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## Pipeline becomes lifeline

The Malpas Dam to Guyra pipeline has become Guyra's lifeline and is now the sole source of water for the town. Water in the Guyra dam is now being preserved for emergencies and sits at just 21 days of supply.

The \$13 million pipeline was officially switched on by Deputy Premier John Barilaro, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall and Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray on Monday morning.

The pipeline is now pumping 48 litres of water per second to the Guyra water treatment plant with the capability to pump up to 60 litres when needed.

"Given this current drought conditions, this pipeline is a savior for Guyra," Mr Marshall said.

"We made sure this project progressed quickly, providing \$820,000 in additional emergency funding to get water pumping through the pipeline earlier than planned and to cover the cost of water carting from Armidale.

"This project is critical to unlocking Guyra's growth potential and I thank the community and council for its incredibly strong support for this project.

ARC Mayor Simon Murray said the completion of the pipeline was a significant achievement for the region and has provided a lifeline to the Guyra community during these unprecedented drought conditions.

"The pipeline was always conceived as an emergency backup for Guyra and



**MALPAS PIPELINE OPEN:** Deputy Premier John Barilaro, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall and Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray

wasn't expected to be used 100 per cent of the time," Cr Murray said.

"The trucks have now stopped and all of Guyra's water is coming via the pipeline, providing vital household treated water to the community.

"Our focus now for the entire Armidale region is to save water and avoid our day zero in just over 400 days. Every drop we conserve now means we prolong a date with day zero."

Mr Barilaro also announced a further

\$5.77 million will be provided by the State Government to support the design and construction of an emergency water pipeline from the decommissioned Puddledock Dam to Armidale's water treatment plant.

Since Puddledock Dam was decommissioned in 1968 it has only been used as an emergency water supply but with drought conditions continuing it may soon be called on to play a larger role.

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# TroutFest a winner in tough times

The Guyra Trout Festival is renowned for bringing rain and while a short shower dispersed crowds towards the end of the market day, organisers were blessed with good weather and good crowds. Festival coordinator Lynne Chapman said that the only disappointment was the attendance at the concert on Saturday evening, but other events reported a steady stream of visitors.

The car boot sale was very popular and with quite a few people come up from Armidale to browse, but Lynne said that a bigger crowd would have done justice to the effort the people put into it. There was an amazing array of quality goods all presented very professionally. The Children's Fishing Raffle was also very popular and was won by Zac Jones of Guyra.

The People's Choice award at the Art Show went to local young artist Danae Batt for her painting "Cameron at the Creek". It was her first time exhibiting in Guyra and it certainly was an outstanding painting. Second place went to Kay Smith also a local artist for her "Morning Poplars". Award. Prizes for the Art Show were donated by the Lions Club of Guyra.

The Quilt Show was a great success with twenty quilts as well as embroideries displayed in the RSL Hall. There was also a large variety of handicrafts for sale which proved popular. The Guyra Craft Group donated the proceeds from the gold coin entry to Can Assist. The lucky door prize of a fish tank was won by a local, with thanks to the Armidale Pet Shop for their donation.

Twenty-four excited kids were the first to get their feet wet at this year's TroutFest.

They travelled from as far afield as Coffs



**PEOPLE'S CHOICE:** Danae Batt and son Cameron receiving her award from Lion's President Graeme Shiels.

Harbour, Walcha, Armidale and the local area to take part in the Kid's Fishing Workshop. The clinic is run by the Department of Primary Industries with the help of Fishcare volunteers.

The kids spent the morning learning how to fish safely and responsibly and then put their lessons into practice at the dam on the Golf Course which had been

stocked just for the occasion.

Despite their best efforts, only two fish took the bait. Alex Brady from Armidale landed the first trout which he said was 'awesome'. Alex is a keen angler who came to the clinic to have some fun and learn a few things.

*More pics page 11>>>*



Alex Brady from Armidale caught the first trout at the Kid's Fishing Clinic



Bill and Judy Wicks accepted the proceeds from the Quilt Show which will go to Can Assist

# CWA helping out in the drought

Country Women's Association (CWA) branches in Guyra and Kellys Plains-Dangersleigh have 90 food hampers to distribute to drought-affected households. The food hampers were provided by Foodbank NSW and ACT, part of Australia's largest food relief organization.

The hampers were delivered to the Guyra Historical Museum last week, where they are being stored in a shipping container awaiting distribution.

Each hamper contains staples including cereals, pasta, tinned fish and vegetables, rice, noodles, biscuits, sugar, tea and coffee, and jam and Vegemite.

Farmers and rural contractors in the Guyra district are also being encouraged to apply for grants that are available through the NSW Country Women's Association.

They are providing a one-off \$3000 grant to help with rates and household expenses, including motor registrations, groceries, school fees, and bills. By mid-August, the CWA had donated nearly \$13 million in drought relief to 7000 applicants through NSW.

However so far only six applications have come from this



Lorraine Sewell (Kellys Plain/Dangersleigh) and Heather Starr (Guyra CWA) unpacking hampers which will distributed to families in need

area. Leonie Hawkins from the CWA Guyra Evening Branch said that the farmers around here need the money as much as anyone else.

"The money is there so please apply for it," Leonie said. "It is really simple to apply and if you need help with the application you can call

into the Hub for assistance or the local branches can give you a hand.

"To make it easy you will find a copy of the application in this week's Gazette or you can go online to apply – it is very simple to do and we want to make sure that some of this money finds its way to our area."

If readers know someone in need who would benefit from the hampers or need help to apply for the grants, they should get in touch with the Chris or Sonia at the Hub, Heather Starr (6779 1216), from CWA Guyra; or Leonie Hawkins (0408 207 664), from CWA Guyra Evening Branch.

## Disaster Relief Fund Application Information and Criteria Drought Relief

The Country Women's Association of NSW is providing funds from its Disaster Relief Fund for drought relief in NSW. These monies are available for farming businesses that are drought affected and dependent on farming as their primary source of income. The monies are available for a wide range of expenses as outlined below.

**Note:** These funds have been provided by corporate or individual donations, as well as donations from CWA branches.

Eligible applicants are:

- farmers or farming de-

pendent contractors, and/or

- a farming dependent family (including families servicing farming, such as farming contractors and local rural businesses).

In addition, applicants must also demonstrate the following:

- they must be located in an area that is identified as being in drought, according to the NSW DPI Combined Drought Indicator; and
- a reliance on farming or farming related activities for the majority of their income; and
- evidence that their pri-

mary source of income has suffered as a direct result of drought.

Grants are available to help meet household expenses. Examples of household expenses include:

- food,
- vehicle maintenance,
- school expenses,
- electricity (attributable to house use),
- rates (attributable to house block),
- telephone expenses, and
- dental and medical, such as gap payments or cost of travel to access treatment.

Grants will be in the form of

a payment by the CWA of NSW for expenses that are current and/or outstanding only.

Grant payments will be made up to a maximum of \$3,000 per individual applicant and/or household. An individual applicant and/or household may apply more than once, provided that they have not already reached the maximum \$3000.

**SEE PAGE 7 FOR  
APPLICATION FORM**

# What's HOT

**REBATES** from Council to help save water

**TROUTFEST** great work by a small committee to bring people to town

**CWA** supporting the rural community through drought

**CRICKET SEASON** is almost here

# What's NOT

**CLOUDS** that promise so much and deliver so little

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** and sleep ins almost over

## QUOTE of the week

**Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there**

Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
1	Tues	7.0	16.1	0
2	Wed	2.2	21.0	0
3	Thurs	5.0	21.7	0
4	Fri	8.0	23.6	0
5	Sat	11.1	21.7	0
6	Sun	5.0	26.0	0
7	Mon	15.7	28.7	0.8

Rain this week	0.8mm
Oct rainfall	0.8mm
Rainfall YTD	212.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	390.4mm
Ave. rain to Oct.	679.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Airport roundabout open

A valuable piece in the puzzle for economic development in the Armidale region was celebrated last week as Federal, State and Council representatives officially opened the New England Highway roundabout next to Armidale Regional Airport.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray was joined by the Federal Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, and NSW Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall in opening the roundabout, which will provide a safer and more convenient entrance to the airport and the adjacent Armidale Regional Airport Business Park under development.

"With tenders now being called for the construction of infrastructure at the business

park, the roundabout will be extremely valuable in providing connectivity to this new commercial hub," Councillor Murray said.

"The business park overcomes a shortage of suitable commercial land in the Armidale region and fully capitalises on our first-class regional airport and our location on an important north-south highway route."

The two-lane roundabout will significantly improve traffic flows and safety for motorists on the highway.

The \$4.2 million project has been jointly funded by Council, State and the Federal Governments.

Cr Murray said the improved entrance to the airport and business park provided by the new roundabout would help to

tap into traffic along the highway and improve access for heavy vehicles.

While the roundabout's construction was completed several months ago, the current milestones in the business park's development and recent work by the Australian Garden History Society to help establish the structure as a model project in drought-resistant gardening made it a fitting time to have an official opening.

"Society members did an exceptional job working with Council on the landscaping, which has beautified the site while conserving precious water and provides a constant reminder about the ongoing water restrictions and our need to be more water efficient," he said.

## Citizen of Guyra Test

.....Ramblings by the Guyra Ghost.

As we all know, it takes at least 30 years for someone to become a local in a small community such as Guyra. So, I've decided to shorten the process by devising a Citizen of Guyra Test, (CGT). We don't want to make it too hard as new residents are needed for our community to grow, so the pass mark is an achievable 60%. (That's 6 questions vaguely correct out of 10).

1. Many local worthies have nicknames. Can you supply the real names of the following:

- Chook
- Custard
- Whisper
- Dasha

2. The real purpose of the roundabout at the corner of Bradley & Mackenzie Street is:

(Please insert answer)

3. Because of our dodgy Spring weather, tomatoes should only be planted out after:

- The Trout Festival
- Melbourne Cup Day
- My daughter's birthday (haha, guess that one)
- Wattle Day

4. The correct coloured shirt to wear at clearance sales, sheep sales, cattle sales, and any other occasion is:

- Black
- Elder's Pink
- Hawaiian multicoloured
- Landmark Green

5. Snow days are good days:

- Yes
- No
- Only when it's falling

6. Correct pronunciation of Aboomala Street is:

- A-boo-mala
- Aboom-ala

7. Des Copeland's drink of choice is:

- Tea
- Coke
- Beer

8. When visitors ask the whereabouts of the Big Lamb we say:

- "It's not all that large, but it's on the highway"
- "What Big Lamb"
- "It's over there & by the way, they are potatoes depicted underneath"

9. Have you heard of the following:

- The Little Boy Lost
- The (Real) Guyra Ghost

c. The self combusting golf course

d. Our Military Plane crash

10. The Mother of Ducks Lagoon is drained to allow what migratory bird to nest:

- The Siberian Goose
- The Japanese Snipe
- The Tasmanian Grebe.

Remember, you only need 6 vaguely correct answers. Good luck to all and answers maybe available from any genuine local.

There is a supplementary question which overrides the above questionnaire and if you are able to answer it satisfactorily, you are automatically accepted!!!!

1. How many people in the Guyra District are your relatives? (This includes by marriage, separation, inclination, or you've known them so long they are like a relative.)

- 5
- 10
- 15

Of course only the locals will know the satisfactory answer.

# Wash away the drought blues

As the drought continues to bite hard and domestic water for rural residents dries up, a second temporary laundry has popped up in Guyra. With delays of up to seven weeks for water deliveries to rural households, the laundries may be the only alternative for those who rely on tank water.

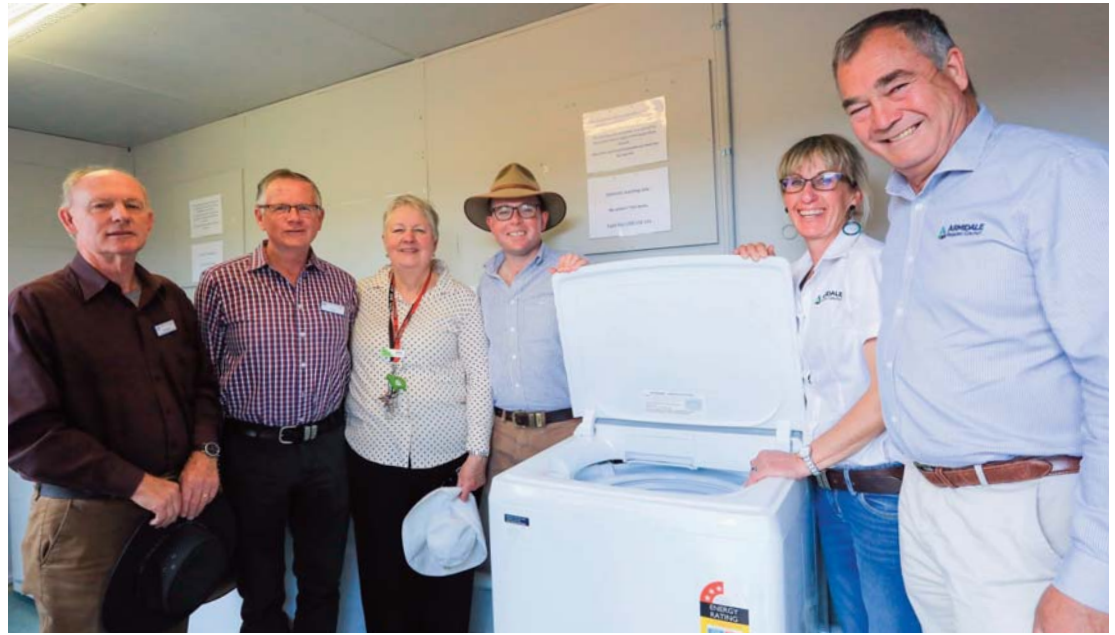
On Friday, October 4th, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall joined Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray and representatives from the Guyra community to officially launch a second free laundry service for use by drought-affected residents.

An emergency grant of \$7,700 from the State Government was used to install a shed and washing machines which will be accessible to the public between the hours of 7am and 5pm, 7 days a week. The service will not take any water from the town's supply but use a pre-existing bore.

The laundry can be accessed via Park Avenue adjacent to the Recreation Ground.

It follows the recent move by the VRA to open their shed up for residents who have been struggling to get their washing done. They installed three twin tub washing machines that can be used free of charge with water for the machines coming from a well in the VRA grounds.

The VRA laundry is in Yarrowanda St and will be open on Thursday and Sunday between 10 am and 4 pm with volunteers serving up tea, coffee, snacks, and conversation while they wait.



St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers Paul Burton and David Kanaley with The Hub at Guyra Centre Co-ordinator Chris Hietbrink, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, Armidale Regional Council, Deputy Mayor Libby Martin and Mayor Simon Murray in the new free community laundry



Danielle Farraday has made use of the VRA laundry and said it was a very comfortable experience, and she enjoyed the company of the volunteers. Danielle has four children and has been taking washing to Armidale and said the cost, including petrol for travel, was really starting to add up. Volunteer Meg Simpson knows what the service means to people on the land and welcomes anyone who is short on water to come in.

## Free drought support barbeque this Sunday

A free drought support barbeque will be held at the RSL Hall on Sunday. The Rotary Club of Guyra is hosting the event to support local farmers, giving them a chance for some time out.

Community Service Director Wendy Mulligan said that with no end in sight to the cur-

rent dry conditions they thought it would be a good idea to get the farmers together, and have a social gathering.

"The day will be a break from routine, so farmers can relax for a little while, without having to worry about feeding, at least for a couple of hours,"

Wendy said.

"Support is around if they need it and we can steer people in the right direction to get grants and support, because we have that information."

Representatives from the Hub at Guyra, the Salvation Army, and Hunter New England Health will be present, as

well as local doctors and psychologists.

The event runs from 11am to 3pm and there will be a barbeque, cakes and slices, tea, coffee and cold drinks available. Entertainment will also be provided.

## Meals on Wheels

Oct. 10th Joyce Betts  
Oct. 11th Golf Ladies  
Oct. 14th Ann Hulbert  
Oct. 15th Pamela Carter  
Oct. 16th Ann Hulbert

## Street Stalls

Oct. 10th CWA Guyra Branch  
Oct. 11th Presbyterian Church  
Oct. 19th Steph Cameron

## Church Notices

### St James Anglican

Sunday 9am Morning Service, 1st Sunday of the month Backwater 2pm, 3rd Sunday of the month Ben Lomond 11.30am

### St Mary's Catholic

Saturday Mass 6pm in Guyra, Sunday 9am, 1st Sunday of month Ben Lomond, 3rd Sunday Wards Mistake, otherwise Guyra 7am Wards Mistake, 9am Guyra Father Stephen O'Shea

### St Columba's Presbyterian

Guyra Sunday 9.00am, Ben Lomond Service, first Sunday of even-numbered months, 2.00pm Rev Andrew Campbell, Ph. 0447 724 536

### Uniting Church

Regular Sunday Service 9.30am Enq. Nancy Davidson 6779 1366  
**Seventh-day Adventist**  
Saturday from 10am Bible Study, 11am Divine Service. Enquiries: 6779 1587

### Northwest Church

66 Llangothlin St, Sunday meeting 10am, Thursday 7pm Food Pantry - 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of month 11am-12, 1pm-2pm Tony Stace 0427956772.

### Church of Freedom

10 Nincoola Street - Contact: 0421 847 973, Tuesday Prayer 6.30pm, Wed Bible Study 6.30pm Sunday Service 10am

## Service Clubs

**LIONS CLUB** dinner meetings 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257

**ROTARY CLUB** dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6pm for 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307



**Back l to r:** Shanae Wark, Reeghan Woods, Phoebe Colvin, Ashlee Readeh  
**Middle:** Grace Friedman, Archie Jackson, Madison Collins  
**Front:** Hannah Friedman, Rachael Jackson, Ella Vandelaan

Another busy kids sewing group was held during the first week of the school holidays, with then children all very keen to make a Christmas table runner.

Children ranging in ages from y to 12 years old participated. Christmas fabric was donated which was very much

appreciated. The runners were constructed with five strips joined together and then cut into squares which were turned in different directions. Thanks to Vicki, Caitlin and Tim Bell, and Gwyneth and Colleen Pearson for their continued help to assist the children in using a sewing machine

and pressing for the kids. The children are looking forward to continuing their sewing classes in January and want to know what they will be making. That decision will be made once I look at the donated fabric collection.

*Robin Godlonton*

## Have Your Say.....

### Where is the Lagoon?

Last Sunday at the Drought – sorry, TROUT – Festival's car boot sale in the Bowlo car park, two visitors asked how to get to the Mother of Ducks Lagoon. I pointed to the expanse of flat brown desolation nearby and they looked at me with disbelief and suspicion (are you joking?).

Shortly after in the Bowlo Bistro, waiting for my order, I passed the time contemplating the photos of Old Guyra that decorate the walls (South Guyra had a pub!). There was the Lagoon - with sailboats, all sails set; waves, a dinghy being launched, and what looked like a sandy shoreline. Where did it go?

The tragedy of the Lagoon that is no longer a lagoon may seem to be an incidental consequence of this hideous neverending dry (not to mention the historical decision to drain it to make way for a golf course), but in my opinion

the lagoon and its aquatic, avian and other wild inhabitants need not be suffering to the extent they are. Or the morale of we Guyrians, witnesses to the tragedy and for whom the lagoon is the showpiece and unique feature of the town as well as a drawcard for travellers.

What can be done? In this time of dire water shortage it seems criminal that anything that can hold water can be ignored as an alternative water supply. The possible solution?

A remake of the section of the levee bank where the current drainage channel is so the lagoon is in effect, dammed and the new outlet is higher and level or just under level with the rest of the retaining embankment. When the water level rises to a point where it needs to be released, water drops into the existing drainage channel or more sensibly is piped to the Guyra water

treatment plant. Yes, if current weather patterns continue, undoubtedly the lagoon will still dry out but more slowly, and its function as a wildlife habitat will continue for longer as will its value to the town.

Yes, easier said than done. It involves agencies and organisations (Council, National Parks, the Golf Club) with differing agendas, priorities and of course budgets. Is it worth doing? Yes. Guyra has lost so much in the past. First the Lagoon as it was when the sailboats raced on it; an operational rail line; the abattoir; the Shire Council. How can we allow our local treasure to disappear? What else do we have that is special? Where else in the world is there a Mother of Ducks Lagoon?

*Ann Williams  
Proud resident  
of South Guyra.*

Have you provided?	
Your bank a/c details	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## CWA of NSW Drought Aid Funds - September 2018

*The information provided will remain confidential. Only statistical summaries may be released.*

Assistance to help meet **household** expenses for drought affected families, **up to a maximum of \$3,000** per family/household, is available to eligible applicants. Expenses can include grocery bills, vehicle maintenance, school, electricity, rate instalments, telephone, dental and medical (gap payments or cost of travel to access treatment) etc. for current expenses - **paid & unpaid**.

**Please return completed form and attachments to:** info@cwaofnsw.org.au, or fax: 02 8338 1595, or send to Chief Executive Officer, CWA of NSW, PO Box 222, Mascot NSW 1460.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in a "drought" classified area? (*according to the NSW DPI Combined Drought Indicator*)

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your primary source of income? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe how the drought has impacted on your primary source of income and your circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Total amount sought: \_\_\_\_\_

You must provide your bank account details as payments will be transferred directly to your bank account. You must also provide invoices and/or receipts (keep copies for your records).

Funds sought for/or name of Service Provider (Biller)	Due Date	Amount

Name of Bank Account Holder: \_\_\_\_\_

BSB: \_\_\_\_\_ Account No: \_\_\_\_\_ **Please write numbers clearly**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Applicants who have received a payment below the \$3,000 threshold per household are able to submit additional expenses via email to drought@cwaofnsw.org.au referencing their application number.*

# 2019 Rural Women's Day at Waterloo Station

Women from across the region are invited to attend a day of networking, skill building and personal development at GLENRAC's annual Rural Women's Day. The annual event has been running since 2014 and this year will take place at the historic "Waterloo Station". It is a chance for women to take a break from the stresses of the farm for a day and instead catch up with other ladies from around the area.

"Given how tough things are for our rural farming community at the moment, it's never been more important that women have opportunities to share their stories with others from around the region, while also building on skills and personal development," GLENRAC Landcare Coordinator, Kylie

Falconer said.

Headlining the event this year is professional book keeping entrepreneur, Rachel Nixon, who will be sharing her insider knowledge of how best to tackle a job that many women in farming operations take on. In her two-hour session, *Bet on Your Books*, Rachel will cover the ins and outs of the book keeping process, including the legal requirements for primary producer tax records, GST records and streamlining the BAS, how to keep a track of management records, which software to use, manual and cloud filing systems and how to integrate file storage with accounting software.

The day will also include a focus on health, with a presentation on women's heart health by Chris Connor from

Healthwise New England North West, and how to unpack your mental load, by Leticia Cross of the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program.

This free event is supported by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal Small Grants for Rural Communities program, Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW Northern Region and the Primary Health Network, Hunter, New England and Central Coast.

Bookings are essential. Please RSVP by October 8th online at [https://www.sticktickets.com.au/92755/2019\\_glenrac\\_rural\\_womens\\_day.aspx](https://www.sticktickets.com.au/92755/2019_glenrac_rural_womens_day.aspx)

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## Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**October 2nd** - There was a yarding of 1280 lambs and 1675 sheep at last week's Guyra sale. Numbers reduced for this fortnight, with a limited penning of heavy, well finished lambs. Again, there was a large yarding of shorn, very light and plain

quality young Merinos. All the regular buyers attended.

Light lambs to the trade saw a cheaper trend, with trade lambs firm to slightly dearer. Better quality heavy trades sold to a dearer trend of \$12/head.

Heavy lambs were also dearer

by \$6/head. No comparison on extra heavy types from last sale, with those lambs selling to \$260/head. Good quality hoggets sold to \$140/head.

Restockers were active on the plainer Merino types, which saw firm to dearer trends through-

out. There were several orders for light lambs to the south. Heavy ewes eased \$20/head.

Although wethers decreased in quality, the medium weights saw slightly dearer trends of \$3/head.

## Armidale Cattle Sale

**October 3rd** - Numbers increased at Armidale, with a very plain quality, mixed penning of cattle. Included in the yarding were several drafts of cows which were precluded from exporters being able to operate. All buyers attended, and the market saw cheaper trends.

Better quality heifer weaners sold to a dearer trend of 49c/kg. Light yearling steers eased in price, with quality a factor. Medium weight feeder steers sold firm. Poor quality and condition saw yearling heifers attract little competi-

tion, resulting in cheaper trends through most categories.

There were no grown steers to report. Grown heifers sold to cheaper trends overall, however an isolated draft of better conditioned heifers saw an increase of 5c/kg. The best light cows to restockers and feeders saw prices improve. Medium weight cows to the trade saw an improvement of 13c, with the better D3 heavy cows increasing by 7c/kg. A plain bull offering saw only 16 bulls penned, which topped at 230c/kg.

## Weekly Wool Sales

**October 4th** - Never have we seen such volatile times in the wool market. 100 cent movements in a week and in some instances in a single day are making trading conditions difficult for everyone in the industry.

After a substantial 244 cent rise during the course of September the Eastern Market Indicator fell 98 cents this week, eroding three weeks of gains.

The expected 41,000 bale national offering failed to materialise with 10.6% withdrawn prior to sale. Resistance to the falling prices was also strong with 33.4% passed in for the week.

Almost 50% of the Fleece offering in Wednesdays Sydney sale was passed in. This resulted in only 24,643 bales being sold to the trade.

Major buyers included PJ Morris, Techwool and Seatech. The Merino Carding sector was the only area of the market to buck this week's trend.

AWTA test data released on Tuesday this week is showing a 14.1% decline in the weight of wool tested nationally for the first three months of the current season with AWEX data showing a 21.5% decline in the auction offering during the same period.



# Test drilling for bores underway

Test drilling has begun this week to find ground water sources to supplement the Armidale region's town water supplies, as the region remains in Level 5 water restrictions.

The exploratory drilling will begin in and around Guyra, where a hydrogeology consultant shortlisted 10 sites that were likely to provide significant groundwater supplies with suitable water quality.

The consultant, Hydroilex, then identified 26 sites within Armidale and rural areas around the city that will also be targeted for test drilling during the next few weeks.

New England company FB Drilling has been engaged to undertake the test drilling in Guyra and Armidale.

A second contractor, Mac Drilling, will conduct the exploratory drilling in the rural locations around Armidale, starting in about a fortnight.

"Hydroilex's studies indicated the identified sites have the attributes for significant supplies of good-quality groundwater. However, we won't really know until the test drilling is done," Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said.

"It's important to note that even if these bores deliver the quantities of water we're hoping for, they will still be relatively small compared to our

dam supplies. Careful water conservation will still be necessary to extend our remaining supplies until we finally get substantial rain.

"But with weather forecasters predicted lower than average rainfall in spring and summer, these bores could provide a valuable extension the region's remaining supplies."

The sites chosen for test drilling have been selected because of their potential for considerable ground water supplies and their close proximity to existing water supply infrastructure, to ensure the cost of tapping the bore water into the town water supplies would be feasible.

"If the test drilling provides positive results, we would hope to have production bores providing water to the town supplies by the end of the year," Councillor Murray said.

"We have the required approvals for the test drilling but would then need to go through the application processes for the production bores. We're already doing some preliminary planning processes and we're looking for possible exemptions to enable us to get the final bores in place as quickly as we can."

The test drilling and any resulting production bores will be sunk much lower than existing nearby bores, to avoid

impacting on groundwater supplies already being utilised by adjacent landholders.

"We will also be using sleeves to ensure the test

drilling and our bores don't have an effect on supplies for other water users," he said.



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The Annual General Meeting of **GUYRA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC.**

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*Judy Jackson*

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# TroutFest Market Day

**Top left:** Rotarians Wendy Mulligan and Hamish Yeats making Fairly Floss

**Above:** A Taste of Nepal one of many food stalls

**Left:** Glen Gowrie Distillery was popular

**Below left:** Jenny Bailey, Di Crossing & Marie Grills

**Below:** Sam Astle and Ron Lockyer

**Bottom Left:** Dean Williams showcased his award winning smoked trout

**Bottom Right:** Anne Starr and Chantelle Graham



## Ladies' Golf

Last week we had a field of 13 ladies play for Shona Mulligan's trophy in warm sunny conditions. Jenni Jackson was the winner with a score of 40 points. Karen Oehlers was the runner up on a countback from Wendy George with 39 points.

Nearest the Pin Winners were Wendy George on the 9th hole, Meg Simpson on the 7th Hole and Jenny Rogers on the 18th Hole.

This week we are having our Annual Tee-Off for Breast Cancer Day. Wendy George is the sponsor and the starter. The ladies are encouraged to wear their pink clothes for the cause.

Next week is a Par Medal Round with Meg Simpson as the starter.

Also next week three of our ladies are participating in the regional round of the Golf NSW Medal Playoff down at the Armidale course. Good luck to Vicki Reeves, Jenny Rogers and Shona Mulligan.

*Birdie*

## Men's Golf

On Sunday a good field contested a two person ambrose. The winners were Bruce and John Coppock, runners up were Chris Newberry and Michael Shiner. Nearest to the pins were Col Walls on the 7th, Joel Youman on the 10th and Mick Shiner on the

18th.

Next Sunday will be a 4BBB stableford for the Dougie Waters Memorial trophy. A big month coming up with the sixes on the 19th and 20th and the Guyra open on the 27th.

*The Albatross*

## Men's Bowls

There were no Club Championships played over the weekend. This Saturday October 16th. Start: 12.00pm: Starter and Umpire: Robert Walls. A Major/Minor Pairs to be played between the teams of, Steven Sole and Robert Walls who will play Boyd Stanley and Roger Cox.

Just a friendly reminder to Bowlers that there is a sheet on the notice board stating that there will be a Travelling Bowlers team from Scotts Head Bowling Club visiting this Club on Sunday October 20th. Required is 20 bowlers to participate in Men's Triples, so if you haven't already placed your name on the sheet then your participation would be gratefully appreciated. As at the printing of this report it is a blight on the Bowlers of this Club as there is only four names on the sheet. Come on bowlers this is an opportunity to showcase your Club and show some pride also in your Club.

*The Bowls Bandit*

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