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Bingara has Clean Up Australia in the Bag



Bingara Youth Group volunteers found plenty of rubbish in the Gwydir river.

The cleanest little town in the North West got a little cleaner over the weekend thanks to the efforts of 80 Clean Up Australia volunteers.

Bingara had the largest number of site registrations in the North West, with nine sites of local significance nominated for a Clean Up Australia Day check and clean.

Local groups, supported by Gwydir Shire Council, participating in Clean Up Australia Day included the Bingara Lions Club, the Bingara Anglers Club, Youth Space, The Bingara Men's Shed, The Bingara Garden Club, Bingara SES, the Country Women's Association, Vision 20/20, local residents and out of town visitors.

Sunday was a beautiful day to be out and about in the environment. It is a credit to Bingara that so many

local residents have such strong community spirit and interest in their local environment.

About 70% of the environmental

'rubbish' collected on Sunday is able to be recycled.

Further details will be in next weeks Bingara Advocate.



Council's Environmental Manager, Glenn Pereira, Bingara Clean Up Australia organiser, Elizabeth Kakoschke, and Lions Club President, Steve Adams survey a vast quantity of bags of rubbish collected from public areas around Bingara. The rubbish was sorted into recyclable and other for disposal.

Welcome Nashos!

Members of the National Servicemen's Association and their partners have begun arriving in Bingara for the Annual Nashos reunion this weekend.

For a program of Nashos weekend events, please turn to Page 4, or the RSL Club advertisement on Page 12.

Street vendors addressed in new Council policy

Itinerant vendors and stall proprietors will soon be required to obtain a permit from Council prior to operating on Council land within the Gwydir Shire Council area, according to a new draft policy adopted by Council at its meeting, held on February 23. The Itinerant Vendors and Standing Stalls draft policy aims to give the business community, Council staff and the general public, clear guidelines on how itinerant traders and stalls should be operated.

An "itinerant vendor" is defined in the policy as a person who offers

goods for sale, whether such goods are carried about in any vehicle or stall or cart, in any basket or other receptacle or on the person, upon any road or land under the control of the Council, not standing for any time other than while executing a sale. A "hawker" is defined as a person selling food, or any article or service, from public streets and lands, making brief and intermittent stops to serve customers.

The policy, if accepted, will require the payment of an approval fee which will be set annually. The proposed

fees will see a day permit costing \$60, an events permit, which goes for more than one day, will be \$85 and an annual approval fee will cost \$700.

The draft policy also states that stalls shall not trade within 200 metres of a retail shop selling similar goods, with an exemption for community organisations. Provisions have been made in the policy for the use of stalls, both in and out of urban areas.

Council will be advertising the draft policy and fees on its website and in local papers to seek comment from the public.

Death of respected medical pioneer

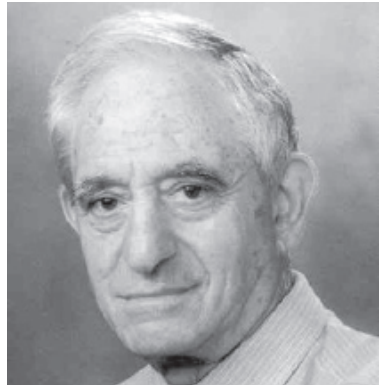
Dr Archie Kalokerinos, Bingara's well respected General Practitioner from 1982 to 1992, passed away last week at the age of 84.

Many people in Bingara believed the town was very fortunate to have the benefit of his knowledge and experience for the years he and his wife and children, Catherine, Helen and Peter lived here. Many people have stories about "Dr Archie" treating patients at all hours of the day and night.

Dr Kalokerinos has many accolades to his name, including Greek Australian of the Century, which he was awarded in 2000 by the Melbourne-based Greek newspaper Neos Kosmos. He held controversial opinions on a number of medical issues but he is known world wide for his faith in Vitamin C which led him to treat many conditions with high intravenous doses of the substance, especially within the Aboriginal community.

Archivides Kalokerinos was born in Glen Innes in 1927. Both his parents were Greek, his father coming from Kythera. He completed his medical degree from Sydney University in 1951 and then spent six years in England. When he returned to Australia he was appointed Medical Superintendent of the Collarenebri hospital. While there, Dr Kalokerinos became very concerned about the high death rate of Aboriginal children in that part of NSW. He came to the conclusion that the infants had symptoms of scurvy, a deficiency of vitamin C.

His best known book, Every Second Child, published in 1974 concerned the revelations he made in his scientific studies focussing on Vitamin C. Dr Kalokerinos claimed that many infants were dying as the result of vitamin C deficiencies and that these deaths could be prevented by an injection of the vitamin. According to Dr Kalokerinos, vitamin C deficiencies could result from infections, gut disturbances including parasitic infestation and other immune insults, including vaccination. The book highlights the dramatic effect that injections of vitamin C had in saving the lives of many young infants. The double Nobel Prize winner, Linus Pauling endorsed his views in



the foreword to Dr Kalokerinos' book, Every Second Child. In 1975 Phillip Noyce produced the compelling film about Dr Archie Kalokerinos and aboriginal healthcare, entitled "God only knows why, but it works".

Dr Kalokerinos' interests were eclectic. He was recognised as an international authority on opals, writing two books on the subject, In Search of Opal and Australian Precious Opal. His knowledge came from first hand experience, when in 1965 he took three years away from medicine to join two Greeks from Kythera, opal mining at Coober Pedy.

Dr Kalokerinos was made a Life Fellow of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health, of the International Academy of Preventive Medicine, of the Australasian College of Biomedical Scientists, of the Hong Kong Medical Technology Association, and a Member of the New York Academy of Sciences. In 1978 he was awarded the AMM (Australian Medal of Merit) for outstanding scientific research. Dr Kalokerinos was for some time an Honorary Medical Advisor for Aboriginal Health, of which he had long been a champion.

A prolific writer and researcher, Dr Kalokerinos saw 28 of his scientific research papers published in Australian Medical Journals.

Dr Kalokerinos retired from full time practice in 1993 and after doing some locum work in Tamworth, spent most of his time doing private research until age caught up with him.

A service of Thanksgiving was to be held on Wednesday, March 7 at St Michael's Anglican Church, Gulliver Avenue, Vacluse. Those attending were asked to "wear something bright and to consider a donation to Alzheimer's Australia in lieu of flowers."



Dr. Archie Kalokerinos with some of the Aboriginal children with whom he worked.