms Hargreaves to say that Jason Simcocks from Delta advised that Delta was currently in discussion with WorkCover about the controlled collapse at the October 20th WCAG meeting is totally false. To say that the presentation at this meeting covered topics such as controlled collapse and use of cutting charges is a total fabrication. It is

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This year the off-season at Barraba Memorial Swimming Pool Complex will be busier than ever with Learn to Swim classes for children being offered for the first time in the hydrotherapy pool.

Classes will start on Monday 20 April and run the 10 weeks of the school term.

Tamworth Regional Council Operations Manager Sports Dome and Aquatics, Melissa Finlay, said Barraba is the first location to have the new Learn to Swim Program which will be offered at other Council pools next summer.

simply not true. I specifically asked the Delta representatives at the October 20th WCAG meeting in front of everybody present how the building would be dismantled. I was told along with everybody else present that the building would be dismantled piece by piece with powerful hydraulic sheers including the concrete floors in the building. There was no mention of a controlled collapse or the use of explosives. The final paragraph of Ms Hargreaves letter goes on to say that "DRE will continue to remain proactively engaged with the community and the WCAG". As far as I can tell the only thing that DRE has been proactively engaged in is covering each other

Danny Ballard

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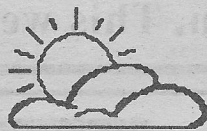
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