Man dies after Bingara crash

A 54-year-old man died following a car crash near Bingara on Saturday.

Two men – a 32-year-old and the 54-year-old – were travelling north in an unregistered Holden utility along Old Barraba Road, Bingara.

Around 4pm, the ute left the roadway 200 metres south of Fossickers Way and struck a tree.

Witnesses called emergency services to the location and the 32-year-old man was removed from the car before being taken to Bingara Hospital.

His injuries are not believed to be life-threatening.

The 54-year-old man sustained fatal injuries and died at the scene.

An investigation into the matter is now underway, and police will prepare a report for the Coroner.

WEATHER WATCH

TODAY

Mostly sunny Min 8 Max 20

SATURDAY

Rain Min 14 Max 7

SUNDAY

Min 11 Max 15

MONDAY

Possible shower Min 6 Max 16

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Clontarf students set sail in Sydney

SIX students from the Inverell High School Clontarf Academy set sail on Sydney Harbour from in the last week of April.

Matt Edmonds, Jarrad Humphries, Steven McGrady, Dean Davis, Josh Williams and T1 Neilson participated in an advanced course with the Sailors with disabilities Winds of Change program during April 28-30.

Backed by the Inverell East Rotary Club, the boys made their second trip with the program that teaches students from all walks of life and abilities how to sail a boat.

The students were paired with a group of Glebe students who were also making the trip, and weathering tough, often dysfunctional lives.

Clontarf operations manager Shane Edmonds accompanied the boys to Sydney, and felt proud of how the boys handled themselves and offered assistance.

“Our boys, when they got there, mentored them straightaway. It was good because they picked one person each, there was girls there as well, and they did some drills and games with them. And then they mentored them for half a day,” he said.

Dean Davis said he swapped common interests and stories with the students, and then helped them learn how to sail the boat.

One activity was to harness up and climb the mast. Dean said that was a good for confidence-building.

“They had to trust the people they only just met, and it was good. Most of them did trust us. The first fellow that went up, he just liked it for the view, but then I ended up going up, and the best view, though,” Dean said, shaking his head with a grin.

“This time, it was good to meet other people and teach them stuff that we learnt here, and try to be a leader up there a bit more.”

Josh said when they went out through the heads, he did get a little frightened, but he would do it again.

“I was afraid the boat would tip over, and they said it was impossible the boat would tip over,” he said with a laugh.

“We went out with people who had disabilities and could not read or spell. We had to help them. Pretty fun and exciting. It'd be nice to do it again, because it's fantastic,” Josh also played the didgeridoo, performed traditional dance, and told stories of the Dreamtime to the group.

Reading improving young imaginations

By SIMON McCARTHY

IT is something mums and dads know well—that reading to children excites the imagination and can have a lasting impact on their approach to stories and story telling in later life. However, as technology - the sometimes strange compatriot of the bookworm world - becomes an ever more important part of our daily routine, it is important to keep a firm hold on the things that really matter.

Hilary Fuller has been reading books for most of her life and has been reading to her children, and grandchildren, for most of theirs, and said there is nothing quite so effective as a good story to excite a young mind.

“It is very important, I think, to use that part of your brain that listens and computes what is going in that way,” she said.

“I think children under one-year-old, if you read them going and teaches them how to write and to read,” Fiona added.

Both tradition bookworms, the ladies said they have both branched out into the world of e-Books and Kindles, there is nothing quite the same as a book.

“It is a very nice time for parents and grandparents to sit and read and talk about the stories with them. They enjoy the closeness of that. And an iPad doesn't excite your imagination in the way that a book can,” Hilary said.

“I take a Kindle if I am travelling, because I can’t comfortably take a pile of books, but you miss it. You miss the feeling of turning a page and what is coming next.”

“It’s the tactile thing of turning the pages and, I don’t know, I love the smell of books and the feel of them,” Fiona chimed in.

And it is something that continues to have an impact well after childhood.