



# Guyra Gazette

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## Bushfire appeal boosted by councillors

A community campaign to assist drought and bushfire affected residents in the east of the Armidale region has been given a substantial boost by three councillors who have redirected a portion of their allowances as elected members.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray and fellow councillors Peter Bailey and Andrew Murat have dedicated a total of \$5,000 to an Ebor bushfire appeal coordinated by Rotary Clubs in Armidale and Uralla.

Councillor Murray has allocated funds from his Mayoral allowance, while Cr Murat and Cr Bailey have used the option to redirect their annual allowances for personal development as elected members.

Cr Murray said Armidale Regional Council has a strong emphasis on training and other personal development for its elected members, to keep them up to date with issues and practices in local government.

“However, the unprecedented challenges affecting many landholders in our region, confronted by both drought and bushfire damage, represent a more compelling use of those funds for this year,” he said.

He said the Rotary Ebor Bushfire Appeal, organised by the Armidale, Armidale Central and Uralla Rotary Clubs, is a wonderful initiative to provide short-term assistance for landholders impacted by the ongoing Bees Nest fire that has burnt for several weeks.

Armidale Rotary Club President Grant Harris said he was absolutely ecstatic with the councillors’ contribution, which took the appeal a long way towards its goal of raising \$15,000.

Mr Harris said the clubs had secured a



Armidale Rotary Club President Grant Harris (second from left) and the Rural Fire Service’s New England Zone District Coordinator, Inspector Liz Ferris (centre), with councillors (from left) Andrew Murat, Mayor Simon Murray and Peter Bailey

\$15,000 Rotary Australia World Community Service grant, funded by businessman Dick Smith, on the grounds the clubs matched it dollar for dollar with their own fund raising.

“Each of the clubs has been busy with fund raising activities and we’ve received generous donations by business and local residents,” he said.

“The money will be used to provide landholders with vouchers they can spend with local traders for urgent relief, for example, pharmacies, rural merchandise or

water carting.

“The added bonus is this money is directed to local businesses. As the drought continues, it’s not just farmers that are feeling the strain. Businesses and the wider community are also being hit hard.”

The Rural Fire Service’s New England Zone District Coordinator, Inspector Liz Ferris, said the Bees Nest fire is being controlled but has burnt more than 106,000 hectares since it started on 31 August.

## Guyra Cafe

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Friday	6:30am - 7:00pm
Saturday & Sunday	8:30am - 2:00pm

● 110 Bradley Street, Guyra ● Phone: 6779 1605



# Fun and fashions at Ben Lomond

For those that made the trip to Ben Lomond on Sunday for the fashion parade, it was a relaxed fun afternoon. Organiser June Walker said that she was very pleased with crowd of around 70 people and everybody had a great time. The event raised close to \$900, which will be put towards upgrades of the foyer which houses Ben Lomond's collection of war memorabilia. June said that there were so many people who helped to make the day a success and would like to thank the whole team for their assistance both on the day and prior to the event.



Spots were the must have fashion at this year's Ben Lomond Fashion Parade



A delicious High Tea was enjoyed by guests who also enjoyed the participation of some brave (and stylish) male models



## Big day planned for Melbourne Cup

As part of the major fund raising the Guyra Branch of Can Assist will again hold Melbourne Cup celebrations at the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday the 5th November.

Anyone interested in being involved can choose to participate in a 2 person Golf Ambrose and barbeque lunch for \$20 per player or sit back and relax with a fashion parade provided by Noni B, Armidale and enjoy a 2 course lunch for \$ 25 a ticket.

Golf can be played from 9 am and

the parade/lunch starts at 11.30.

Tickets for parade/lunch must be purchased before the 2nd November from GALA.

A raffle with major prizes sponsored by Kirk's IGA, Guyra Fuels and The Black Mountain nursery will be drawn and there are sweeps and prizes on the day.

The Bowling Club is now fully air-conditioned and we look forward to hosting this event.

All enquiries contact Wendy Jackson 0427 750188

### FUNERAL NOTICE



**Sonya Julie Ross**

**24-1-1976 ~ 30-9-2019**

Beloved mother of Eli & Natalia and life partner of Duncan.

*"Farewell caring angel, we will meet again in the Lord's Care."*

Funeral Service to be held at Piddington's Chapel on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 commencing at 11am.

**Piddingtons 6772 2288 or  
Duncan 0405 398 739**

# Painting brings back fond memories

Spring is in the air at McLean Care Kolora and residents are participating in art activities which will bring colour and life to the facility. They were invited to put the finishing touches on a series of canvases which will join together to form a mural to adorn the walls.

The mural was designed by local artist Justin Dwyer who moved to Guyra in 2018 with partner Jayne. Justin was more than happy to design the Spring themed mural for Kolora residents to paint. Spread over a series of canvases, the residents were asked to put on the finishing touches.

They have been working on the canvases over recent weeks, adding colour and revisiting an interest that many enjoyed during their younger days.

Activities officer Pat Turner said that painting has brought back many fond memories for the residents.

“Many of them used to paint in younger years and they are enjoying reliving memories,” Pat said. “The inspiration comes from Spring and the finished product will join together to form a mural celebrating the season.”



Lorraine Holmes, June Smith, Gwen Nielsen, Dot Davidson, Liz King and May Fenton working on their canvases

brating the season.”

The art sessions are one of many activities which seeks to reconnect residents with activities that they are familiar with.

“We try to engage residents by sharing their interests and providing them with opportunities to explore things that they enjoy,” Pat said. “It may be cooking or gardening, or jewellery making and we are always looking to extend the range of activities on offer.”

Volunteers are on hand to

assist with the activities, and Pat said they are always looking for more people who are willing to become involved. If you have a few hours to spare, and maybe a talent to share, contact Pat Turner at Kolora. She is hoping to provide more musical activities and is looking for anyone with musical background who is willing to come in and assist.

Next week will see local school children join the residents for Grandparents Day. On Wednesday October 30th,

Kindergarten children from Guyra Central and St Marys will visit, bringing together the oldest and youngest members of our community. They will participate in a range of activities both inside and outside. Activities will include cooking and gardening as well as tabloid games. If anyone has any of the Woolworths Discovery Garden pots to spare, Kolora would be more than happy to take them off your hands.

## Backwater comes under fire

A bush fire near Backwater which burnt more than 1030 hectares on the weekend is now under control. It is the latest in a series of fires that have threatened homes in country to the east of Guyra.

The fire started on the western side of Turnhams Road on Saturday afternoon, and crossed Mount Mitchell Road. An emergency warning was issued when high winds caused the fire to spread quickly, threatening homes on Mt Mitchell Road and Pinkett Road at Backwater.

The large air tanker ‘Boomer’ provided valuable air support to firefighters and landholders on the ground. The fire has burnt more than 1030ha and is being con-

trolled. Firefighters were still working on both sides of the Mount Mitchell Road in an effort to contain the fire on Monday, with crews continuing to monitor the fire and identify containment strategies. Backburns may be undertaken when weather conditions allow and residents may notice an increase of fire activity when these burns are undertaken.

While the immediate threat to properties has eased, people in the area and to the west of Mount Nobbler should monitor conditions and be ready to take action if the situation changes.

The Bees Nest fire near Ebor is still burning within the Chaelundi State Forest,

the Guy Fawkes National Park and Pargo Flat areas. The fire is currently more than 106,000 hectares in size, has a perimeter of more than 912km and is being controlled.

Fire activity is now quiet and there is currently no threat to properties. Lightning activity on October 16th and 17th ignited new fires, one on Eastern Road, and another in Chaelundi National Park near Stockyard creek.

Firefighters are working to contain both new fires to a small area as possible. Backburning is likely to be undertaken over the coming days as conditions allow.

Up-to-date information is available from the RFS website and Facebook pages.

Residents should check and follow their Bush Fire Survival Plans. If they do not have a plan, the RFS recommends people decide what they would do if the situation changes. Leaving early is the safest option.

- If your life is at risk, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

- Continue to stay up to date with the bush fire situation by checking <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au>, listening to your local radio station or by calling the NSW RFS Bush Fire Information Line on 1800 679 737.

- For information on road closures, check <http://livetraf-fic.com.au>

# What's HOT

**PEOPLE** donating to charities

**GAZETTE SURVEY** - please take the time to complete it and drop into GALA (see page 9)

# What's NOT

**PEOPLE** stealing from charity bins and leaving a mess for others to clean up

**SOUTHERN END** of Bradley St is looking a bit unloved now the road-works are complete

## QUOTE of the week

**If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything**

Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
15	Tues	8.0	23.8	0
16	Wed	11.6	27.6	0
17	Thurs	8.3	25.8	5.2
18	Fri	0.6	20.8	0
19	Sat	3.7	20.5	0
20	Sun	5.8	20.7	0
21	Mon	4.0	20.1	0

Rain this week	5.2mm
Oct rainfall	22.2mm
Rainfall YTD	234mm
Rainfall last YTD	433.8mm
Ave. rain to Oct.	697.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Eager for Transition to Kindergarten



Eager Transition students at Black Mountain Public School

Black Mountain Public School is pleased to announce that Mrs Nikki Robinson will be teaching the Transition to Kindergarten class this term.

Transition will continue to focus on early literacy concepts, reading a wide range of texts, identifying letters and

their associated sounds. In Numeracy, we will be learning to count and write numbers. Our ongoing learning topic this term will be about water, which is an important theme to be exploring at this time.

If you have a child/children

turning 4 years of age next year, please consider joining our Transition class. Our school runs Transition every Friday, throughout the school year.

*Relieving Principal  
Justine Eddy*

# Strong performances in Sydney

On Friday 18th October, Olive McFarlane and Annabelle Williamson represented St Mary of the Angels School at the Catholic Schools Polding Athletics held at Homebush Stadium in Sydney.

Both girls have been training very hard since August in preparation for this carnival. Olive competed in the 8 year girls 100 metre dash. She ran extremely well in her heat, making it through to the final in which she came 5th.

Annie competed in the girls 8-10 years long jump. Annie put her heart and soul into each jump and was rewarded with a placing of 6th in this event.

Congratulations to both Olive and Annie, these results are very impressive and we couldn't be prouder of you.

*St Mary of the Angels*



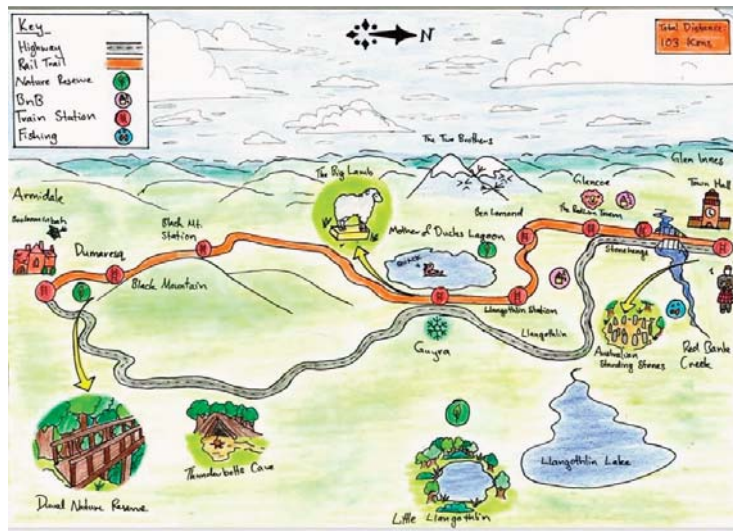
# Rail trail business case on track

Following the success of the recent local community crowd funding campaign, the detailed Business Case for the proposed New England Rail Trail has been written and drafted by Regional Development Australia Northern Inland (RDANI).

The document is now ready for submission to both Armidale Regional Council and Glen Innes Severn Council for their recommendations. In November 2018, both councils moved to endorse the development of the rail trail.

The business case has highlighted some very positive economic outcomes for the New England Region, their towns, villages, businesses and importantly local communities. The proposal is for a 2.5m wide, 103km gravel-surfaced rail trail running from Armidale to Glen Innes.

Some of the key outcomes identified by the business case are increased visitation to the region conservatively estimated at 15,000 new day-



A business case for the Rail Trail is now complete

trippers per annum. There are also estimations of an additional 14,000 overnight visits of up to three nights for new visitors and 37,000 local users for walking, hiking, cycling, events etc. The rail trail could generate \$5.77M of new tourist expenditure in the region each year after four years of operation.

The New England Rail Trail business case found the

quality of the railway stations to be outstanding and possibly the highest quality of restored and maintained railway stations along any stretch of disused railway corridor in NSW. These stations have so much potential and provide great opportunity for the development of trail-related businesses such as cafes, bike hire, heritage displays and a general draw-

card for enthusiasts.

The establishment of a rail trail would also see a productive use of an asset that has been abandoned for over 30 years, with a positive health and safety benefit to residents of all ages.

Maintenance costs could be covered by the gifting of the existing steel and sleepers to both councils, which could then be sold. This follows the precedent set for the Riverina Highlands trail. New fencing right along the edge of the 6m corridor and fencing closer to the trail would allow for ongoing grazing access to the "remnant" corridor.

The local crowd funding campaign has again showed overwhelming community support. The New England Rail Trail Committee would like to sincerely thank the many members and businesses of our community for their donation and support in these extremely tough economic circumstances that we are currently facing.

## Leadership positions at TAS

TWO students from the Guyra district have been appointed to key leadership positions at The Armidale School for the coming year.

Frederick Nutt of Llangothlin has been elected as a school prefect while Megan Schmitt of Wandsworth is girls' captain of Abbott House.

The two students acknowledged the past yet looked to the future at their induction ceremony at the school this morning (17 October), reciting a pledge that dates back more than eight decades.

Headmaster Murray Guest said leadership was not a prize for what has already been done already, but a call is to assist the direction of the school in maintaining its standards in all areas, supporting students and inspiring pride in the school through good example.



Headmaster Murray Guest with TAS student leaders, Megan Schmitt and Frederick Nutt from Guyra

"Above all, they have been called to join in our most important task – ensuring that every student in this school is able to

feel supported and is confident that his or her best efforts will be applauded and never derided," he said.

## Enjoy a PINK morning tea

As October draws to a close, a 'Pink' morning tea will be held at Ben Lomond Recreation Reserve this Sunday October 27th between 10am and 12pm.

Belinda Parkinson is hosting the morning tea as part of the "Pink Up Your Town" campaign, raising money for Breast Care Nurses in the bush. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and funds raised will help to place McGrath Breast Care Nurses wherever they're needed most!

Everyone is welcome to come along, bring a plate and a small donation and celebrate the fact Ben Lomond is still thinking of others despite the drought. You can get into the spirit by wearing pink, but all colours are welcome.

If you can't attend the morning tea, donations are still being accepted at local business houses around town. Donations, no matter how small, are welcome.

**Meals on Wheels**

Oct. 24th Sue Adams/St Marys

Oct. 25th Steve Adams

Oct. 28th NEM Staff

Oct. 29th Lesley Credland

Oct. 30th Noreen Williams

**Street Stalls**

October 25th Westpac RHSG

October 26th Steph Cameron

November 1st Masonic Lodge

**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

# Smart water strategies key to business resilience

Armidale Regional Council is working with high water use businesses and the broader business community to develop stronger water saving measures during drought to ensure our region remains resilient and open for business.

Like a number of towns and cities in regional NSW, the Armidale region is experiencing the effects of unprecedented drought conditions. Water restrictions are critical to protect the Armidale region's vibrant community. Residents and businesses need to take responsibility for aggressive water conservation at Level 5 to extend the water supply as long as possible until the next major rain event.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Cr Simon Murray said that now is the time to act and review how you use water in your business to identify water saving strategies.

"We are assisting businesses to develop innovative strategies to become smarter water users," said Cr Murray.

"As the water utility Council's role now is not to shut businesses down that use too much water but to help those businesses to become smarter and more resilient.

"I am confident that by modifying our behaviour and attitude to water and implementing changes now we will be far better placed to deal with current and future droughts.

"We don't know when the drought will break and what the future will bring but for now our goal is to sustain business and work together to save water."

Council has identified the region's top water users and is working one-on-one with those organisations to develop a Water Saving Action Plan and

reduce water use by up to 25 percent. The plan includes a free audit of the business to identify opportunities for water saving, access to a business rebate scheme, water saving promotional pack and ongoing support to reduce water consumption.

The broader business community is also being asked to save water and will be invited to industry workshops to share water saving ideas and pledge a commitment to water conservation.

Businesses that utilise outside watering and have previously applied for an exemption must re-submit an application form under level 5 restrictions and demonstrate that they are developing strategies to reduce outside water use. Application forms are available on the Council website or from Council's Customer Service Centres in Armidale and Guyra.

## 'Caption this' entries

There was a fair bit of interest generated from last week's 'Caption this' drawing. The subject was David Bearup who was instantly recognisable for his Deer Stalker Hat.

We had fun reading some of the captions and thought we would share.

"I told you, there is nothing to see here!"

"Helen, I'm sure it was there last week."

"How embarrassing for you all. Try to be strong and Bear-up

"Prime meat for hire."

"I'm all just Cock & Bull"

"Stud for hire".

"Penance for lousy sale price last auction."

"I'm bored".



"Single"

"Got the balls to farm".

"After your sale, all I am left with."

"Sorry, too many beers. Thought you were the neighbours."

"Gotta liven up this town somehow."

"All stock sold, I'm what's left. Need an offer?"

"Time to Bear-up"

## PET OF THE WEEK



Zorro is a beautiful cat with a big fluffy mane. He is a friendly curious cat who loves human affection. He is litter trained and we estimate he is about 18 months old.

Zorro has been desexed, flea treated, vaccinated, wormed, microchipped and FIV tested. His adoption fee is \$100.

**Please email:**  
friendsofredanimalrescue@gmail.com  
**or text:**  
**0423 685 694**

# Diabetes experts visit Guyra

New England has one of the highest rates of diabetes in the country, and patients have little access to specialists. Diabetes experts from Newcastle visited the region last week as part of its Diabetes Alliance program.

Guyra residents were able to participate in the program, with the team visiting the Medical Centre last Wednesday. It was the first time the local practice had participated in the program.

Diabetes Alliance program officer Morag Joseph said that the diabetes program is a great example of tertiary carers and primary carers working together to provide patient centred care.

“What this really means is that patients living in Guyra who need to see a specialist don’t have to leave Guyra,” Ms Joseph said.

“They can see the specialist in their local doctor’s practice with their regular GP sitting right next to them.”

Endocrinologist Dr Julie Luu and diabetes educator Marian Hawker worked with practice head Dr Jey and nurse Julie Harris to help eight patients manage their diabetes with medication,



Endocrinologist Dr Julie Luu, Diabetes Educator Marion Hawker, Practise Nurse Julie Harris, Medical student Will Howard, patient Peter Mulligan and Dr Jey

diet, exercise and treatment options. The day also gave the Guyra staff more skills to treat their other diabetic patients.

The Diabetes Alliance program began as a pilot in Newcastle in 2015. Until then, diabetics were referred by their GPs to see specialists in the city.

“This could involve long travel, paying for accommodation, and the specialist sending a letter the GP may not receive, read, or under-

stand,” Dr Luu said.

“We recognized that we were getting more referrals than we could see in our clinics,” she said. “With 90 per cent or more of the diabetes being managed by GPs, not by endocrinologists, it important to impart what we know and our awareness of diabetes to the GPs so that they can manage it.”

Dr Luu said, that part of the program is to improve screening and get GPs to recognise and remember to

screen, but also for patients to come in and be screened.

“Most diabetics early in the disease will have no signs and that’s why it’s important to go to your GP and be screened because you can feel perfectly well and still have diabetes.”

Symptoms include tiredness, increased thirst, increased urination, recurring infections, and visual problems.

## Expo a one-stop shop for water saving ideas

A National Water Week expo in Armidale Mall this weekend will offer residents a one-stop shop to save, reuse and generally make best use of water in and around their homes.

Businesses and community groups will join Council for the Water Week celebration, being held as part of Sunday’s Markets in the Mall from 8am to 1pm.

With Level 5 water restrictions in place for Armidale and Guyra town water customers, the expo will bring together options for residents to save water and help conserve the region’s remaining supplies.

Many of the water-saving products available from local stores will be on display, alongside information about water rebates and other steps households can take to be water



Learn new ways to save water at this Sunday’s Markets in the Mall

efficient and reduce their bills.

Council representatives will be on hand with comprehensive displays to provide the latest information on Council initiatives

to supplement the town water supplies and minimise water use for infrastructure and community spaces.

It will include the most recent

information about ongoing test drilling for possible groundwater supplies and a proposal to raise the Malpas Dam wall to boost town water stores and increase the region’s drought resilience in the future.

Information about the rebates available for rainwater tanks, water efficient washing machines, showerheads and other water saving devices will be available.

Business operators can also learn more about the assistance available to help improve their water efficiency, including workplace audits and water saving action plans. Some of the region’s biggest commercial water users will provide insights to the improved efficiencies and other measures they’ve put in place.

## Men's Bowls

Sunday October saw a visit from the Scott's Head Travelling Bowlers and even though the numbers were not great those that did take part enjoyed the camaraderie and a wonderful game of Bowls.

Now for this weekend's Club Championships :-

Only one game is set down: Saturday October 26th: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: Robert Walls.

Semi Final Major/Minor Pairs: Steven Sole and Robert Walls to play Boyd Stanley and Roger Cox. This game is play or forfeit.

There is a sheet on the Notice Board advising players of the Open Mixed Triples, part of the Annual Bowls Carnival. If you are interested in playing then

you only have until November 30th to enter. The winning team will receive \$450.00. The runner-up Team will receive \$180.00.

More on the Carnival in next week's report.

### *The Bowls Bandit*

## Ladies' Golf

Last week a field of 11 ladies played a Par Medal Round.

The winner was Wendy Jackson with a score of +1. Julie Walker was the runner up on a countback also with a score of +1.

Nearest the Pin Winners were Wendy Jackson on the 7th Hole, Wendy George on the 9th, Donna White on the 10th and Pip White on the 18th.

Julie Walker and Karen Oehlers played the final

round of the Kirks IGA Matchplay Competition with Julie winning the event.

Also last week Vicki Reeves, Jenny Rogers and Shona Mulligan played well in the District level in the NSW Golf Medal Final held in Armidale but did not qualify to play in the State Final at Stonecutters Ridge Golf Course in Sydney.

This week we are playing the 4BBB Championship sponsored by Guyra Welding Works with a 27 hole competition.

Next week is a Stroke and Putting Competition with Belinda Lenehan as the starter.

### *Birdie*

## Vets Golf

Last week, the 15th Octo-

ber saw a much better day for golf. A 4 Ball Best Ball was played by 14 Vets with the winning team of Jim Betts and Kim Shaw combining well to score 47 points.

The best Individual Stableford winner with 41 points was Nancy Prisk. The nearest the pins went to Pat Grills on the 10th and Wal Chapman the 18th.

It is good to see the greens improving with the extra water obtained from the 10th dam.

Two players are travelling to Armidale next week for their Open Day. Up and coming events are of course the Melbourne Cup Ambrose on the 5th of November and Uralla are holding their Vets Open on November 22nd.

*A Vet*

## Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**October 16th** - There was a yarding of 905 lambs and 1585 sheep at last week's Guyra sheep sale. Less numbers and a reduction in quality saw a predominately cheaper market throughout. There were limited numbers of finished, heavy lambs, with increases in

light, plain young Merinos. Similar lack of quality also saw a decrease in trends for grown sheep. All the regular buyers attended, with restockers competitive in the young sheep. Very light restocker Merino lambs saw dearer trends of up to \$12/head. Light trades were firm

to slightly cheaper, with trade lambs also firm to slightly cheaper, back \$2/head. Finished Merino lambs sold to \$137 and heavy lambs sold to cheaper trends of \$12/head. There was a reduction in weight of the extra heavy drafts, to see the best lambs make up to

\$228/head, much cheaper than two weeks ago. Light ewes were cheaper, back \$9/head. There was an isolated pen of heavy crossbred ewes selling to dearer trends. Lack of quality saw wethers ease \$12/head

## Armidale Cattle Sale

**October 17th** - Numbers increased with the inclusion of some bigger lines. Yearlings, grown heifers and cows were well represented along with another sell off of young calves.

Overall, the quality of the offering showed improvement, however the condition for the most part was on the lower end of the scale. There was increased restocker and feedlot competition in attendance alongside the regular processors.

Demand was strong from restockers through the young cattle, with very few suitable to the trade. The young calves sold to a dearer trend of as much as 40c/kg with restockers competing strongly on both the steers and heifers. In some cases there was not a lot of price differential between the males and females.

Breed and quality as well as the opportunity to put straight lines together, were contributing factors in significant price improvements for light weight

yearling steers.

Increased demand and competition were the driving forces in dearer trends. Similar weight yearling heifers sold to a much dearer trend, however the plainest of these struggled to attract much competition. The heifers over 280kg sold on a firm to dearer trend, up to 12c/kg in places. Heavy grown steers sold to a dearer trend of as much as 15c/kg as processors competed strongly for condition.

The well finished grown heifers were cheaper with the quality not as good. There were quite a few large framed grown heifers presented in light condition. These attracted strong competition from an increased panel of restockers and feeders, resulting in some very strong price gains, particularly the plainest condition lots. It was very strong cow market with dearer trends resulting. The best of the cows not quite as good as the best of the previous sale. Bulls sold to dearer trends.

## Weekly Wool Sales

**October 18th** - The volatile nature of the wool market continued this week. The market retreated on the first day of sales giving back almost all of last week's solid gains.

The expected 40,000 bale national offering failed to materialise with over 10% withdrawn prior to sale. This may have assisted the market on the final day of sales as it staged a mini recovery with most of the Merino indicators closing 10 cents dearer by the end of the day.

30,189 bales were sold nationally for the week with the combined passed in and withdrawal rate sitting on 25%. Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Endeavour Wool. On average

the market is sitting around 25% lower than the corresponding period last season however it is around 50% dearer than returns achieved 5 years ago.

Historically speaking even with the fall from the highs witnessed over 12 months ago the wool market in general is still trading at extremely good levels. Supply remains tight but at the same time demand is rather subdued as global economic growth slows down.

The week to week volatility appears driven by new orders being placed and filled for prompt delivery with few (if any) willing to take on a speculative position.



**SURVEY**  
**Tell us what you think of the Gazette!**

The Guyra Gazette is approaching our 3rd birthday and we thought we would survey our local community to see what you think of us!

We are looking for input on how we can best continue to serve our community. Please spend a few minutes completing our survey and return it to us at GALA.

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## PROBUS NOTES

After our meeting last week we visited Black Mountain Nursery and received a talk on various trees and plants.

They have a lovely lot of trees and plants in a lovely setting and are doing well to keep everything alive and looking great. We then had a nice lunch at Black Mountain Roadhouse.

Our next meeting is on 11th November at the Bowling Club at 10am. The following week we will go on a heritage tour of Armidale.

*Judy Jackson*

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# Super sixes a hit with golfers



Winners Boyd Stanley and David Lyes with Sonya Wallbridge from McLean Care Kolora and Steven Sole at the presentation  
**Pics Jenny Rogers**

Last weekend the very successful Guyra sixes was held. The concept was organised and run by Richard Burey who did a wonderful job. The 6-hole competition was played in four groups of four teams with the winners of each group going into a knockout round. Each of the teams entered were allocated a country and many chose to dress up in colourful costumes adding to the fun of the day.

The winners were team New Zealand David Lyes and Boyd Stanley and in second place was Team Sweden Leonie Taylor and Jenny Shiels. Third place went to Mick Jackson and Peter Archibald. The best of the rest were Tim Ellis and Steve Wilson, with Pat Grills and Warren McCowen runners up.

The fashions on the course was won by Beau Orchard and Steve Kliendienst. Next Sunday will be the Sole Taxation Guyra Open. Chris always puts on a great day with a good array of prizes and al a carte lunch.

Also a reminder that the Midweek Competition starts this week. Teams consist of six players and you can play either the front or back nine holes. Each team needs to nominate a contact person and cards are to be place in the midweek box by 6pm Sunday.

*The Albatross*



**Left:** Best dressed Beau Orchard and Steve Kliendienst

**Above** Team France Pip White and Meg Simpson

**Below l to r:** Suzanne Towells and Jenny Rogers, Karen Oehlers and Vicki Reeves, Shona Mulligan and Wendy George



# First outing for cricketers

In the first round of the Armidale District cricket competition, Guyra teams have shown they will be competitive during the coming season. Despite losing two of the first round games the results saw plenty of good performances from the Guyra players.

In the first grade game played at Ted Mulligan Oval, Hillgrove won the toss and chose to bat first. They gave Guyra a solid total of 249 to chase down. Best of the bowlers was Matt Finlay who took 5 for 33 with the rest of the wickets shared among the Guyra attack.

In reply Guyra fell just short, finishing the day on 232. Demielle Landsborough top scored with 73 and was well supported by BJ Cameron on 45 and Matt

Finlay on 48.

Second grade were up against Easts at Newling Oval and came away with a win. Batting first Guyra finished the day with 5 for 185 after 45 overs. Playing his first game for Guyra Joey Ryan top scored with 51. In reply Easts were all out for 144 after 37 overs. Heath Dowsett showed early season form taking 5 for 25 and Corey Torrens took 2 for 12.

Third grade were at home at the Guyra Sporting Complex and came up against a strong TAS team who went home with the win. Guyra won the toss opting to bat first and finished their innings at 8 for 195. Allan Boney top scored with 48 runs.

In reply TAS opened strongly with opener J van

Roy in fine form to notch the first century of the competition. Despite keeping the rest of the team in check Guyra couldn't close out the innings and TAS went home victors finishing the day at 7 for 196. DJ Patterson and Simon Brown took two wickets each.

This weekend first grade will travel to Armidale where they will take on City/UNE at TAS. Second grade will host TAS at the Sporting Complex and third grade will take on Ex Services at Newling Oval.

Junior games will also kick off this weekend, with the draw yet to be finalised. A reminder to all juniors that training is on Thursday afternoon from 4pm at the Recreation Ground cricket nets and Guyra Central.

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