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City Santa gives to Bush Kids

Taking Santa out of the city and into the bush has proved to be a real eye opener for staff from Ray White Real Estate in the leafy Sydney suburb of Mosman.

They chose to support kids in the bush this Christmas, recognising the reality of the drought in what has been an extremely tough year for farmers.

Margie Knaap from Ray White said that they were aware that due to tight budgets, many parents would struggle to keep the magic of Christmas alive for their kids.

"We created the Santa for the Bush initiative to make sure that Santa visits as many kids in rural areas this year as possible and we collected between 1500 and 2000 gifts which we were able to bring out with us on this trip," Margie said.

They loaded up their Santa truck and six cars, starting out from Sydney on Monday

delivering to schools along the way. On Tuesday they delivered Christmas cheer to some very excited kids at Black Mountain, Guyra, Bald Blair, Ebor and Chandler schools.

"We have been so overwhelmed by the reactions and it has been beautiful to be so well received," Margie said. "While we are having a lovely time it has also been very emotional and there has been a few tears along the way."

"For us, seeing the drought first hand has been very, very confronting," she said. "Doing this initiative makes us realise how awful it really is and it has been a real eye opener for us city slickers."

"It has also been uplifting to hear some amazing stories about how communities cope and we hope what we are doing will go some way to lifting spirits and letting the kids know they are not forgotten."



Amelia Hartas-Berry gave the Ray White Santa a special hug when he dropped into Guyra Central School on Tuesday

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Sunday, 22 Dec to Sunday 12 Jan
Sorry for any inconvenience

Fire on the home front

On the afternoon of Thursday, November 7th a fire began in the Single National Park and with a ferocious westerly wind quickly spread threatening properties including the home of the Rice family at 'Wyoming'. The fire spread quickly towards Wandsworth, sending embers as far as Ben Lomond. This is a recollection by Sue Rice of the fire which threatened her home.

Returning from a friend's funeral in Inverell I could see a huge ballooning cloud in a clear blue sky as I neared Tingha. Cloud? Smoke? I put my foot down with a heavy heart. There in the front paddock of 'Wyoming' was the first of many RFS trucks, lights flashing.

RFS Volunteer Paul Jarrett greeted me, "We are here to look after 'Wyoming', go and have a cup of tea!" Oh, what calming, caring words I thought. But when I enquired in more detail, "Maybe 'Wyoming', straight for 'Karaola,'" shock and uncertainty hit me. I immediately rang my sons in Armidale – Nicholas and his son Sam, Matthew with his water tank, pump and sprays, and Paddy all came as quickly as possible.

The big problem was that all the dams were empty except the front island dam, and that was only shallow water pumped from a small bore for the few cattle left.

The fire quickly spread up Guyra Rd along the travelling stock route, took over the big hill opposite 'Wyoming' in front and around, and later into the 'Wyoming' waterfalls.

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BATTLING TOGETHER; Madeline, Bethanie and Matthew Rice, bulldozer driver Steven Simpson, RFS Volunteers Patrick Jarrett, Jenny O'Rielly, Amanda Bell and Paul Jarrett



The fingerboard which survived the fire that burn all around



*Season's Greetings to all
this Christmas
from Tania, Robyn & Rebecca*

Thank you for your support in 2019
and we look forward to a prosperous 2020



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CLOSED from December 19, re-opening January 13



*Merry Christmas to all
from Leonie, Tara & Jeannie
at
Guyra Scissors & Combs*

**We are closed from 24th December
Re-opening on Thursday, 2nd January
Phone: 6779 1650**

Free family day for 50th anniversary

Guyra Pool's 50th anniversary will be celebrated with a free family fun day on Friday January 3rd.

Council has put out a call for anyone who was involved in planning, constructing or officially opening the pool or simply remembers its early years.

"It would be great to include them in next month's celebrations," Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said.

"With a free barbecue supported by local businesses Elders and Landmark and a giant pool inflatable, it will be a fun family celebration and a perfect way to escape the summer heat.

"Some personal stories about how people remember the pool in its early days will also bring a nice touch."

A plaque marking the opening of the Guyra Swimming Baths on January 3rd, 1970 recognises the financial support and voluntary work of residents.

"Guyra Pool has been a tremendous community asset for many years and continues



There have been a lot of changes to the Guyra Swimming Pool since its was first opened in 1970

to be a treasured part of our district," Councillor Murray said.


"The family day will be a

wonderful opportunity to recognise everyone who has assisted with the pool during the past half a century."

Admission to the pool will be free all day, with the celebrations to be held from 11am to 4pm.

*Dorothy, Leonie, Des, Dave
and all the staff at
The GALA Centre,
New England Community College
and Guyra Gazette*

*would like to wish everyone a very
Merry Christmas and a safe and
Happy New Year*



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CLOSED FROM: 5pm December 20. **RE-OPENING:** Tuesday, January 7

CRUISING around Guyra to see the Christmas light displays (allow 1 1/2 hours)

COMBINED Church Choir in Guyra and Ben Lomond, great 2 nights.

RAIN overflowing tanks

INTERESTING reading in the Gazette each week, well done.

What's **NOT**

NOWHERE at can/bottle return to put cardboard boxes

HOONS roaring around town in the middle of the night

A GOOD restaurant closing (RIP Rafter's)

QUOTE of the week

The magic of Christmas never ends and its greatest of gifts are **FAMILY + FRIENDS.**

Year 6 Brimingham Primary School

Celebrating achievements



Back l to r: Tom Lockyer, Shanae Wark, Olivia Wilson, Olive McFarlane, Anna Grills
Front: Joseph Reeves, Archie Jackson, Teo Starr, Dominic Nguyen, Mackenzie Ellem

Last Tuesday night, St Mary of the Angels held their annual Presentation Evening to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students throughout 2019. Congratulations to all of our students for their dedication to their studies throughout the year. You have all achieved so much over the past 12 months. Congratulations to our Major Awards winners:

- Dux 2019 - Shanae Wark
- Sportsperson 2019 - Shanae Wark
- Ramage Engineering Science Award - Archie Jackson
- Molly McKerverey Creative Arts Award - Shanae Wark
- ADIG Mathematics Award - Dominic Nguyen
- CWL Pastoral Care Award - Olivia Wilson
- St Vincent de Paul Social Justice Award - Anna Grills

- U Goose Technology Award - Joseph Reeves
- Armidale Regional Council Citizenship Award - Mackenzie Ellem
- Costa Leadership Award - Tom Lockyer
- Costa Junior Leadership Award - Teo Starr
- Cath Lockyer Literacy Award - Olive McFarlane

The Simple Things

Ramblings by the Guyra Ghost.

It's nice to wake up and realise that not much is happening today. It certainly gives me time to enjoy the simple things. Simple delights vary between people but these are a few of what I class as the simple things.

* Watching contrails form in a clear sky. I'm not sure what the jets are doing or whether it is the best use of the Defence Budget, but I really enjoy seeing the patterns they make. Sometimes it looks like they are playing O's and X's.

* Having a laugh and a cup of tea with your best mate, or even a quiet cup of tea with your best mate. It's nice to be able to sit, not say much, and be comfortable.

* Buying a Lotto ticket and then spending 10 minutes happily talking about what you would do with the prize, even though you know you won't win. If we don't win, at least we have contributed towards the State coffers and helped pay for a new nurse, teacher, fire fighter or policeman.

* Knowing your kids are Ok, (at the moment), that they love you and appreciate what you have tried to teach them (even if they disagree). However, I wonder if there comes a time when you stop worrying about them.

* Being able to give something to someone, be it your time or something material,

without expectation of anything in return. Really, we keep too much stuff. Someone else can use it, and it doesn't hit landfill for a bit longer. We need to help each other, it's what bonds our community.

* Home made marmalade
* Lists; shopping lists, Christmas lists, list of what we need to do this weekend, though you don't have to necessarily comply with everything on the list. I find most lists are fluid, so even if I like having them, they are only a guideline/suggestion.

None of these things cost me much, which is the point, however, if we did win some big Lotto prize, I hope we would still enjoy the Simple Things.

Bureau of Meteorology
Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
10	Tues	15.0	31.3	0
11	Wed	17.1	32.5	0
12	Thurs	14.9	28.7	3.0
13	Fri	14.9	21.7	0
14	Sat	11.9	26.8	22.0
15	Sun	13.1	28.4	0
16	Mon	14.7	29.5	0

Rain this week	0mm
Dec rainfall	29.8mm
Rainfall YTD	301.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	549.4mm
Ave. rain to Dec.	914.5mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Messages of Hope arrive for farmers

The following messages are just some of those that arrived for the Guyra Branch of the CWA from the students at Birmingham Primary School, Mt Evelyn Victoria.

To the brave, resilient person that's reading this, please stay strong. I know that this must be an extremely difficult time for you, but I KNOW that you can do this! You are amazing for not breaking down even in the worst of times, for being your STRONG self. Your AWE-SOME self. You're a strong survivor and you'll keep on surviving.

From Imogen Grade 4

My Christmas wish for you is that when you wake up one morning you will hear the pitter patter of rain. I hope that the rain will help all the firefighters get all of the fires under control. Even when times get tough just remember to stay positive and keep hoping.

Birmingham Primary School



My thoughts, hopes, feelings go out to you. I feel so small and useless here while you do it tough. No problem seems so big when I think of you up there. I hope that your Christmas brings rain and that things get better for you. Remember it is always darkest before the dawn. I hope that these hard times go away. I'm also sorry for not been (*sic*) able to do more. When times get hard I will think of you and remember I will get through a will you.

Callum

'Thank you' is the least I can say to you to show my appreciation for everything you have done for Australia.

Jonti Ellis

Hope will always be there for you. Hope will always look after you. Hope will always be there when you need. Hope will always be your knight in shining armour. Hope will be your shining stars when it's the darkest of nights.

From Sophie & Sierra

The strongest people are not those who show strength in front of us, but those who win battles we know nothing about. To you guys that strengthened our country, the struggle you're in today is developing a strength you need for tomorrow.

Jasper

Dear farmers and firefighters, I am terribly sorry about all these fires and drought happening out in NSW, I understand how hard it must be going through this and I feel very bad that you are having to deal with it all, I know some people must be devastated and please do tell them I care about them and their safety. I wish you all the best and I hope everything will come together eventually, (and even if it doesn't soon I promise you it will one day because you have amazing firefighters out there going and fighting the fires and helping all the farmers with drought.) I wish you all a lovely Christmas and be safe.

Alexia Ball

**Janelle & Martha
of the Guyra Gazette**
would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Rain-Filled 2020

A special thanks to all those who have supported the Guyra Gazette in our 3rd year of publication, especially all our advertisers and contributors.

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A tough year ...

It has been a tough year for everyone this past year. And we'll say to our grandchildren, perhaps, 'your drought is nothing as bad as the drought and fires we had in 2018 and 2019.' These years will forever be etched on our memories.

But Christmas reminds us that the date, 2019, is the date of the the birth of a baby into another tough world.

Israel is a dry country. And drought then meant famine. Deaths in childbirth and infancy and illness and accident were common.

Work without machines was backbreaking toil. The nation was under the brutal Roman Empire.

This was the world into which this baby was born. Into a village, smaller than Guyra. He grew up and worked a trade to support a large family. He wept at funerals; was often homeless, tired, hungry and poor. He experienced loneliness and criticism and rejection.

I find it immensely comforting that at Christmas we worship God who understands life. He's not far away, distant and uncaring. He became a real human being. He understands. He cares. For you.

Thank God this Christmas that God loved the world (you!) so much He gave His one and only son that whoever (you!) believes

in Him shall not perish but have eternal life' (John 3v16).

Rev. Andrew Campbell
St. Columba's
Presbyterian Church

Christmas For You

It's amazing how during hard circumstances such as the drought and the fires, how they have pulled us together. The spirit of Christmas is that of giving and loving. We don't have to wait till Christmas to experience this. It's already happening. It is wonderful how everyone looks out for each other, and how the community works together for a common good. We have wonderful people, who do an amazing job, giving of their time loving and caring for others.

Christmas assures everyone that God really cares. Christmas means different things to different people. While many look forward to it, there are those who cringe at the thought of loneliness. This may be the first Christmas someone has lost a loved one, either through passing away or a relationship breakdown. It might be that Christmas means nothing but another day in the ongoing cycle of hopelessness, fear, illness or unemployment.

Christmas doesn't divide our community into the haves and the have nots or the happy and the sad. Christmas is something very special, no matter

whether you are struggling or prosperous; in bad health or in good; whether lonely or abounding in deep friendships. God doesn't have favourites. His desire is that all might know His amazing love and His transforming power in our lives. That's why He gave us all a gift, the gift of Jesus.

Did you know that you are part of the Christmas story? The shepherds were told that Jesus's birth was "good news of great joy that will be for ALL people". Jesus came, he died, and he has risen from the dead. Jesus is your hope.

You're invited to our Christmas Service on 22nd December. 10am, followed by free lunch and activities for the kids. Northwest Church, 66 Llan-gothlin street. Christmas is all about Jesus, you and hope.

Linden & Kerrie Pollard
Northwest Church

That time of Year

It's that time of the year again! The long school holidays! And that means we have reached the Christmas season, a time to be jolly, to give presents and enjoy a time of fellowship and feasting, Christmas trees, coloured baubles, tinsel, fairy lights, candles, nativity scenes, garlands, wreaths, holly and mistletoe, decorating the house with Christmas lights and singing carols or attending "Carols by Candlelight" in the

Park. For children there is Santa Claus and the reindeer.

But is that all Christmas means to you? To many people, yes, that is all it means. For others, perhaps it means some time off work, visiting friends or a camping trip away. Maybe it will mean one of the two times you attend church each year – Christmas and Easter.

Some people like the holiday but think that any reference to Jesus should be removed. However, if we remove Jesus, we would not have any reason for the celebration. Christmas would lose its meaning entirely.

For Christmas celebrates the birth, some two thousand years ago, of God's Son, Jesus Christ. It celebrates God breaking into our world with a plan, His plan, to save us from ourselves. And the way things are in this world, that is pretty obvious, isn't it?

Christmas time is the season in which we remember the supernatural events that revealed God's plan to reconcile all humanity to Himself in sending His Son into the world.

If you want to hear more about this "Good News", there will be an 11.00 pm Christmas Eve service and a 9.00 am service on Christmas morning at the Anglican Church, 79 Malpas Street, Guyra. All are welcome.

Rev. Dick Ferguson
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Ryan Schmidt from 'Woombi' suggested the helicopter pilots get water out of the big 'Woombi' dam for their huge buckets, which was a life saver. How very wonderful are the chopper guys with their buckets!

My boys worked with the RFS crews all day and through the night inside the Wyoming front boundary up the big hill opposite and along Guyra Rd. As darkness fell it truly became a Sydney light show with the very fiery atmosphere around and the blue and red flashing RFS trucks driving up and down the road.

In the homestead the power was off for three days. Mathew's wife Kylie purchased pizzas from Armidale and arrived after midnight, driving the long way round due to road closures, while Nick's wife Yvonne kept in touch with the wind changes on her mobile providing critical information.

But words cannot express enough our gratitude and admiration for the RFS crews and volunteers who are amazing, facing danger again and again to preserve our lives, homes and buildings - Guyra, Tenterden, from wherever - you are remarkable. May god bless each of you abundantly.

Steven Simpson the bulldozer driver put in two firebreaks the first one down the rugged terrain in the middle of Wyoming down to Querra Creek with its now dry creek bed - an amazing feat.

Paul Jarrett said to us 'Mrs Rice the homestead is still here - you must have a superior authority looking after you.' Yes, I am here. 'Wyoming' - a place of prayer, pilgrimage and peace is still here and the fingerboard is still standing even though the fire burnt right around it.

Yes, we are still here by the grace of God and with the help of so many people. Thank you for the physical help and offers of support from neighbours, by phone and messages. My gratitude to CT Electric (Geoff & Anne Thrift, Bradley, Carson & Wayne) for their expertise in connecting the power and coordinating with Essential Energy for a new 'FIR' in the transformer box. Thank you for suggesting the need for a generator.

Did we have a Bush Fire Survival Plan? Two big green tanks kept full of water (pumped from above when necessary). One pump in the house for the western side of the house/garden and one pump in the rockwork for the eastern side - both with extended hoses. BUT no power



Water Bombing helped to save Wyoming and other properties

for three days so no water. Yes, I had my car and Triton plus trailer ready at the back door with fuel for the quick take off if necessary and precious items ready if in need of evacuation.

Thank you again to the RFS, my family and Woombi Dam. Thank you particularly to my son James from Brisbane who came down and strained up all the fences the RFS cut to fight the fire and get the bulldozer

through. James also mustered the cattle from the TSR. Thank you to Russell Fenton from Tingha who came to the rescue and helped as well.

The results and clean up after this fire are ongoing and will be for some time. Sadly, the 'Wyoming Waterfalls' have been badly affected - the gum trees and their roots have been burnt so the unsecured rocks have fallen to the bottom of the falls. It has been the most horrific, but most amazing experience of my life - one I do not wish to repeat.

On Friday November 8th when the fire was volatile and critical and the atmosphere frantic, I walked into each room of the homestead praying loudly "Jesus I trust in you, Jesus I really trust in you!" After this serenity came over me.

Thank you and my sincerest gratitude to the 'wonderful Wyoming family' members, friends and good folk who prayed for the safe protection of those involved in the Wandsworth fire and for 'Wyoming'. I know now I had a miraculous answer to my prayer in crisis. God does hear the prayers of those who trust in Him. I am here and 'Wyoming' is here. God bless you all, you are always welcome at 'Wyoming'.

Sue Rice

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Year draws to a close

As our school year draws to a close all staff and students at Black Mountain Public School would like to wish our families and friends a very Merry Christmas and restful holiday break.

Last week our school celebrated student achievement at our Annual Presentation Night. Congratulations to our students for their fantastic learning! I'd like to thank all our sponsors and community members who continue to support us throughout the year.

Our Transition class celebrated the end of their year of learning with a class party, Christmas craft and cooking with their teacher,



Mrs Nikki Robinson.

Transition will continue in 2020, every Friday from the start of the year. If your child is four years of age or turning four, please contact the school on 6775 0192, to enrol in our extensive kindergarten preparation program for the year.

Principal Justine Eddy



Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

December 11th - There was a small number of lambs with quality very mixed at the Guyra sheep and lamb sale. A yarding of 925 lambs and 4155 sheep.

Well finished lambs were in limited supply with Merino lambs well supplied. There was a small selection of new season

lambs, mostly Dorpers. The regular orders were in place. There were limited numbers of lambs suitable to processors demand and competition was weaker for both the new season and the older crossbred and Dorper lambs.

Merino lambs varied in weight

and condition, all classes selling to a cheaper trend. Odd sales to restockers remained firm.

There was a large selection of light and medium weight Merino and crossbred ewes. Heavy sheep were limited in supply. The condition of the offering tended to the plainer end of the

spectrum. There was good restocker competition on the plainer condition Merino ewes and some on the crossbreds.

Market trends were cheaper throughout despite some solid competition between processors.

Armidale Cattle Sale

December 12th - The numbers remained steady for the last sale for the year. There was a good supply of calves and store condition cows. Limited supplies of well finished cattle. Overall the quality of the offering varied from plain to good. There was restricted export processor competition and no domestic trade competition. Restocker and feedlot attendance was good.

Strong demand for light weight calves from restockers resulted in dearer trends of 25c/kg and more in places.

Trends through the yearlings varied with the good quality steers dearer. The plainer quality steers and most of the heifers sold to cheaper trends with quality contributing.

Strong competition from restocker and feedlot interests resulted in the medium weight cows selling to a dearer trend. The light and very light weight cows sold to cheaper trends. The restricted processor competition saw the well finished cows and the heavy bulls sell to a much cheaper market trend.

Weekly Wool Sales

December 13th - The expected 48,500 bale offering failed to eventuate this week with the falls over the previous few weeks resulting in over 10% of the national offering being withdrawn prior to sale.

The lower than expected offering combined with the looming Christmas recess helped to push prices higher over both selling days for the first time in three weeks. After being the strongest area in the market during recent falls the Merino Carding Indicator was one of the few to register a decline.

37,985 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 10.7%. Major buyers in-

cluded Techwool, Fox & Lillie and PJ Morris. Next week's sale is the last before the annual three week recess and will be held on the Tuesday and Wednesday. Fremantle closed this week on a solid note giving hope that the market can head into the recess on a stable platform.

Forward market prices on offer are also indicating more stability with prices available at this week's physical close for the next six months. Total auction turnover for the season to date surpassed the billion dollar mark this week, taking seven weeks longer to achieve than the previous season.

'Into the Dreaming' resources for MPS

Members of the local Aboriginal community along with staff were presented with the new Aboriginal Health Resource package called 'Into the Dreaming' on Tuesday November 26th.

This resource has been developed to provide culturally sensitive, respectful, responsive and appropriate methods of communication when dealing with health care and Sorry Business with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.

Aboriginal Health Manager for Tablelands Lyn Lackay delivered the package with the support of Aboriginal health workers within her team, including Mandy Cutmore and Margaret Patterson.

With between 15 to 20 Aboriginal community members present, the resources were delivered and discussed in regards to Care Plans, Palliative Care Plans, End of Life Plans as well as discussion around being informed of what needs to be done within community and with families in regards to planning their future.

Guyra Health Service Manager Leanne Fitzgerald accepted the resources and beautiful art work, which will be placed in the en-



Above: Indrani Jeyakumar, Lyn Lackay, Leanne Fitzgerald and Dr Jeyakumar
Below: Margaret Patterson, Mandy Cutmore, Lyn Lackay, Audrey Strangways, Pauline Ale, Leanne Fitzgerald and Tyarn Blair



trance hallway of the Guyra MPS. Ms Fitzgerald said that she is very thankful for the support of the commu-

nity and the Aboriginal Health Unit for involvement in the day and acknowledged that she would like to see

more community members involved with the service at the Guyra MPS.

We wish all our customers a very Happy Christmas and a bright & prosperous New Year!



**Closed from 25th December
Re-opening 6th January**



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We would like to thank all our lovely customers for their wonderful support this year, and we wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.



We're taking a little break, see you in 2020!



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Reaching out

St Mary of the Angels is eternally grateful to St Paul's Primary School in Moss Vale and the Regina Coeli School in Beverly Hills who have reached out to us during this time of drought.

The Regina Coeli school hosted a mufti day to sponsor our end of year pool party. Families from

St Paul's Primary School in Moss Vale visited our school last week to deliver a small gift to each of our students to help them celebrate Christmas during the drought.

We wish all families in our community a happy, holy and wet Christmas.

Right: Hugo Sisson receiving his gift from St Paul's Primary School Moss Vale



Santa Photos a hit for P & C



Guyra Central School P&C held their annual Christmas Photo fundraiser for 2019. We would like to thank everyone who supported this.

We had a fantastic team and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your help but as we know

this could not have been possible if we didn't have our Santa and photographer. This year we had our Traditional Scene, Photo booth and our outdoor scene. We look forward to seeing you all next year.

Jo Cameron



*Josh and all the team at LANDMARK GUYRA wish all our valued customers a very Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2020
Thank you for your support throughout 2019*

We are CLOSED on 25th & 26th December & 1st January

OPEN: Friday, December 27th 7.30am - 5.00pm
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Men's Bowls

No Club Championships to report on this week. However there was a game played on Sunday December 15th and that was a Ham Day in memory of one of our long serving members Brian Vickery.

The Ham Day has a long tradition going back to Mr Tom Muldoon. Brian carried on the tradition after the passing of Mr Muldoon.

Paul Clark represents the Vickery family and carries the Ham Day forward.

There were 16 brave souls that ventured onto the greens. By brave I mean they faced heat and later in the afternoon smoke to remember Brian. The afternoon was won by Anthony Bull and Colleen Gouley with 2 wins

plus 9 points. The runners up were David Wilcox and Debbie Sole with 1 win and 1 loss after playoffs.

Paul Clark thanked those that took part in the afternoon and presented the trophy's.

On behalf of the Guyra Bowling Club I would like to express my thanks for the Vickery family's continuation of this Day.

I have little else to report on apart to remind Bowlers of the Top Of the Fours that will take place Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th January, entries are now open. So if you would like to take part in this carnival then contact the Bowling Club on (02) 6779 1499 during working hours.

In closing I would on behalf

of my wife and myself wish all readers a very Happy Festive Season and a Happy New Year.

The bowls bandit

Vets Golf

It was great to see a good field of 16 vets compete in a 4 Ball last week coming up to Christmas. We played for hams and Turkey.

The winners with a great score of 48 was Pat Grills and Ken Fuller with the runner ups being Roger Cox and Mick Kirk on 46.

Nearest the pins went to Kim Shaw on the 7th, Len Stanley the 10th and Pat Grills on the 18th.

This week will be our Christmas party, playing for hams and other Christmas goodies with a Bar-b-q lunch

and a few extras.

After this we will have a recess of a couple of Tuesdays, back on the 7th January.

See you next year,

A vet

Midweek Golf

This is the last report for 2019. We start up again on January 13th, 2020.

Congratulations to Emma Vidler for top scoring with 25 points this week. Next on 24 points was Flea Burey, followed closely by Adam Brennan on 23 points.

After seven rounds of midweek the teams scores are pretty close. Double points for the first round next year, Good luck to everyone then.

Middy

**Michael, Stacey
& Staff**

wish everyone a

**Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!**

We thank you for your
valued support of
our business during 2019

Trading Hours

CLOSED: Christmas Day, Boxing Day
& New Year's Day

- We will trade as normal on all other days:
Monday-Friday: 7.00am - 6.30pm
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on Boxing Day and New Year's Day for purchase

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& a Happy New Year**

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2020 Rain Chart



Property:

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD Saturday, December 7th

1st Grade Guyra def. by Ex Services

Guyra Innings	
Shane Wolfenden.....	16
Heath Dowsett.....	3
Ben Jackson.....	59
BJ Cameron.....	8
Matt Finlay.....	10
D Landsborough.....	2
B Landsborough.....	19
Charlie White.....	4
Tyson Burey.....	17
Mitch Woods.....	15
Justin McKay.....	not out.....1
Extras.....	20
Total.....	176
Overs.....	35.5

Ex Services innings
3 fo 180 off 41.1 overs

Guyra Bowling:
TMitchell Woods 0 for 20, Tyson Burey 1 for 22, BJ Cameron 0 for 31, Justin McKay 1 for 18, Brandon Landsborough 1 for 37, Heath Dowsett 0 for 25, Matt Finlay 0 for 10

2nd Grade Guyra defeated Hillgrove

Guyra Innings	
Joey Ryan.....	31
Grant Ryan.....	100
Jake Davies.....	103
Keiran Wicks.....	17
Corey Torrens.....	0
Peter Presnell.....	9
Jake Brazier.....	20
Ryan Walker.....	2
Brock Laybutt.....	4
Jake Ellis.....	not out.....1
Dan Stace.....	not out.....2
Extras.....	7
Total.....	7/296 (CC)
Overs.....	44.0

Hillgrove Innings
106 off 32.1 overs

Guyra Bowling:
Dan Stace 3 for 13, Corey Torrens 1 for 1, Keiran Wicks 1 for 26, Jake Davies 0 for 0, Jake Ellis 3 for 15, Joey Ryan 1 for 14, Ryan Walker 0 for 5, Brock Laybutt 0 for 11, Jake Brazier 1 for 0

3rd Grade (T20) Guyra defeated City/Une

Guyra Innings	
Cody Patterson.....	37
Taylor Brennan.....	28
Adrian Cameron...not out.....	66
Jim Lenehan.....	17
Cameron Surawski.....	0
Simon Brown.....	1
Tim Foster.....	dnb
Peter Ahoy.....	dnb
Allan Boney.....	dnb
Andrew Pearson.....	dnb
Tim Brazier.....	dnb
Extras.....	10
Total.....	5/159 (CC)
Overs.....	20

City/UNE Innings
5/93 off 20 overs

Guyra Bowling:
Cody Patterson 1 for 12, Andrew Pearson 1 for 5, Cameron Surawski 0 for 10, Allan Boney 0 for 21, Tim Foster 0 for 11, Peter Ahoy 3 for 5, Tim Brazier 0 for 8, Jim Lenehan 0 for 17

Under 14s Guyra defeated Uralla

Guyra Innings	
Jack Lockyer.....ret. no.....	50
Rave Brazier.....	0
M Landsborough.....	16
Cooper Brennan.....	8
Harrison Brazier.....	6
Cooper Collins.....	31
B Landsborough...not out.....	19
Ben Reinke.....not out.....	1
Brodi Campbell.....	dnb
T Landsborough.....	dnb
Tom Lockyer.....	dnb
Extras.....	35
Total.....	5/166 (CC)
Overs.....	25.0

Uralla Innings
63 off 18.3 overs

Guyra Bowling:
Cooper Collins 3 for 4, Ben Reinke 1 for 3, Brodi Campbell 2 for 5, Brendan Landsborough 2 for 7, Malekai Landsborough 1 for 1`

CRICKET SCOREBOARD Saturday, Dec. 14th

1st Grade Guyra defeated Easts

East innings
100 off 27 overs

Guyra Bowling:

Mitch Woods 4 for 19, Tyson Burey 0 for 29, BJ Cameron 1 for 27, Jake Ellis 2 for 11, Brandon Landsborough 3 for 10

Guyra Innings

Grant Ryan.....	6
Shane Wolfenden.....	0
Ben Jackson.....	64
BJ Cameron.....	11
Joey Ryan.....	not out.....0
D Landsborough.....	not out...11
B Landsborough.....	dnb
Charlie White.....	dnb
Tyson Burey.....	dnb
Mitch Woods.....	dnb
Jake Ellis.....	dnb
Extras.....	13
Total.....	4/105
Overs.....	21.0

2nd Grade Guyra defeated Easts

Guyra Innings

Troy Martin.....	6
Heath Dowsett.....	1
Andrew Boyle.....	4
Mal Gaukroger.....	32
Jake Davies.....	36
Jake Brazier.....	2
Keiran Davies.....	14
Peter Presnell...not out.....	42
Taylor Brennan.....	0
Tim Stace.....	17
Dan Stace.....	19
Extras.....	50
Total.....	224
Overs.....	41

Easts Innings
96 off 25.0 overs

Guyra Bowling:
Dan Stace 0 for 24, Keiran Davies 2 for 18, Jake Brazier 1 for 15, Andrew Boyle 1 for 21, Heath Dowsett 2 for 8, Tim Stace 0 for 9

PET OF THE WEEK



Friends of Fred Animal Rescue has Stormy for adoption. He is a playful 10 week old kitten. He is confident and affectionate. He is litter trained.

Stormy's adoption fee of \$120 includes desexing, vaccination, microchipping, worming and flea treatment.

We currently have many kittens of various ages and colours for adoption. Please get in touch to meet them.

**Phone/text Friends of
Fred Animal Rescue:
0423 685 694**

Under 12s Guyra defeated by Hillgrove Colts

Guyra Innings

Aidan Brown.....	23
Sam Surawski.....	2
Emory Levy.....	1
Angus Dullaway.....	24
Thomas Brazier.....	3
Tynan Bull.....not out.....	12
Hugo Brazier.....	8
Jason Mowbray.....	0
Henry Youman.....	0
Extras.....	35
Total.....	108

Overs.....25.0

Hillgrove Colts Innings
2/112 off 14.4 overs

Guyra Bowling:
Thomas Brazier 1 for 13, Harrison Brazier 1 for 8

**Under 10s
Guyra Black 3/112 (CC)
defeated
Guyra Red 5/84(CC)**

Presentations for lady golfers

Last week a field of 13 ladies played for Anita Murray's trophy with Donna White winning on a countback from Jenny Tierney with 39 points. Nearest the Pin winners were Donna White on the 7th and 9th holes, Vicki Reeves on the 10th and Suzanne Towells on the 18th holes.

This week we are playing a Par Event with Pip White as the starter.

Next week is Christmas Day.

At the Guyra Lady Golfers' Annual Presentation Evening our major sponsors, including Leanne Sweeney, Guyra Welding Works, Gittoes Family, Kirks' IGA, Grills Racing and Georges were thanked for their ongoing donation of annual trophies.

The following winners were presented with their trophies.

Club Champion Karen Oehlers, B Grade Champion Jenny Rogers, C Grade Champion Joyce Betts. 4BBB Champions Donna White and Pam Youman.

4BBB Stroke Champions Donna White and Wendy George, Foursomes Champions Vicki Reeves and Wendy Jackson, Kirks Matchplay and May Mitchell Matchplay winner was Julie Walker.

Best Stableford round was Belinda Lenahan, WG Medal winners Div 1 Vicki Reeves, Div 2 Jenny Rogers, Div 3 Shona Mulligan.

Par Medal Play Off winner Wendy Jackson.

Thank you to all of our trophy donors throughout the year.

We wish all lady members and families a Merry Christmas and look forward to good golfing in 2020.

Birdie



Above; Wendy Jackson, Vicki Reeves and Julie Walker

Below: Wendy Jackson, Donna White and Wendy George



Leanne Sweeney with Karen Oehlers (above) and Joyce Betts (below)



SHOP LOCAL in December and go into our Christmas give-away

- 1st prize: Double Swag
- 2nd prize: Petrol Blower
- 3rd prize: Portable BBQ

Dasha, Tania & staff wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
We thank you for shopping locally



Dasha's Hardware & Building Supplies



Our Christmas trading hours will be:

Tuesday, 24 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Thursday 26 December	CLOSED
Friday 27 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
Saturday 28 December	7.00am – 12.00noon
Sunday 29 December	9.00am – 11.00am
Monday 30 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
Tuesday 31 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
New Year's Day	CLOSED
Thursday 2 January	7.00am – 5.30pm

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CHRISTMAS CLOSING

GUYRA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE (the Hub at Guyra) will be closed from 19th December to 14th January, 2020. Sorry for any inconvenience

Vinnies Shop

Last day: Friday 20th December, 2019
2.00pm

Opening: Tuesday 14th January, 2020
10.00am to 2.00pm

Care & Support Conference

Close: Wednesday 18th December, 2019
4.00pm

Opening: 15th January, 2020 at 2.00pm

Thank you for your support over 2019.
Have a Happy & Healthy Christmas
& New Year.

Margaret & volunteers
Sue & volunteers

PUBLIC NOTICES

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM CLOSED over Christmas/New Year and will open during the Lamb & Potato Festival.

SEWING CLASSES

KIDS SEWING CLASSES 6th and 7th January for ages 7 to 15. Please contact Robin Godlonton 0428 791 992.

RAFFLE RESULTS

GUYRA CRICKET CLUB Hamper won by Ben Jackson. Thank you to all who donated prizes: Dasha's, Kirk's IGA, Guyra Pharmacy and to all who supported us.

GUYRA CWA \$120.00 open order won by Nancy Davidson. Thank you to all who supported us.

GAZETTE CHRISTMAS

THE GUYRA GAZETTE is taking a Christmas break and will be closed from 18th December. We will be back on 13th January for our first edition of 2020 on 15th January. A Merry Christmas and a wet New Year to all our supporters, advertisers and contributors.

IN MEMORIAM

JOAN MARIE McELROY
6.10.1927 - 16.12.2017
Forever loved, Never forgotten
We think of you every day
Mum, Nan, Barry, June, Greg & Puppyx

GREG ("SIMMO") SIMPSON
19.12.2018
365 days of missing you
But every memory brings a smile
Our minds still talk of you
And our hearts still look for you
But our souls know you are at peace
Your loving family

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

UNITING CHURCH

Christmas Eve Service 7.30pm



Free lunch & kids activities after the service



Your invitation to Christmas services ...

GUYRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 22nd December

9.00am

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, 25th December

9.00am

Rev. Andrew (& Anne) Campbell

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or function
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Wishing everyone a
Happy Christmas
& a **VERY WET** New Year



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on 20th December

The shop opens from 11am - 12pm
and then again 1pm - 3pm

Farmers are welcome, you just need to
bring their ABN with you.

For everybody else, a concession card
from Centrelink is required.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Dec. 19th	Lesley Credland
Dec. 20th	Ann Williams
Dec. 23rd	NEM Staff
Dec. 24th	Pam Hart
Dec. 25th	Christmas Day
Dec. 26th	Sue Adams
Dec. 27th	Stephen Adams
Dec. 30th	Lyn & Richard Skinner
Dec. 31st	Guyra CWA
Jan. 1st	Wendy Lockyer
Jan. 2nd	Heather Marchant
Jan. 3rd	Lyn Skinner
Jan. 6th	Kath Varley
Jan. 7th	Don & Betty Mayled
Jan. 8th	John Mitchell
Jan. 9th	Joyce Betts
Jan. 10	Golf Ladies
Jan. 13th	Ann Hulbert
Jan. 14th	Jan Jordan
Jan. 15th	Lesley Credland

Big dreams for young shooter

At just 14 years of age Fletcher Richardson has achieved more than most in his chosen sport. Learning beside his father Jeff, he has been competing at clay target shoots with great success over the last 12 months. This involves a lot of travel attending competitions every second week but he wouldn't have it any other way.

The highlight this year was captaining the Northern zone junior team who won their event at the State Down the Line championships in Wagga. He also competed in the overall State handicap which he won and to top it off he was named captain of the NSW junior team.

Fletcher was the first junior to win the State handicap title in at least 35 years – that's as far back as the records go. In this event he was up against 301 other shooters including quite a few Australian representatives, competing against shooters in all age groups.

That is what he loves

about the sport – that anyone can win old or young, male or female – everyone has the chance to be a winner.

As well as his win at State he went to the CHSSA Trap Shooting Competition which was held in Tamworth representing Guyra Central School. He cleaned up at this event, winning overall double and overall single barrel, AA point score, AA double rise and overall high gun. This meet is the only school shooting carnival held in NSW with 11 participating schools and 47 shooters attending.

The next big competition will be Nationals Championships which are being held in Wagga in March.

Between now and then he will travel far and wide attending shoots and honing his skills. Long term he says he would love to make the Olympics, but would need to change disciplines to trench to achieve that goal – but he has time on his side to make this dream come true.



Fletcher following his win at the NSW DTL Championships

Ripe for a Reno



Located in South Guyra on a flat elevated 1012 m2 block this weatherboard home has great bones and would make the perfect investment or first home. If you are looking for a summer project then this could fit the bill, with new floor coverings and a paint job this house will shine.

On offer are 3 generous bedrooms with built-ins and a 4th bedroom or office, good sized north-east facing lounge with wood heating and a large kitchen. The bathroom and laundry are combined, and the toilet is separate. There is a tiled rumpus room at the rear of the house giving you approximately 139m2 under roof. There are 8 solar panels on the roof feeding back into the grid and a single garage with concrete floor.

Fresh to the market and ready to be sold, this property presents an exciting opportunity. Perhaps you are looking for land to spread out and watch the children play or maybe you're looking for a renovation project or a future nest egg. Either way this property will be snapped up quickly, contact our office to arrange an inspection before it's too late!!



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