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Glitz and Glamour on the dance floor

Seniors from across the region descended on Guyra on Monday for a day of dining, dance and enjoyment. It was an opportunity to dress up with a bit of glitz and glamour, greet old friends and make new ones.

170 people attended this year's event coming from Glen Innes, Uralla, Bingara, Barraba, Armidale Tingha and Guyra. The Senior's Ball is a biennial event organised by Guyra Home Support Services.

Music was provided by Cyril Green and family, and the music proved popular with many taking the opportunity to take a twirl on the dance floor. The event also brought together young and old with local school students providing extra entertainment. Students from St Marys Primary School sang several well-rehearsed songs and Guyra Central students delighted with their exhibition of dancing.

Toni Kirkman from Guyra Home Support Services said that the event would not be possible without the support of volunteers who assisted with the organisation and running of the day. Catering was provided by Bald Blair P & F who supplied morning tea, with a delicious lunch served up by Mary Sisson and her team who went above



Paul Kliendienst (centre) with King and Queen Bill Wicks and Audrey Hollaway

and beyond to ensure everyone was well fed. Fourteen students from Guyra Central School assisted with serving the meals and Toni said that their assistance was invaluable.

ARC Mayor Simon Murray introduced Guyra Citizen of the Year Sue Adams who spoke of the enormous benefits of getting together for events such as the Senior's Extravaganza.

"It gives me great pleasure to be here because when I look around I can see so many people I know," Sue said. "I have spent many years as a nurse and a big part of my contribution has been to the aged care community."

"It is important to take an advantage of opportunities such as this to get together and enjoy the company of others. Be as active as you can because by stay-

ing active you can stay young."

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall performed the official opening, and commended the organisers for providing an opportunity for the community to come together and acknowledge they have done to build our communities in to what they are today.

More pics in next week's Gazette

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Future bright for Class of 2019



With the 2019 HSC behind them, Year 12 students from Guyra Central School are now making their way in the world

Guyra Central School students excelled with three students being placed on the NSW HSC Distinguished Achievers List in 2019. Madison Morgan made the list for Agriculture, while Savannah Roberts and Gemma Williams excelled in the Primary Industries Examination.

It should be noted that Mr Scott Miller taught all of these subjects and worked very closely with those students who achieved this great honour. The school also had some great results across the board with all of the students performing at a level that has allowed them to pursue their preferred career path.

Five of the 2019 HSC cohort com-

menced university this week. Madison Morgan is studying Physiotherapy at Southern Cross University, Bronte Stanley is studying a Bachelor of Science at the University of Newcastle, Gemma Williams is studying a Bachelor of Bio Medical Science, at UNE, while Ashleigh Richardson and Chloe White are both undertaking a Bachelor of Nursing, at UNE.

Alex Nitschke has landed a local Electrical Apprenticeship and is studying at TAFE as is Hannah Gordon. Hannah is completing a Diploma in Childcare at Armidale TAFE and is working at Armidale Childcare services. Savannah

Roberts has followed her passion and is studying a Diploma of Dance in Brisbane.

Four students have decided to take a GAP year in 2020. Brayden Cameron (University 2021), Gemma Sisson (University 2021) Tara Wells (University 2021) Sarah Rosten (station work 2020 in Northern Australia) Taylor Brennan (Farm), Jack Radford (Retail) and Carly Harman (Armidale Courthouse) are all in full-time employment. Yuki Li is living in Sydney with her family and we were not able to make contact at the time of this publication.

Lions mystery outing a hit with seniors

The Lions Club of Guyra had their annual Senior Citizens mystery outing on Sunday, March 8th. Forty seniors, Lions members, their wives and partners travelled to Tingha stopping first at the Wing Hing Long Museum. They enjoyed morning tea with scones jam and cream supplied by the museum volunteers and had a good look at the memorabilia displayed in the old store.

They then moved on to the National Transport Museum at Inverell, where BBQ lunch was provided. Everyone enjoyed a good look around at the old Vehicles and all that is on display. A great display of private and museum pieces. By all accounts from the Senior citizens aboard had an enjoyable day out.



Guyra District Seniors enjoying lunch at the National Transport Museum Inverell

The Lions Club of Guyra would like to thank Glen and Natalie of Gavne Enterprises for supplying the bus and Glen for

being our driver for the day. Thanks also to Wayne Mendes from the Guyra VRA for being our first aider, thankfully his

services were not needed. Once again a big thank you to all that participated on the day.

Armidale Probus come up the hill

Members of the Armidale Probus Club visited Guyra last week, enjoying a visit to the Guyra Museum, and seeing some of the other sights in the area.

Many of the members have close connections through family and friends and enjoyed seeing familiar items in the museum. Dorothy Lockyer from the Guyra and District Historical Society conducted a guided tour of the Museum and was able to provide some interesting insights into local history.

Robyn Jackson joined the group at the museum and later gave an interesting talk on Guyra and the establishment of the tomato farm and general information from her time as Mayor.

The group enjoyed morning tea on the highway near the big lamb and then boarded the bus and drove out to the tomato farm which was an eye opener for those who had not seen it before.



Armidale Probus members at the Guyra Museum last week

They were impressed with the size and scale of the operation.

On the way home they took a detour to visit Malpas dam and view the beautiful scenery – once again it was the first time for some to see the dam which

supplies water to Armidale.

The group as a whole was most impressed with Guyra and the museum in particular and appreciated the wonderful welcome.

The visitors had such a good

time they will definitely return at some stage.

Guyra and Armidale Probus regularly come together for social occasions and enjoy the opportunity to interact throughout the year.

MARIMBA CLEARING SALE

Farm Plant and Machinery and Household Items

Saturday, 14th March at 10.00am — Baxters Road, Tenterden (Guyra) NSW

For further info and pictures — <https://eldersrural.com.au/classifieds/plant-machinery-clearing-sales/656/>

Plant & Machinery – 2009 Massey Ferguson 7465 125HP tractor and challenge gear including forks, blade/stick rake and 7ft bucket, 2017 Honda Pioneer 1000cc side by side with windscreen and doors, Honda CT 200 Ag Bike, International 574 tractor with blade/stick rake, bench grinder, Lincoln MIG welder, drill press, air compressor, UHF radios, chainsaw sharpener, rock guard for trailer, jerry cans, fire extinguisher, Honda pump, foam marker, Davey firefighter pump, grease guns, 3/4" drive socket set, pipe bender, tap and die set, impact sockets, drill bit sharpener, drill sets, ratchet sockets, bag trolleys, wool trolleys, angle grinders, sanders, planer, circular saw, nail gun, Dremel, trolley jacks, 12V jack, Ruddweigh bars and indicator, anvils, chainsaws, leaf blower, whipper snipper, log splitter with Kohler motor, post driver, fencing gear, LPG oxy set, wire rope, tie down straps, wool pack holders, betta batts, fox lights, bale hooks, shears, lamb bars, diesel hand pump with 600L tank, quad-bike spot sprayers, 240V cement mixer, Triton super jaws, cox ride on mower, BA pumps and sprayer 300L spot spray unit with boomless nozzle and reel, 7kva Honda Gentech generator, sheep weighing crate, 1 tonne Vikon super spreader, Hardi 850L boom spray with foam markers, in cab control, 8m boom and PTO drivers, firefighter trailer with Honda Davey pump, jetting unit with Honda engine and air jetting pumps, 1800 hd Advantage feeders, 5m pencil auger with 240V motor, 33ft Auger with Honda motor, Vennings Auger with Honda motor, tipping carry all, bulk bag lifter, diesel tank and stand, harrows, Yeomans chisel plough 11 tyne, feed out trailer, 2400 poly tank, 1000L poly tank, bogey axle, tipping trailer with sides, sheep crate for bogey axle trailer, drag chains, 7ft Pearson hydraulic grader blade, 3PL counter weight, stick rake to suit challenge gear, Superior hydraulic post hole digger, sheep crates, post hole auger, Muldboard plough, quad bike trailer, sheep yard panels, pipe, jib, 3PL hay spears, hay spears to suit challenge gear, corrugated iron, log sling,

2" pipe layer on challenge ripper, fencing materials, steel posts, wire spinner and dollys, hinge joint strainer, feed out bin, Superior 7ft slasher, Waratah gal posts, petrol tank on stand, Woolview 20/20 micron tester, shovels, rakes, picks, crowbars, tipper trailer, various tynes, Hilux ARB bulbar, Hardi 400L tank on frame, reloading gear.

Household – Engel fridge freezer 39L, camping chairs and tables, camping stoves, camping gas heater, fridges, weight set.

Outside Vendors – Machinery only.

Connor Shea direct drill 3m, 18 tyne fold down finger harrows, monitor and spares.

Terms – Payment required on day - EFTPOS AVAILABLE, cash or cheque. ID required, number system will operate, GST will apply after fall of hammer.

Catering available on the day.

Directions – Guyra/Tingha Rd from Guyra (18km), Tenterden Rd (12km), Moredun Dams Rd (4km), Baxters Rd (500m). Look out for signs.



ARMIDALE 6775 4500
Paul Harris 0428 600 510
Wayne Jenkyn 0428 293 556

What's HOT

HOPE FAMILY

FUNDRAISER - great support received so far. Family Fun Day coming up so please join in the fun and help out this local family

BIG GOLF TOURNAMENT

in town next week. Lots of visitors coming so make them welcome

What's NOT

BUYING up all the toilet paper in town.

TRAVELLING from Armidale to Guyra just to buy toilet paper.

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
3	Tues	14.3	25.7	0
4	Wed	13.6	21.1	0
5	Thurs	14.7	19.3	0
6	Fri	16.0	22.5	12.0
7	Sat	12.2	20.0	1.2
8	Sun	10.9	19.4	4.2
9	Mon	11.5	15.2	4.4

Rain this week	21.8 mm
Mar. rainfall	21.8 mm
Rainfall YTD	326.6 mm
Rainfall last YTD	110 mm
Ave. rain to March	297.4 mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Swimmers compete for school

On Friday 28th February St Marys students Camilla Grills, Olive McFarlane and Tessa Jackson travelled to Moree to compete at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival.

The three girls all swam well against some very impressive competitors. Olive did exceptionally well in the 50m freestyle, coming 5th overall.

Congratulations girls for your outstanding sportsmanship and for being such wonderful ambassadors for St Mary of the Angels School.

Principal Sharon Wittig



Welcome Mrs Moffatt

Black Mountain Public School would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Jane Moffatt who joins our teaching team.

Mrs Moffatt is working in our senior class and brings a wealth of experience in literacy and numeracy to extend and support our students' learning.

K-2 students are enjoying using their new laptops as they develop important computer literacy skills.

Principal Justine Eddy

Have your say..... Email: news@gala.org.au Mail: PO Box 170

None the wiser after water meeting

In response to Hans Hietbrink's letter in the Gazette (March 4) I will respond by saying that the reason the meeting got a little heated was because the citizens of Guyra are tired of the lack of communication by Council over the situation in regard to the water issues (eg bores, draining the lagoon, transport of water by truck, water restrictions, costs involved etc). With

respect to the ARC representatives who spoke at the meeting, we are still none the wiser.

I find it bewildering that a company the size of Costas does not have a written contractual agreement with ARC in relation to water usage regardless of whether we are in drought or not.

It was stated that there was lack of understanding of the facts. Most attendees at the meeting still don't know the supposed facts and where we

go from here. The meeting apparently was meant for those who are members of the Guyra Business Chamber and Guyra Rotary Club. I attended a meeting of the Chamber some 12 months ago and not one member acknowledged that I was in attendance - no welcome, no thanks for coming, would you like to join? And they have the hide to say that those that attended the meeting last week are discourteous and disrespectful!

Rob Lenehan

112TH GUYRA SHOW: YARD DOG TRIALS

Open Trial

1st Justin Tombs and George from Armidale, 2nd Tony Overton and Tess from Walcha, 3rd Tony Overton and Gidgee, 4th Tony Overton and Orca, 5th Stuart Williamson and Trend. Total of 22 competitors. Judge Ross Fletcher from Macksville

Novice Trial

1st Ross Fletcher from Macksville and Pirate, 2nd Stuart Williamson from Guyra/Armidale area and Pistol, 3rd Ed Wall from Boggabri with Duke, 4th Greg Thomas from Armidale and Barry. Total of 16 competitors. Judge Eric Tighe from Bundarra

Maiden Trial

1st Ross Fletcher and Pirate, 2nd Eric Tighe and Sonic, 3rd Barry Grills and Doc. 30 competitors. Judge Greg Thomas

The Highest Scoring Lady was Shelley Burns from Brisbane, prize donated by



Above l to r: Winners & place getters novice yard trial Ross Fletcher, Eric Tighe (judge) Margo Hogan, Richard Post, Ed Wall, Greg Thomas, Stuart Williamson
Right: Don Mayled, Shelley Burns, Betty Mayled

Betty and Don Mayled. The Highest Scoring Beginner Jeremy Grills.

Many thanks to Yard Trial Sponsors NAB agribusiness, Coprice dog biscuits, Luke Taylor, along with sheep

donor Michael and Wendy Jackson, Livestock Carrier Andrew Youman and sheep yard panels Ron and Maureen Looker and Warren and Gina Lockyer



Name the Train

The Guyra Heritage Rail Group is conducting a competition for children between the ages of 4 to 12 years to give the train a suitable name.

Print your suggested name in the box below the train and submit your entry to the Gazette's office by 20th March 2020.

The winning entry will be announced in the Gazette on 8th April 2020.

The name will be proudly displayed on the train.



Child's name:

Parent's signature:

Parent's name:

Contact:

Hope Family Fundraiser



In July 2018, at the age of 2 ½, Samuel Hope was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia. Sam spent almost 12 months in Newcastle undergoing chemotherapy, blood transfusions and medical procedures to treat his Leukaemia and related medical issues. In May 2019 Sam finally returned home and entered a maintenance stage of treatment. Sadly, in January 2020 test results showed that Sam had relapsed. Sam and his family have returned to Newcastle for further treatment.

A CAN FOR SAM

We are collecting cans and bottles for the Return & Earn program. Eligible containers or vouchers can be dropped at Guyra Preschool.

RAFFLE FOR SAM

Tickets: \$2 each Drawn: 21st March 2020
Tickets available from: CT Electrics, Dashas, Brisk Trading, St Mary's of the Angels School, Guyra Pharmacy, Guyra Preschool, Coles Armidale.*



FAMILY FUN DAY - 21ST MARCH 2020

- 12noon 3 person Golf Ambrose (in partnership with Guyra United Soccer Club)
- 4pm Family Fun Day at the Guyra Bowling Club
 - Jumping Castles • Blow up kids activities • Face Painting • other kids activities • Food from 4.30pm • Train rides
- 6pm Live Auction* & Raffle at the Guyra Bowling Club
Karaoke till late

All proceeds go directly to the Hope Family.



*See Hope Family Fundraiser Facebook page for further details. For more information please contact Jo Dullaway 0428 747 072

Meals on Wheels

March 12th Joyce Betts
March 13th Golf Ladies
March 16th Lions Club
March 17th Pamela Carter
March 18th Ann Hulbert

Street Stalls

March 13th WRHS
March 19th Anglican Women
March 20th
Presbyterian Church

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

The Chapel

66 Llangothlin St, Sunday
meeting 10am Linden & Kerrie
Pollard Ph.0412 531 883.

Food Pantry - 1st, 3rd & 5th
Friday of month 10am-12pm, then
1pm-2.30pm

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

**Rail Trail rescission
motion disappointing**

I read with some disappoint-
ment in the latest Gazette that,
after passing of a motion
favourable to the proposed rail
trail by Armidale Regional
Council, a rescission motion
was tabled. The councillor who
tabled this rescission motion
pulled a similar stunt in rela-
tion to the rail trail some time
ago, which prompts me to ask:
"What does she have against
Guyra?"

It's plain to see that Armi-
dale, like Guyra, is dying and
both desperately need the eco-
nomic stimulus that the rail
trail will bring. My wife and I
visited a small rail-trail town,

much the same size as Guyra,
on two occasions over a twelve-
month period to listen to what
the locals thought.

Despite initial objections, al-
most 100% of them are now in
favour of the rail trail and we
heard that it is worth around 1
million dollars per month in
economic activity. I wonder
how many of our councillors
have bothered to visit any-
where where there is a rail
trail so that they know what
we are talking about.

When I joined East West Air-
lines in 1960 in Tamworth the
population of Armidale was
21,000 - 22,000. Tamworth at
the same time was 19,000 -
now it is 50,000, with Armidale
still around 22,000. It would be

simplistic to suggest that the
success of Tamworth over
Armidale over that time is due
solely to the progressive coun-
cil in the one and the regres-
sive council in the other, but
statistic speak for themselves.

Maybe too many rescission
motions in Armidale? To quote
Elizabeth Koff, Secretary of
NSW Health: 'If you don't like
change, you are going to like ir-
relevance even less.'

So, Councillors, when this
rescission motion comes up for
debate can I ask that you take
your courage into your hands
and vote to throw it into the
garbage where it belongs.

John Ross

Say NO to Bore

The Mother of Ducks Lagoon
Nature Reserve (MODLNR), a
recipient of Federal Govern-
ment funding (Bicentennial) to
"encourage a sense of national
awareness in our environment"
with the objective "to investi-
gate environmental aspects
which influence Mother of
Ducks Lagoon,...conceiving a
course of action required to in-
crease the value of this highly
disturbed lagoon as a habitat
for waterbirds .."

The lagoon was Gazetted a
Public Reserve in 1894, and de-
clared a Fauna Protection
Area. J Plummer, 1893-4,
wrote 'an extensive lagoon
famous for its immense num-
ber of wildfowl'. 1907, S.E. Lees
writes: "...a sheet of water ..
teems with wild fowl and swan
.."

Drainage history included in
brief here to describe the pre-
Nature Reserve, levee bank
need. Cleared by "power saw ..
tree puller..plough..to drain the
surface..Peat .. some feet thick
.. absorbs and holds water like
a sponge and cannot be drained
away." Drainage of the lagoon
took place in 1923, 1950, 1959,
1962, 1963, to assist golf course
and grazier interests, despite it
being a declared Fauna Protec-
tion Area. The results of vari-
ous drainage programs lowered
the lagoon level by some 2 me-

tres below its maximum level.
It originally comprised approx.
500 ha, .. confined to 100 ha.
(Sept 1978 Water Resources).

There is now an objective
please, Guyra community. To
view a Lagoon needing our care
from now. To question why a
bore, complete with reservoir,
is being a considered town
water supply. And must be re-
moved immediately from its
position. The MODLNR bound-
ary lies 200m from this bore,
which sits beside the Laura
Creek exit, in Izzeard Park. A
vital river system is the Laura
Creek, fed by this high Wet-
land, now under threat from a
different drainage way by the
Armidale Regional Council
(ARC).

How does a declared Fauna
Protection Area (1894), and
now Nature Reserve, be over-
ridden AGAIN, facing this new
drainage threat? How can ARC
place a bore, to feed a town,
this close to the MODLNR?

Is this community aware this
is happening close to a Lagoon,
very rare in kind, and few in
number. Less than 5 on the
Tablelands under law protec-
tion!

The bore reservoir setup sits
beside the Laura Creek, as it
leaves the mother waters
(MODLNR) feeding this vital
river system, which feeds the
Gwydir River system, which

ultimately offers water to the
Murray-Darling basin via a
vast protected wetland under
Conservation law. Already the
bore has offered over 250000L
per day, to a local enterprise.
The issue being, a protected
Wetland, high, being the
MODLNR, is now under an-
other drainage threat. Deep
aquifer drainage. Please read
the offered link:www.ground-
waterscienceandsustainabil-
ity.org/ . A different view .

Can we all, as rural resi-
dents, assist a current water
dilemma, and offer the tank on
house, shed, roof way, all rural
property owners use. A SUP-
PLEMENTARY supply of
course. To assist a Ryanda Weir
/ Malpas Dam fill to capacity.

Objective.To view abundant
birdlife. To revere, and learn
why we need high Wetlands
well.

Please say no to this bore.
NO to a bore poorly positioned.
YES to care ways, previously
offered so well by the Guyra
community, to assist recovery
of this vital Mother of Ducks
Lagoon.

Any interested person's in
Landcare, please contact my
email . I am proposing a
MODLNR and Laura River
System Landcare Group to
SNEL next week.

Email alircairns@gmail.com
Ali Cairns

112TH GUYRA SHOW: WOODCHOP

12 inch underhand handicap – 1st Lincoln Gill, Glen Innes, 2nd Michael Shipman, Guyra, 3rd Jordon Peterson, Kempsey, 4th Graham Peterson, Kempsey

12 inch standing blockhandicap – 1st Michael Shipman, Guyra, 2nd Steve Dunn, Glen Innes, 3rd Graham Peterson, Kempsey, 4th Tim O'Shanessey, Inverell

11 inch elimination handicap – 1st Lachlan Bryce, Murrurundi, 2nd Jordon Peterson, Kempsey, 3rd Graham Peterson, Kempsey

Doublehanded Sawing handicap - 1st J Barnett/M Moore, Armidale/Willowtree, 2nd T O'Shanessey/A Moran, Inverell/Moleton, 3rd M Shipman/L Bryce, Guyra/Murrurundi, 4th S Dunn/G Dunn, Glen Innes/Uralla

Relay - 1st Makita team – J Gill, Glen Innes; A Moran, Moleton; J Peterson, Kempsey; L Bryce, Murrurundi, 2nd Techwool Trading team – G Dunn, Uralla; J Barnett, Armidale; S Dunn, Glen Innes; M Shipman,



Above: Relay Event competitors
Right: Dorothy Vickery, Michael Shipman, Steve Dunn, Graham Peterson, and Tim O'Shanessey

Guyra, 3rd Kentucky Station team – T O'Shanessey, Inverell; L Gill, Glen Innes; G Peterson, Kempsey; M Moore, Willowtree



Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

March 4th - There was a reduced penning of 1,850 lambs and 1,690 sheep. The quality of the lambs was fair to very good with both processors and restockers well catered for. Restocker lambs varied from plain conditioned light weights through to well finished in the 20-22kg weight class.

The regular processors were in attendance, while the restocker market met strong competition.

Demand for restocker lambs was as high as it has been at this centre. All classes including light weight Merino lambs experienced significantly dearer trends. From a dressed weight price comparison,

the lighter the lambs the higher the price.

The well finished heavier weights saw carcase price estimations higher than those purchased by processors. The well finished lambs also sold to dearer trends with the exception of the extra heavy weights. They averaged

cheaper with quality the major contributing factor. Bearing in mind the prize winning premiums of the previous sale.

There were some well finished sheep penned alongside the usual plainer grades. Demand was high through all classes with strong gains shown in most categories

Rural Market Reports

Armidale Cattle Sale

March 5th - There was a small increase in numbers. All categories represented in what was a mostly plain quality penning. There were some very good cows and a small number of well bred vealers and yearlings. The usual processors were in attendance along with an increased presence of restocker buyers. Demand was high throughout as restockers look to put something into paddocks to eat what looks to be an abundance of feed.

The high demand resulted in dearer trends for the most part through the young cattle. The variations in quality accounted for some large price changes, both positive and negative. Vealer steers to restock saw a firm to dearer market

trend with large variations in quality. Light weight vealer heifers to restocks sold to a significantly dearer trend. Yearling steers under 330kg experienced significant price improvement with some of the very plain light weights attracted prices similar to those of the vealers. Yearling heifers sold to dearer trends with the plainest light weights experiencing the greatest improvement.

Insufficient well finished grown steers and heifers for a quote. The plainer grown heifers attracted strong restocker competition the sell to dearer trends. Restockers were active on plain condition cows with the market showing strong gains. Well finished cows to processors were as much as 10c/kg dearer.

Weekly Wool Sales

March 6th - After an unplanned one week break in sales it was back to business as usual this week. The cancellation of last week's sales due to a cyber attack on the industries major software provider led to a back log of wool being offered nationally this week. The 62,000 plus bale national offering was the largest we have seen in almost 12 years. The market opened on a very solid note with most of the Merino types gaining a few cents by the end of the first day. Sheer weight of numbers seemed to catch up with the market on the final selling day with most types giving back their gains and con-

tinuing into negative territory for the week. 47,421 bales were sold nationally with a passed rate of 23.7%. Major buyers included Techwool, Seatech and Fox & Lillie. The Western region selling after the Eastern seaboard closed yesterday suffered the largest losses. AWTA test data released on Monday is showing a 10.3% decline in the weight of wool tested nationally for the month of February with the season to date decline at 5.7%. Next weeks national offering of 46,680 bales is larger than originally expected however quantities are expected to dip back into the mid 30,000s after that.

A big week of golf coming up

Hosting any event in a small community, either sporting or social, requires a large contingent of volunteers and this is ever so apparent with the upcoming NEDGA Ladies' Golf Tournament that will be held in Guyra on the 18th-20th March.

The Ladies' Golf Committee have been planning this event for over 12 months with more than 100 visiting competitors expected.

Guyra and Armidale businesses have excelled in their generosity towards this event. I am hoping everyone who reads this article helps us to show them the appreciation they deserve.

I hope the sponsors are proud

to be part of such a prestigious event – so again I ask the community to bear in mind that in troubled times, our local businesses suffer and we should all be humbled to know that although their pockets are a little empty, they are still deep.

So let's show our local sponsors how worthwhile it was to put their name to this event and remember....live local...shop local! I can only hope that with all these visitors in town for 3 days that the economy receives a boost. Thank you to all who have helped along the way, whether your contribution has been large or small.

Vicki Reeves
President



A Honda Jazz as a prize for a hole in one on the 18th thanks to Hardman Honda in Armidale



Sponsors include Dick Burey Country Kitchens, New England Autos Kirks IGA, Regional Australia Bank, MyPlates, Maclean Care, Costa Group and the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club

Mens Bowls

Saturday March 7th saw the continuation of Pennant play at Guyra. In the No.7 Pennants Guyra played Walcha and were successful winning all three rinks. This result gave Guyra 10 points to Walcha's nil. After three games of play the No.7 Pennant team have 28 points out of 30 points.

Saturday also saw the Guyra No.4 Pennant team play Inverell RSM.

Guyra had success in this encounter winning only one rink. However the winning margin of this rink more than covered the other two rinks losses. This gave Guyra their first win taking out the win 8 points to RSM's 2 points. The No.4 Pennant team now has 9 points out of 30 points. Still time for more points by both

teams.

No Club Championships this weekend as the Women have District events at Guyra this weekend and both greens will be in use.

The Bowls Bandit

Ladies' Golf

On Wednesday 4th March 12 ladies played a 4BBAM with Suzanne Towells and Donna White coming out as winners with a score of 59 points.

Nearest the Pin Winners were on the 9th hole Wendy George, Karen Oehlers on the 10th hole and Pip White on the 18th hole.

This week we are playing a Stroke/Flag Event along with The Goodwill Plate to be held concurrently with the First Round of the NSW Medal.

Next week is the NEDGA

Tournament a 3 day event with almost 100 ladies to participate from the New England region and beyond.

Birdie

Men's Golf

Last Sunday was the Guy Warskitt memorial stableford. The winners were Michael Kirk and Richard Burey with a good honest score of 42 points. Runners up were Steven Sole and Mick Shiner one point behind,

Richard had another win on Sunday when he became the new Golf Captain - congratulations Richard,

Nearest to the pins were Steven Sole on the 7th, Tyson Burey on the 10th and Barry Simpson on the 18th.

Next Sunday will be an 18 hole par for the Dick Burey

country kitchens trophy so with the course on the improve why not make a comeback.

The Albatross

Mid week golf

Last week of mid week golf. Finishes this Sunday 15th March with a BBQ at 5pm and some presentations. Hope everyone can make it.

This week highest individual point score went to Belinda Williamson with 23. Next in line was Flea Burey, David Brown and Leonie Taylor with 21.

Hopefully we will get enough fine afternoons this week so everyone gets a chance to play.

See you Sunday.

Middy



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping



A big welcome to all our tipsters for this year's footy tipping competition.

We have a good line-up of Celebrities this year. We say farewell to some, but it should be an exciting contest.

Prizes for the Celebrities are: 1st half page ad, 2nd and 3rd a quarter page ad and we'll think of something for the last place wooden spooner.

At the time of going to press, we have

11 entries for the Locals competition, all having a wide variety of interesting *noms de plume*.

Prizes for our Locals are: 1st \$100.00, 2nd \$50.00 and wooden spoon \$20.00.

Let the games begin!

The deadline for Celebrity tips is no later than 11.00am on Tuesdays so that we can meet our print deadline.

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- Broncos
- Knights
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GG	0		
The 3 Bunnies	0		
The Red V	0		
Rock 3	0		
Dason	0		

**We have room for more Locals.*

*Tips for Round 1
MUST be submitted to the Gazette office by 4pm today*

Locals Entry Form - Round 2

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 18th March**

Name:

Phone:

Bulldogs	vs	Cowboys
Dragons	vs	Panthers
Broncos	vs	Rabbits
Warriors	vs	Raiders
Roosters	vs	Sea Eagles
Sharks	vs	Storm
Tigers	vs	Knights
Titans	vs	Eels

New look for Super Spuds



Guyra captains (from left) Jack Armatage, Britt Youman and Tommy Cleaver try on the club's new uniform.

The Super Spuds have a new look ahead of this Saturday's first big event of 2020.

The Spuds will join the Guyra Hockey Club and Guyra United Soccer Club in launching the winter sports season this Saturday at the community hall.

The party starts at 6pm with dinner, bar, prizes, live music by visiting band Fu-

garwie and a raffle in aid of the Hope family.

Raffle prizes include two nights accommodation at Dolphin Bay Resort at Yamba, a fridge donated by CT Electric and a Super Spuds jersey.

Raffle tickets are \$5 or three for \$10 and are available at the Guyra Café, Fourways, the Royal Hotel and on

the night.

There is also a lucky door prize of a Gold Coast Titans jersey.

Anyone who missed out on tickets for the night but would like to attend will be admitted for \$10 at the door after 8pm.

Meanwhile the Spuds have chosen Tommy Cleaver as men's captain for 2020, Britt

Youman returns as skipper of the women's leaguetag team and Jack Armatage will lead the under 18s.

They will sport a new kit design, which will debut in trial matches on March 28 against the Old Bar Pirates at Old Bar.

Training continues every Tuesday and Thursday.

President's Day a great success

On Tuesday 25th February we held our Annual President's Day. Visiting teams included Tenterfield, Glen Innes, Inverell, Delungra, Bingara, Kootingal, Bendemeer, Walcha, Uralla, Armidale City, Armidale Servies and Guyra.

It was a very successful day; with the 24 teams (72 players) in attendance all having a wonderful time. Thank you to everyone who helped.

New players are most welcome to join us. Lady bowlers meet to play every week on Tuesdays at 10am.



Guyra Women's Bowls President Laurel Betts (left) welcomed 24 visiting teams at the Annual President's Day held in Guyra

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MEETINGS

GUYRA RSL sub-Branch AGM, followed by a general meeting will be held on Wednesday, 18 March 2020 at 3.00pm at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall. Members, and those eligible to be members, are encouraged to attend.

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May the winds of Heaven
blow softly
And whisper in your ear
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God called your name so softly
And only you could hear
No-one heard the footsteps
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He gently closed your weary eyes
And whispered peace be thine.
Forever in our hearts & minds
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Open Day success

The Guyra Veteran Golfers Open which was played on March 2nd and 3rd was a great success, only enhanced by great weather.

Over 100 players from Sydney, Brisbane, Newcastle, Warialda, Inverell, Tenterfield as well as local clubs enjoyed the golf and the hospitality of Guyra. Many compliments were expressed about Guyra in general and specifically its hospitality, accommodation and restaurant standards.

On the Monday a 4 ball was played. The winners had a fantastic score of 50 points, the team was Patty Hill and Donna Reeves of The World of Golf Mobile. The runner up team of Terry Varley and Greg Mitchell scored 46 points.

Tuesday was the Open Individual Stableford of which points go towards the New England Vets Golf Association Medal. The A Grade winner was Terry Varley again with 36 point from a count

back with David Lyes.

B Grade was won by Col Walls on 37 and the runner up Kim Shaw 35. C Grade went to a Sydney player, Pat McCanna with 36 and the runner up was Paul Davidson from Newcastle with 35.

The Ladies winner, Trish McCanna from Sydney scored the only 40 for the day. Runner up was also a Sydney player, Pat Fullford 33.

Nearest the pins went to Stephen Kent on the 7th, Pat Fullford the 9th, Pat Grills the 10th and Lionel Cleal from Warialda the 18th. The longest drivers were Wendy Jackson for the ladies and David Lyes the men.

Thursday this week we have a solid team going to Uralla to compete in the next round of Penants, of which we are behind by only 25 points so we are expecting some good competition against the leaders, Armidale.

A Vet



Above: A Grade winner, Terry Varley with Fiona Smith from Davidson Cameron & Co, and Shona Mulligan from Regional Australia Bank"



Patty Hill, David Bearup, and Shona Mulligan from Regional Australia Bank with the Ladies winner, Trish McCanna from Sydney.



Winner B Grade Colin Walls



C Gradwinner Pat McCanna (Sydney)

Finals come with mixed results for cricketers

The cricket season has come down to the pointy end of the competition with semi-finals played on the weekend. Guyra seniors were represented in all three finals with mixed results.

The first grade side will have to back up again next week after going down to City/UNE in the major semi.

Guyra batted first and the top order failed to fire, losing early wickets. Brandon Landsborough was the saviour of the innings with a big hitting 60 which included four sixes. He

received good support from Joey Ryan on 19. They were the only two batsmen to make it to double figures with Guyra all out for 118.

In reply City/UNE's batting line up were up to the task and they chased Guyra down with time to spare, finishing the day on 6/119 for the win.

Wickets went to Mitch Woods (1/13), BJ Cameron (2/22) and Jake Ellis (3/24). Guyra will back up this week against Hillgrove for another chance to make the decider.

The second grade side con-

tinued their good run this season with a win which takes them straight to the grand final.

Guyra put the runs on the board, setting TAS a solid total of 251 to chase. Best for Guyra with the bat were Jake Davies (68) and Corey Torrens (77). In reply TAS batted out their overs to finish the day at 7 for 217 (CC). Wickets went to Justin McKay 1/26, Corey Torrens 1/48, Jake Davies 2/17 and Heath Dowsett 3/36.

Third grade have played their last game for the year,

bowing out in the semi-final. Guyra were never in the game and capitulated against the Hillgrove attack to be all out for just 56 runs. Craig Lockyer (18) was the only batsman to make double figures.

The Guyra bowlers were in better form and almost pulled off the win, taking eight wickets before Hillgrove got past their total. Wickets went to Cody Patterson (1/27), Al Boney (2/6), Tim Brazier (3/5 and Simon Brown (2/6).