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Top award goes to Sue Adams

Sue Adams is the Guyra 2020 Australia Day Citizen of the Year, recognising her ongoing commitment to a number of community groups and for her efforts to encourage Guyra district residents to be active. The award was announced at the Guyra Australia Day dinner, along with the other recipients of this year's Guyra Australia Day Awards.

Sue is an active member of Can Assist, the Guyra Garden Club, the St Vincent de Paul Guyra Conference and Catholic Women's League, as well as a dedicated Meals on



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES: Dianne Burey, Sue Adams (winner), Ambassador Liz Deep-Jones, Chris Sole, Julie Stride, Robyn Jackson (MC)

Wheels volunteer. She also runs a weekly exercise group for Home Support Services and founded the Guyra Heart Foundation Walking Group.

Sue was a popular choice, having received three separate

nominations for the award. She said that she was both surprised and humbled to receive the award and congratulated fellow nominees Dianne Burey, Chris Sole and Julie Stride for the work that they

do in the community.

Colleen Pearson has received the Young Citizen of the Year Award.

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112th Guyra Show Friday & Saturday • 21 & 22 February, 2020

Why not become a **MEMBER** of the Show Society and enjoy all the benefits that membership can bring?

Family Membership: \$30 (includes admission to the Show plus guest and children 16 & under)

Single Membership: \$20 • Youth Membership: \$10



Don't miss the Australian Army Band on Friday evening

All memberships include:

- entry to the Show both days
- parking inside the Showground (must be booked in advance)
- Show Schedule posted well prior to the Show



Family entertainment on Saturday night
Rooftop Express - New Show

A show which combines showmanship, stunts, horses and cattle with the swagger of an Aussie larrikin.

For more information: Phone 6779 2132

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Awards night

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The Year 12 student at Guyra Central School volunteers in at community events such as the Lamb and Potato Festival and Guyra Show. She also assists with the running of holiday sewing classes and at the school's Breakfast Club, encouraging healthy eating by younger students at the school.

The award for Community Event of the Year went to St Mary's of the Angels for their Centenary celebrations. The weekend of celebrations including a dinner attended by 237 people, a special Mass which filled the Church and a display of memorabilia. Other nominees for this award were Trout-Fest, the Lamb and Potato Festival and Frock Club held at Ben Lomond Hall.

The Lamb and Potato Festival Committee received the Community Service Award. The festival has been held since 1986 and has grown to include many attractions, drawing tens of thousands of visitors to the region.

The Art and Culture Award was presented to the Guyra & District Historical Society for their work in the creation and expansion of the Guyra Museum. Dancer Savannah Roberts was also nominated for performing at the Schools Spectacular and passing on her skills to up and coming dancers.



Above:

Community Event of the Year nominees Sharon Wittig (St Mary of the Angels Centenary), Lynne Chapman (Troutfest), Betty Sheelah (Lamb & Potato Festival) and Mike Mulligan (Ben Lomond Frock Club)

Right:

Ian & Gwen Pearson accepting the Junior Citizen of the Year Award won by daughter Colleen, presented by Liz Deep-Jones

Below left:

Art & Culture Award won by the Guyra & District Historical Society. Savanah Roberts (nominee) and Dot Lockyer (winner)

Below right:

Community Service Award won by Lamb and Potato Festival accepted by Betty Sheelah with Cath Richardson from Regional Australia Bank



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD FOR DOROTHY VICKERY OAM

Former Guyra Shire Councillor Dorothy (Dot) Vickery, has been named in the Australia Day Honours. Dot was nominated for service to local government, and to the community of Guyra. She receives the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) which is awarded for service worthy of particular recognition.

Dot said that while one does not do community work for accolades, she is grateful to receive such an honour.

"It has taken a long time to get my head around this and I was totally overwhelmed when I received the letter to say I was nominated," she said. "It is very humbling to think that I am thought highly enough of to receive an OAM."

"It's the challenges that keep you going because when you live in a small community lots of volunteer work is needed," she said. "So often it is the same folks working on several projects to try to keep them going and make sure we are not forgotten."

The 2018 Guyra Citizen of the Year served as a Councillor with Guyra Shire Council from 2008-2016 and continues to be proactive in ensuring that Guyra is not forgotten in the amalgamated Armidale Regional Council. During her time on council she had a particular interest in aged care, pushing for the building of a new aged care facility in Guyra and continues to support Maclean Care Kolora as a volunteer



Dorothy Vickery was congratulated on her OAM by ARC Mayor Simon Murray and Member for Northern Tablelands at the Guyra Australia Day Awards dinner

and advocate.

Dot remains active in the wider community as President of the Guyra Neighbourhood Centre, President of the Guyra MPS Health Advisory Committee and Vice-President of the Guyra Historical Society.

She is also a long serving and founding member of the Guyra Garden Club, a member and volunteer for the New England Wig Library and has also been the driving force locally for the NSW Cancer Council's Dafodil Day since 1995.

Dance Enrolments



**Thursday
30th January**
Guyra Community Hall
3.30pm - 5.00pm

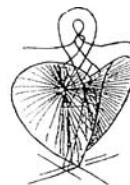
Classes commence:
Thursday, 6th February

Dance Styles: Classical ballet, Jazz dance, Tap, Creative, Modern, Contemporary, Hip Hop

Other specialty classes include:
Performance classes, Private lessons,
Eisteddford & Exam classes

Providers for "Active Kids & Creative Kids"

Australian Dance Enterprises of New England



Principal, Mrs Colette Brazier
0402 616 984
kcbrazier@gmail.com

What's HOT

CARS, BIKES & TRUCKS

Show & Shine was fantastic.

FULL DAMS - it has been a while and hopefully stays that way for a while

MACCA in Guyra - great to hear local people on the radio

GUYRA SHOW - just three weeks away

What's NOT

SIGNAGE around town does not mention "Guyra"

QUOTE of the week

In the end we will all become stories

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
21	Tues	15.5	26.6	1.6
22	Wed	14.2	29.1	0
23	Thurs	18.0	27.5	0
24	Fri	18.2	24.5	2.0
25	Sat	15.5	27.5	0
26	Sun	16.7	25.5	20.4
27	Mon	16.6	26.0	3.0

Rain this week	27 mm
Jan. rainfall	145.5 mm
Rainfall YTD	145.5 mm
Rainfall last YTD	94.2mm
Ave. rain to Jan.	121.3mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin,
Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Dams full but water restrictions will remain until drought breaks

Recent storm rains have finally found their way into Guyra's water supply dams, which are now at 100%. Water has also started flowing into the much larger Malpas Dam, boosting the level to 35.5%.

Despite the good inflows Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said that it would be premature to lift water restrictions until they can see the drought is over.

"The falls over the weekend have certainly eased the pressure on our dams and extended day zero, but the drought has not yet broken," he said.

"The forecasts are still not suggesting above average rain for the coming months and council will continue to maintain a conservative approach when it comes to water usage. That means maintaining water restrictions at the current levels."

"Council is encouraging all residents to maintain their



Guyra Dams at full capacity (Photo taken by Matt Mason 2017)

good habits in conserving water to ensure we get the maximum benefit from the recent rain," he said. "If the experience of the last 12

months has taught us anything it is that we cannot rely on rainfall returning to normal and we need to plan for the future."

INTERACTIVE TRAINING EVENT

Vertebrate pest management

Demonstration of fox baiting techniques, pig trapping, managing rabbit warrens, camera trap monitoring, drought and fire assistance information on hand

Thursday 20 February 2020

9:30am - 12:30pm Ben Lomond Hall

For more information and RSVP
by 17 February 2020 to Mahri Koch
T: 02 6732 3443
E: mahri.koch@glenrac.org.au



This project is jointly funded through Northern Tablelands Local Land Services and the Australian Government's National Landcare Program



Local Land Services



Hay delivery another reason to smile



Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, Deputy Chair for RAWCS Ltd David Pearson, truck driver Simon Tupper, Deputy Premier John Barilaro, Rotary District 9650 Governor Phil Haffey and property owner Matt Friend.

Long overdue rain and a generous fodder delivery has brought a smile to the faces of landholders at Guyra and Wollomombi last week. The delivery was made possible through Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Ltd which provides project services to Rotary Clubs across Australia.

Deputy Chair for RAWCS Ltd and Guyra Rotarian David Pearson said that the Drought Fodder project is an example of a project funding model that they are working to adopt more widely, where Rotary Clubs can be engaged in significant programs of doing good without having to raise every dollar locally.

The hay deliveries were made possible by a very generous donation of \$1million from an anonymous donor to Rotary and the assistance of the NSW State Government

in covering all of the transport costs. The \$492,500 contribution to cover all the transport costs meant Rotary has been able to put the full \$1 million towards buying hay.

"Through the generosity of one Philanthropist and with the support of the NSW government, the 16 Rotary Clubs involved to date will each have facilitated about \$70,000 of drought aid in their communities through this one project in addition to their other drought support," David said.

"In total there will be 82 loads of hay delivered across Northern NSW and into Queensland, with farms nominated by local rotary clubs."

"We used strict guidelines to identify individual farmers living in areas of severe drought and have provided each one with enough hay to

carry them over for a month.

Local Rotary Club members facilitated the delivery on behalf of RAWCS and they were joined by Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall and Deputy Premier John Barilaro to welcome the first of many truckloads of fodder made available by the donation, as it rolled onto the property of Black Mountain farmers Matt and Jenny Friend.

Matt said that it is amazing gesture that will help immensely to maintain their core breeding stock.

"We have been feeding for two years to maintain our breeders and this will help us along," he said.

"The drought has meant an immense amount of cost both financially and emotionally."

"To receive this huge and generous gift from an anonymous donor will give us a bit

of a break and mean we can stretch our budget a little bit further.

"A delivery like this before the rain when we were feeding full time would have lasted around fourteen or fifteen days," he said.

"We have had a bit of rain now so it will last a bit longer this time, but while the rain has painted the country green there is still no bulk in the feed on the ground so this will help immensely."

Hay deliveries were also made to two farms at Wollomombi last week and further deliveries are being made across the Northern Tablelands and North West over the coming weeks. Deliveries will also be made into Queensland, however this is proving more difficult due to the lack of drought transport subsidy in that state.

Meals on Wheels

January 30 Lyn Skinner
 January 31 Lesley Credland
 February 3 Kath Varley
 February 4 D & B Mayled
 February 5 Wendy Lockyer

Street Stalls

January - No stalls scheduled
 Feb 7th & 8th Masonic Lodge
 Feb 13th Can Assist
 Feb 15th Westpac Helicopter

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 10am-12pm, then 1pm-2.30pm

Linden & Kerrie Pollard Ph.0412 532 883.

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



Receiving their brand new back to school backpacks Deputy Premier John Barilaro, left, Ebor Public School Principal Lee Rose, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, GIVIT Founder and Director Juliette Wright with Ebor students Wyatt and Aria Brauer.

When school returns the eighteen students at Ebor Public School will be rocking up to class with a new back pack, new shoes and hopefully a big smile thanks to the generosity of the public and State Government partner organisation GIVIT.

Member for Northern Tablelands and Deputy Premier John Barilaro joined GIVIT founder Juliette Wright in Guyra last Thursday to present students from Ebor Public School with backpacks loaded with donated school supplies.

The items, pledged by donors through GIVIT, mean parents have one less thing to worry about as the community continues to recover from bushfires and drought.

As well as the support for Ebor families, vouchers from GIVIT have the potential to inject more than \$5,500 directly into Guyra's local economy. However, to realise the potential of this windfall for businesses, it is essential that people in the community take advantage of the vouchers which are being distributed through The Hub at Guyra.

Coordinator of The Hub Chris Hietbrink said that we are all aware of people who are doing it tough, and that business owners are also doing it tough as a result of drought. However, she is also aware that many in the community are reluctant to take up offers of support.

"This drought and the recent fires are affecting many in our community, but the majority are reluctant to come forward and access the help that is freely available," Chris said.

"What we need is for people realise that we are here to help and they shouldn't be afraid to put their hand up and take advantage of these generous donations being offered by charities and anonymous donors. Governments are also contributing to support for individuals and businesses.

"The simple fact is that there is money available and it would be foolish to not take advantage of what is on offer.

"Our role is make people aware of the help so don't be afraid to put your hand up and don't presume that you are taking from others."

Vouchers are available for fuel from Fourways, meat from Vidler's Butchery, haircuts at Crop Hair Design, groceries at Kirks IGA and school uniforms at Terry's Menswear.

The best time to call into The Hub is on Tuesday and Thursday from 10am until 2pm. On these days you can speak to Sonya Shipman who provides administration support for The Hub. Sonya is also a farmer who has experienced the effects of both the drought and fires, so she understands the impact first hand. If you need advice on any of the assistance available Sonya is more than happy to assist with filling in forms because she has had a lot of practice.



SPENDING UP: GIVIT founder Juliette Wright with Cath Danieletto at Crop Hair Design

Final thank you to Frank Presnell

For 33 years Frank Presnell was front and centre when it came to organising the Lamb and Potato Festival. Frank passed away last year, but his influence will live long in the history of the festival, and as a final gesture recognising his role, a new plaque was unveiled by his family on the weekend.

Lamb and Potato Committee Secretary Julie Gittoes paid tribute to the man who started the festival, which has become a fixture on the January calendar in Guyra and continues to attract large number of visitors.

“It is just amazing to think how bad it has been this year with the drought, but we knew we had to keep it going for Frank because he was so significant in the community and so significant to the festival.”

“Frank was so good at what he did and we miss him and all the things he did,” she said. “Every year he rounded up the lambs and there are so many wonderful stories we could tell about the amazing things he did for the festival and for Guyra,” she said.

“He deserved every award he was given and it is great to have his family here today to unveil this final tribute to their father. It is also great to see that they are stepping in to do some of his work - John organised the lambs this year and his granddaughter Mara helped out so we can't thank the Presnell family enough.”

“He did promise he was going to turn the rain on but I didn't think he was going to do it during the festival, so I guess we have to thank him for that as well.”

Right: Frank's children - Owen, John, Barry and Fran unveiled a plaque which is now affixed to the 'Big Lamb'



Life membership for Bertha and Geoff Reeves

The Lamb and Potato Festival has finished and secretary Julie Gittoes has paid tribute to the volunteers who ensured the success of the event.

“Thank you on behalf of the committee to each and every organisation for their help at the festival,” she said. “Even in the pouring rain we had people lined up with gumboots and umbrellas waiting to be served.”

“Every year I think it couldn't get busier and every year it gets busier. It is just unbelievable and I couldn't do it by myself - to all those volunteers who turn up every day, thank you is not enough.”

Two long standing volunteers Bertha (the potato bake lady) and Geoff (the meat slicer) Reeves were presented with life membership badges.

“They have been alongside me every day and I could not do this without them,” Julie said. “They



LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Bertha and Geoff Reeves were joined by their family Ian, Marie, Graham and Bruce to receive Life Membership badges

come in every morning and this year Bertha has made 188 potato bakes, cutting up more than 300 kg of potatoes, while Geoff slices the meat and cuts up the cab-

“They have been at every festival since the beginning and for the last 15 years have been in the gazebo every day - they are true treasures and we couldn't do the festival without them.”

Julie also made special mention of Shirley and Gordon Kelly from Grafton who take two weeks holidays to come to Guyra to help set up, cut up onion, roll burgers and clean up.

PHOTO GALLERY - Lamb & Potato Festival



The Show and Shine attracted a large crowd on Saturday



Potato Ambassador Gladys Wilson was out and about during the Festival, riding the mechanical bull (above) and with Julie Gittoes (below right)



Vicki and Amanda Bell joined other local craftspeople to sell goods at the Anglican Church Hall



Alicia, Lachlan, Josh and Cody Grievs from Armidale



Guyra's on the ABC!! *Ramblings by the Guyra Ghost.*

Far too early on Sunday morning I received a text, "Did you know Macca is at the Guyra Showground?" Then not long after I received another text, "Macca's at the Guyra Showground". This disturbed my sleep too many times so I finally had to get up.

All these messages came from "the older generation" as the young ones don't listen to conventional radio, let alone "Macca" or the ABC. All our texters really enjoyed the show and commented on how well all the local speakers came across.

We also had some visitors stay over for the Lamb and Potato Festival who thought it was a great show. The visitors did however; highlight the confusion City People have about the bush.




NSW Farmers President (and Guyra farmer) James Jackson being interviewed by Ian 'Macca' Macnamara during the Australia All Over broadcast from the Guyra Show ground on Sunday


Yes, they watch the news but they don't really know where we are. One lot arrived with numerous 10 litre containers of shop bought water because they were concerned about the arsenic contamination. NO, that's Uralla, we in-

formed them. Others thought they wouldn't be able to camp here as the big hay run would take up all the sites. NO, that's Armidale, we informed them.

The lovely thing is that at least now the City does care about the Bush. It was still difficult to explain the necessity of Level 5 water restrictions, but as Sydney and Newcastle have experienced their own horror Summer, our problems seem more real to them.

We are greener since the beginning of 2020, we do seem to have a storm quite frequently and the drive to Ben Lomond is lovely, but so many dams are still empty, the greenery is not thick and our City friends can see that and appreciate that perhaps we all need to pull together.





Adam Marshall MP
MEMBER FOR NORTHERN TABLELANDS

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LLS rates waived again this year for Guyra's farmers

It's fantastic to see the start of 2020 marked by welcome rainfall across the Guyra area – hopefully this is a sign of things to come.

Despite the moisture, we are a long way yet from being out of drought which is why the State Government has again announced it will waive all Local Land Services (LLS) rates for this year to provide financial relief for farmers.

For example, a farmer on 2,500 hectares could save at least \$3,000 a year by not having to pay their LLS rates, meaning with this year's waiver, in addition to the 2019 waiver, they will have saved upwards of \$6,000 over two years.

In our region, the average saving is around \$4,000 this year.

Ratepayers will receive their rates notices over the coming days informing them their rates have been waived again this calendar year.

To find out more about available assistance measures and eligibility criteria, visit:

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/droughthub

or phone the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593.

Fire affected farmers able to access \$75,000 recovery grant

Guyra farmers affected by the recent bush fires can now apply for a Special Disaster Grant of up

to \$75,000 to help pay for recovery costs thanks to a joint initiative by the State and Federal Governments.

To receive the grant, farmers need only demonstrate they are primary producers, their property is within the fire zone and that their property was damaged, by submitting five photographs of the damage.

The Special Disaster Grant is administered through the NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) and available to eligible, fire-affected primary producers within Category C declared Local Government Areas (LGAs) since 31 August 2019.

To apply for the Special Disaster Grant contact the RAA. Service NSW Service Centres are able to assist producers with information.

New one-stop-shop customer care specialists for bushfire victims

Bushfire affected families and businesses can now access all available assistance being offered by local councils, the State Government and Federal Government, through the NSW Government's new Bush Fire Customer Care program.

The one-stop shop service, administered by Service NSW, will operate like a case manager and connect bush fire affected customers with services and support information including:

- o Accommodation advice;
- o Relevant charitable services;
- o Mental health and wellbeing services;

- o Support for businesses;
- o Clean-up services;
- o Financial assistance;
- o Insurance and legal support;
- o Replacing lost ID; and
- o Volunteer RFS and SES payments.

To connect with a Customer Care specialist call Service NSW between 7am and 7pm on 13 77 88. The Contact Centre hours have been extended to include weekends while communities recover. Further information is available at www.service.nsw.gov.au.

Congratulations Dorothy Vickery OAM

Finally I want to extend my sincerest congratulations to former Guyra Shire Councillor Dot Vickery who was named in this year's Australia Day Honours list as a recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

President of both the Guyra Neighbourhood Centre and Guyra MPS Health Advisory committee and Vice-President of Guyra Historical Museum, Dot is a force who has always fought to ensure rural people have access to the services they need.

Well done Dot.

Contact my office:
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Email:
northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Ladies' Golf

Last week we had a field of 10 ladies play in a Par Medal round.

We played the front nine twice as the back nine holes were still closed for maintenance.

The winner was Joyce Betts with a score of +5 the runner up was Vicki Reeves with a score of +3.

Nearest the Pin winners were on the 7th Donna White and Wendy George and on the 9th hole Julie Walker and Belinda Lenehan.

This week we are having a Bring A Friend Ambrose Day.

Next week on the 5th Feb is a Par Medal round with Jenny Rogers as the starter.

Birdie

Vets Golf

Last week the 21st January, nine players competed in an Individual Stableford counting putts.

The winner with 39 points

was Wal Chapman and the runner up was Terry Mulligan with 36. Terry was also nearest the pin on the 7th. Herb Wilson was the top Putter with only 27 putts.

Unfortunately, our Penants day had to be postponed for two weeks, it will now be played on the 11th February.

A Vet

Mid Week Golf

Great to see the rain. Now we just need to organise our midweek golf around the storms. Midweek started again on the 13th January and only a few players got their scores in that week.

It wasn't much better this week but because half of the people had their score cards in, then we are recording their scores.

Good rounds for Taylor Brennan on 22, and Tony Dittman, Jason Waters, Ian Brown, Peter Mulligan, Derek Smith all had 21

points.

We will have double points this week so hoping everyone can get a game of golf.

Middy

Sunday January 26th (Australia Day) saw a Boxed draw Pairs played. There were six teams that stepped onto the green. The Winners were Robert Moore and Ken Jones.

Now for the Club Championships to be played on Sunday February 2nd starting at 1.00 pm. Starter and Umpire: David Wilcox.

Club Pairs: Col Stanley and David Lyes to play Wayne Reeves and Geoff Reeves. Barry Presnell and Andrew Sparke to play John McIlwain and Anthony Bull.

Open Singles: John Jackson to play Ian Jacobs marker David Wilcox.

Bowlers are reminded to always check the notice board for any changes or upcoming events.

The Bowls Bandit.

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

Advertising:

Bookings & ad copy:

11.00am Mondays

advertising@gala.org.au

News & Editorial:

News stories, letters, community news, what's hot or not, etc.

4.00pm Mondays

news@gala.org.au

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Talk to a local

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

January 22nd - There were 350 lambs and 1,000 sheep penned. Sales will be held fortnightly from here on.

Limited supplies of well finished lambs, a single pen of new seasons and a couple of pens shorn, with the best pen

being a pen of supplementary fed Merinos.

The usual processors were in attendance and there was a strong restocker order for plain condition sheep.

Insufficient numbers for a market quote on the lambs,

however demand for the well finished pens was strong. Quality accounted for the improved prices for well finished lambs.

The strong restocker demand for store sheep, particularly crossbred ewes resulted in dearer trends. There were

some significant price improvements. Sheep to process also attracted high demand with buyers competing strongly. Again there were some substantial price improvements

Rural Market Reports

Armidale Cattle Sale

January 23rd - Good recent rain with another forecast on the way resulted in a drop off in numbers. This forcing sales back to a fortnightly basis for the foreseeable future. The quality and condition of the offering was generally plain. There was a reduced presence of processors, however restockers were active in all categories.

Despite the limited supplies market trends were generally dearer through all of the young cattle categories. Light weight vealer

steers to restockers were as much as 46c/kg dearer. A plain quality penning of light weight yearling steers experienced strong gains taking quality into account. The heifer portion followed a similar trend.

Lightly muscled grown heifers suitable to feed sold to much dearer trends. Strong restocker activity on the plain condition cows saw them dearer with some improvement in quality. The reduced processor competition impacted the bull market.

Weekly Wool Sales

January 24th - The sawtooth nature of the market over the last six months continued with wool prices falling after the strong opening to 2020 last week.

The NMI fell 61c/kg for the week with the Sydney market playing catch up to both Melbourne and Fremantle which sold on a cheaper note last Thursday and Melbourne again in isolation on Tuesday this week.

As there was no Sydney market since last Wednesday, prices quickly aligned with the other markets from the opening lot this week. Exporter commitments requiring immediate shipment had pushed the market last week however they reported lacklustre interest from China over the week-

end at last week's higher levels.

The 60,000 bales which had been rostered didn't eventuate with large passed in and withdrawal rates resulting in just over 44,000 bales being sold. Little change was seen in the better quality superfine lots with strong interest from all sectors keeping competition strong on these lots.

As the sale progressed throughout the week, interest at the new levels reappeared across most types, both from China and Europe which lead to a more positive tone at the end of the week compared to the start. All three centres closed Thursday either unchanged or dearer compared to Wednesday's close



Classifieds Trades & Services

FOR SALE

DOUBLE BED, 2 SEATER LOUNGE, 1 DESK (only 10 weeks old). Sell separately or all for \$500. Call 0429 16 08 45.

MEETINGS

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY meeting will be held tonight, 29th January at the Secretary's office, Guyra Showground at 6.30pm.

GUYRA SHAMROCKS HOCKEY AGM to be held on Tuesday 4th February, 7pm at Guyra Bowling Club. All positions will be made vacant so please attend if interested in being a part of the committee & a great club. Nominations for all teams required by 29th February so if interested in playing outdoor hockey this season please contact Prue Post for further information 0424 623 836.

SHOW SCHEDULES

GUYRA SHOW SCHEDULES are available at The GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street. Phone 6779 2132.

COURSES

FIRST AID course at Guyra NECC on Monday, 10th February, 8.30am - 4.30pm. Book in now. Workbook to be collected and completed before the course. Phone 6779 2132

PUBLIC NOTICES

KEY ENTERTAINMENT at the Guyra Show: the Australian Army Band will perform on Friday evening and Rooftop Express is back with a new show for our family-friendly Saturday evening.

PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRIES for the Guyra Show close on Wednesday, 12th February. Entries may be left at The GALA Centre or posted to Guyra Show Society, P.O. Box 37, Guyra.

CLAIM THE DATE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 21st & 22nd FEBRUARY: GUYRA SHOW
SUNDAY, 1st MARCH: Armidale Cup
SUNDAY, 19th APRIL: Guyra Cup

RAM SALES

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Sports Awards

Fletcher Richardson was named as the Guyra Sportsperson of the Year at the Australia Day Awards dinner held on January 25th. Fletcher has had an extremely successful year, captaining the Northern zone junior team who won their event at the State Down the Line championships in Wagga and was named captain of the NSW junior team for the National Championships. He also cleaned up at the CHSSA Trap Shooting

Competition.

John Credland was recognised for his Contribution to Sport and Recreation. John works with the Guyra Cricket Club to maintain the turf wicket at Ted Mulligan Oval, going above and beyond to ensure the wicket is up to standard for competition games. As caretaker of the Guyra Showground he provides assistance with the organisation of events such as the annual Pony Club Camp and the Guyra Show



SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR: Liz Deep-Jones, Savannah Roberts (nominee), Fletcher Richardson (Winner), Adam Marshall

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