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Pandemic strikes hard, forcing a new way of doing business

Guyra businesses, community and sporting groups are facing a growing challenge in the face of the spread of coronavirus.

Already reeling from the shutdown of sporting fixtures last week, this week sees further restrictions that will have far reaching impacts and may result in the loss of services in the town.

On Monday the NSW government announced increased restrictions across NSW in response to the spread of COVID-19 ordering the temporary shutdown of non-essential activities and businesses.

This has forced the closure of pubs, clubs, gyms, and other indoor venues. Restaurants and cafes are now restricted to takeaway and home delivery only.

Restrictions on religious gatherings will see services cancelled at local churches and there will be flow on effects for events such as weddings and funerals.

Schools in NSW will remain open, however for practical reasons, parents are allowed



Guyra Cafe staff Flick Schmidt, Britt Youman and Vicki Youman remain upbeat despite the changes

and encouraged to keep their children at home if possible.

Supermarkets, petrol stations, pharmacies, convenience stores, freight, and logistics, and home delivery will be among the many services that will remain open.

Guyra businesses are al-

ready feeling the effect of these restrictions and are making changes to their way of doing business. The Gazette contacted as many businesses as we could to determine the impact and inform our readers of the changes.

The good news is that it is business as usual for many, while others have been proactive in adapting to the changes. For some it may mean temporary closure to ensure survival. See inside for more details.

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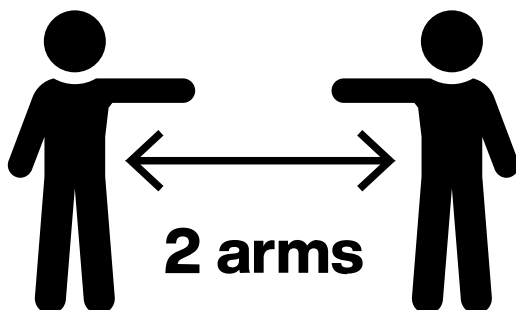
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OFFICIAL MEDICAL ADVICE

Coronavirus: what is social distancing?

Keeping a distance of two arms lengths (1.5 metres) from others where you can to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Including in your home, work and public spaces.

Where it's not practical to distance (such as on a train or bus) practise good hygiene as always.



australia.gov.au

Coronavirus Info Line

1800 020 080

Authorised by the Australian Government, Canberra

Be calm and stay patient, we are in this together

Guyra Pharmacist Vu Nguyen and his staff are seeing an increase in demand for some medications in response to the spread of the Coronavirus and want to reassure the community that they have sufficient stocks to see them through.

"In this environment right now, we are busy because people are keen to get their medications," Vu said. "Some people are worried that we may run out of stock, but I want to assure Guyra residents that we have plenty of stock on hand and you don't need to stockpile."

"While there has been a rush on some items which has causing shortages, we are working with wholesalers to ensure we are restocked as soon as possible.

"At this time we also need to protect staff to ensure we can continue to provide the necessary services," he said.

"We are available to help you over the phone so if you are un-

well it is best to stay home, and we can deliver to your door.

"If you do come in let us know if you have any symptoms so we can protect both ourselves and other customers."

"Home delivery is already available within town and we are working with the Post Office to expand deliveries to rural areas to help more people and assist those who are isolated or not feeling up to a trip to town."

The Pharmacy is planning to extend opening hours, and from next week will be open from 8 am. This is for the elderly and people who prefer to come in when it is quiet or for those who have to go to work and can't shop during regular hours.

The provision of immunisations for people who are providing essential services is also a top priority at the moment. The pharmacy is working to ensure teachers, supermarket employees and health workers



prescriptions.

Other changes you will see are extra cleaning in line with government guidelines, separation of chairs, ensuring distance is maintained and no pens.

These changes are to protect both staff and customers. Vu said that customers have been very responsible up to date, and hopes they understand the need for these changes.

Depending on the spread of COVID-19 virus further restrictions may become necessary.

"We need to make sure our staff is healthy so we can continue to serve the community," he said. "At the same time, we also want to make sure that our loyal customers are looked after.

"Please understand it is a stressful time for everyone, so please be patient this will only be short term and we are all going to get through this together. We just need to be calm and be patient."

receive the flu vaccine to make sure they are protected so they can continue to work and be healthy for as long as possible.

To further prevent the spread of illness they are to moving to reduce the handling of cash and prescriptions. If possible they are requesting that payment is made by EFT-POS. Also to prevent double handling of prescriptions they can be left in the pharmacy, or download the My Pharmacy Link App which stores your



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TAKING YOUR DOG FOR A WALK

HAVING THE RIGHT CONTACT TO GET THE A/CON. REPAIRED AT THE MPS

RAIN ON THE WAY AGAIN

LOVELY AUTUMN LEAVES AROUND TOWN

OUR NEW 'PANDEMIC PUZZLER' PAGE

What's **NOT**

LEAVING YOUR DOG POO BEHIND

TRYING TO BUY 3 PACKS OF TOILET PAPER

HAVING GROCERIES STOLEN OUT OF TROLLEY WHILE SHOPPING

QUOTE of the week

Success comes before work only in the dictionary

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
17	Tues	8.6	17.1	3.4
18	Wed	7.8	18.8	0.8
19	Thurs	6.7	22.9	0
20	Fri	10.1	23.3	0
21	Sat	11.7	25.1	0
22	Sun	12.0	24.2	0
23	Mon	9.5	19.3	0

Rain this week	4.2 mm
Mar. rainfall	41.2 mm
Rainfall YTD	346.0 mm
Rainfall last YTD	117.6 mm
Ave. rain to March	297.4 mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

St Mary of the Angels celebrated St Patrick's Day last Tuesday with a whole range of fun activities.

The students wore some fabulous green outfits and made a gold coin donation to Project Compassion, a charity that assists people living in poverty around the world.

The students enjoyed many board games and card games, sack races, 3-legged races, quoits and egg and spoon races.



Grace Siddell, Darcie Campbell, Emmy Hodgens, Millie Neill



Milla McFarlane, Clancy Robinson, Vancara Lockyer, Brigitte Maguire, Flynn McFarlane, Rylan Wilson

Have your say.....

Email: news@gala.org.au

Mail: PO Box 170

Consider the facts

I refer to your Issue dated 4th March. Headlined "Turmoil in the Ranks".

I do not know the seven Councillors involved, or anything about their reasons for their actions. But I can well understand their dissatisfaction with the Council. Let us consider a few facts:

(1) Despite the name "Regional", Council is nothing more than the Armidale town council. Outlying areas are virtually ignored. The Rates paid by all go into the Armidale sinkhole.

(2) Country gravel roads,

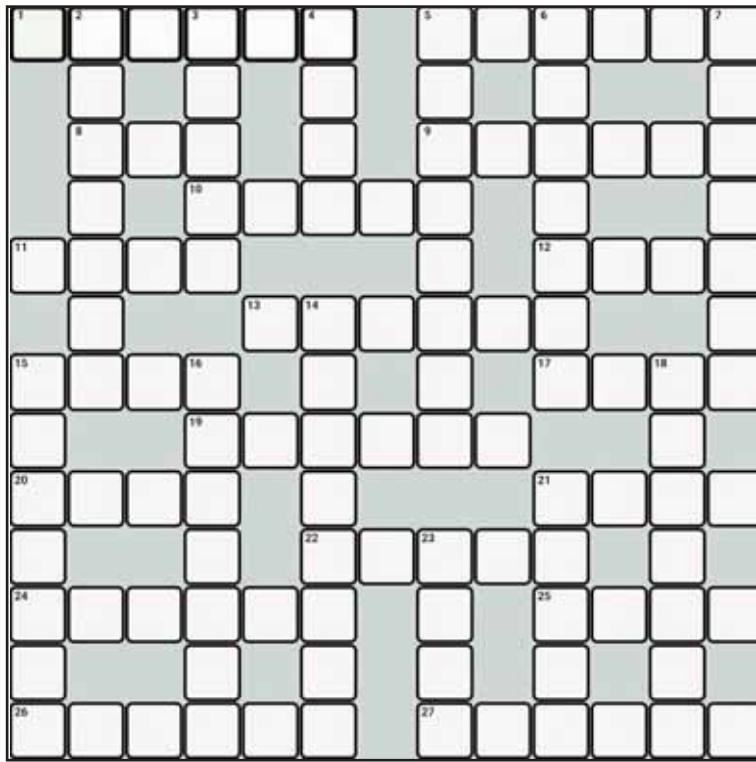
which were graded at least every two years, are now to be graded only every three years (or so I am told).

(3) A road I have been trying to get graded of only about ¼ kilometre, on Crown land, and within TSR boundaries, I have been told by Council will only be done if I pay \$1,000 per hour! This despite the fact it is NOT my land, and I have no boundary with it. I wonder who would have to pay up if a member of the Public is injured on it!!! I guess National Parks, or Local Lands Services, or Council, but none will take responsibility for it. And

Council grader is on hand when Paddys Land Road is graded.

(4) On page 2 of that Issue, I see the elitists Rail Trail mob are back at work trying to destroy our rail heritage. Incidentally "Trail" is American. The Australian word is "Track". Thank goodness for the opposition in Council. Get our trains back. Then the non-elitist pensioners, frail and elderly, and indeed the general public would have use of the Track. Any tourist benefit from the "Trail" would be very minimal and short-term.

Barry Evans



CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 Hire for work
- 5 Making no sound
- 9 An arithmetical value
- 10 Bodily or computer infection
- 11 Opposite of spend
- 12 Vehicle for hire
- 13 Not passive
- 15 His's partner
- 17 Pull along
- 19 Large poultry bird
- 20 Creative thought
- 21 Meat from cattle
- 22 Not earlier
- 24 Selection
- 25 Gone, not here
- 26 Wimbledon is a championship for this sport
- 27 Underground passage

Down

- 2 Error
- 3 Opposite of stay
- 4 Calendar of duration
- 5 Light of the nearest star
- 6 Restricted, confined
- 7 Changing direction
- 14 Not giving much attention or consideration about something
- 15 Salon service
- 16 TV or radio channel
- 18 Mean, medium
- 21 Organ in skull
- 23 This and ____

JOKES

- What's the difference between COVID-19 and Romeo and Juliet? One's the coronavirus and the other is a Verona crisis.
- You know who buys up all the toilet paper? Assholes.
- Why do they call it the novel coronavirus? It's a long story....
- Why didn't the sick guy get the joke? It flu over his head.

WORDSEARCH - Emotions

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Afraid Anger Awe Fury Glad Joy Keen Love Lulled
 Nirvana Panic Pushy Quirky Sad Scorn Smug Sorry
 Thrill Wary Wide Worried

SUDOKU - Easy

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SUDOKU - Medium

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Meals on Wheels

Mar. 26 St Marys/Sue Adams
Mar. 27 Stephen Adams
Mar. 30 Lyn & Richard Skinner
Mar. 31 Guyra CWA
April 1 Wendy Lockyer

Street Stalls

Mar. 26th
Antique Machinery
Mar. 27th
Hospital Auxiliary (cancelled)

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

Until further notice

there will be no public services of worship

due to Government restrictions in place

to prevent the spread of coronavirus

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

Crop Hair Design - Operating as usual for now. Have stepped up hygiene and distancing for clients. Will review if required

Jones, Cracknell and Starr - Operating as usual at the moment and will review if necessary

JoJo's Café - No dining allowed in store. Usual menu still available takeaway and phone orders

Royal Hotel - No sit down meals or service, but still doing takeaway meals and alcohol. Also accommodation still operating. Taking the opportunity to do some more renovations while it is quiet

Juniels - Operating as takeaway only until Friday and will then close down until further notice due to health concerns

Black Sheep Wool - Still open as per usual and following government guidelines that retail can operate as normal. Taking phone and online orders as well. Hoping people will take opportunity to start new projects while they are in isolation. Will remain open unless told otherwise.

Guyra Café - Restrictions on seated meals now in effect but continuing with full menu takeaway. Also offering home delivery and outdoor access via window.

Davidson, Cameron and Co - Doors remain open and following guidelines. Will continue operating and take precautions as necessary.

Working with Nature - Operating as normal and taking usual health precautions. Food supply is essential service.

Sue Ross Real Estate - Property inspections on hold but shop front operating as normal at the moment. Stepping up hygiene practices and available by phone if needed.

Schute Bell Eggert and Co - Operating as normal at this stage, will wait and see what happens.

Guyra Saleyards - Restrictions will be in place at next sale to avoid large gathering. Only buyers and agents will be permitted and others are being requested to stay away

Khammo and Hammond Plumbing - Still operating as usual at the moment. If need

be, office will be able to operate from home.

CT Electric - Still open as normal but will follow guidelines from the government. Has noticed already fewer face to face customers, but business over the phone has picked up

Cross Country Taxation - Face to face restrictions in place. Still consulting with customers online and by phone.

Sole Taxation - Restricting Face to Face contact. Monday only day to drop work off and sign documents. Phone conferences will be set up for clients if needed.

Ray White Real Estate - Property management considered essential service so remaining open at the moment. Prepared to work from home if necessary

Country Fresh Bakery - Business as usual and taking the necessary health precautions. Normal operating hours and all product lines still available. Have noticed an increased demand this week but have preparations in place to continue production. Extra ingredients have been set aside just in case of shortages.

New England Community College/GALA - First aid courses will not run for now. Other course numbers will be limited to ensure social distancing requirements are met. Over the counter services remain, with increased hygiene precautions. First point of contact is by phone if further information needed.

Guyra Gazette - will continue to publish for the foreseeable future. Restricting face to face contact but still available by phone, email and at front office (following social distancing guidelines)

Vinnies Op Shop - Will continue operating for now following guidelines for retail operations.

Burgess Garage Car Museum and Shop - Operating as normal and following guidelines on distancing and hygiene.

Terry's Menswear - still open and operating as normal.

Bean Travellin' - Still operating with distancing provisions in place and no longer accepting keep cups.

Brisk Trading - Shop front

will be closed for now, but happy to assist customers by appointment. Will ramp up her online presence and in the process of launching new website

Bowling Club - Closed due to restrictions imposed by government. No golf or bowls currently being played. Donna's Bistro trialling takeaway orders with usual menu, order by phoning.

Spar Supermarket - Business as usual, operating normal hours and services

Karan Wildman Physio - Operating on a day to day basis. Older patients are staying at home as per advice and she will wait and see before making any decision.

Mabuhay Asian Groceries - Operating as usual. Demand for bulk goods has risen and is finding it hard to source stock.

Bestech/Guyra Mowers and Chainsaws Operating as usual there has been no noticeable impact on business and they will continue to operate while they can

Black Mountain Nursery - Business as usual until told otherwise by the government. Hygiene practices in place and asking customers to keep social distancing in mind. Email and phone orders being taken. Have been advised they are essential service.

Dasha's Hardware - Business as usual at this stage for customers and will do home deliveries. Phone orders being taken. Following guidelines an asking customers to observe social distancing and hygiene measures. Awaiting updates from Hardware Australia.

Four Ways Service Station - classed as essential service and operating as usual.

Dick Burey Country Kitchens - continuing to operate with no planned changes at the moment.

Guyra Hotel - Restrictions in place for indoor service but A & J Vietnamese offering takeaway, also sales of alcohol on takeaway basis

Guyra Vet - Operating as normally as possible. Restrictions in place limiting number of people in the clinic, where possible. Managing what they can in the car park and height-

adapting

ened hygiene practices. Maintaining normal business and animal practices where possible. Grooming services currently not available. Asking customers to phone ahead and make appointments

Scissors & Combs - Open at the moment, and will continue work as normal while they can.

Vidler's Butchery trading as usual and will only close if they have no product sell. Has seen increased demand with people buying more than usual, including out of towners. Having trouble getting fresh meat from wholesalers. Plenty of chicken still available and trying to rebuild stocks as they come available.

Ramage Engineering - At this stage operating as normal. Restrictions on sales people and out of towners only. Cleaning has been stepped up but will continue to service local customers while they can

Men's Shed and Guyra Museum - Closed until further notice

Guyra Vinnies Changes due to Covid-19

Appointments will be taken by our members. Please phone on Wednesdays from 1pm to 4pm. Mob: 0427 792 133 or 6779 2133

Guyra Care & Support Conference to continue operating with changes to face to face interviews.

Centrelink number is still essential. Help is available.

Please leave a short message on the phone with your contact details. We will call you back.

Please be advised that Vinnies Store and Care & Support are open for business, at usual times.

Stay safe. Look after yourselves, your family and friends.

Sue, Shelley, Edna, David, Jan, Julie and Judy (Vinnies Conference Volunteers)

Council meeting cancelled

Armidale Regional Council's March Ordinary Meeting has been cancelled, while revised meeting processes are being investigated to protect councillors, staff and members of the public during the current COVID-19 crisis.

The March meeting was scheduled to be held this Wednesday but, in line with general health and safety guidelines for NSW local government meetings, has been cancelled in response to the global Coronavirus outbreak.

"Like many other councils, we are monitoring the situation closely to help make decisions about future meetings, guided by State and Federal Government," Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said.

"At the moment, Council meetings must be conducted face to face and, for all but specific types of issues, must be open to the public for resolu-

tions to be binding.

"While there are yet to be any officially reported cases of Coronavirus in the Armidale region, we are very conscious that people with COVID-19 can be contagious before they start to feel any of the symptoms."

Cr Murray said the health and welfare of councillors, Council staff and the community must be the top priority and a number of local governments had made the decision to put their meetings on hold.

"This is in line with the cancellation or postponement of many events to avoid any potential spread of coronavirus," he said.

"The Local Government Act allows for a meeting to be cancelled or postponed because of natural disaster or if it could pose a danger or health risk to council representatives or members of the public."



COVID -19 (Novel Coronavirus)

I know many people are worried about the impact COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) may have on their health and the health of their families, friends and the community.

I have met with hospital managers from across our region who have reassured me all the resources and protocols are in place to test patients and treat those who may test positive.

During this time, I urge people to remain calm and go about their day-to-day business as best they can, while adhering to the social distancing measures and hygiene recommendations which are in place.

As a community we must do our bit to restrict the virus spread. We can do that by keeping a 1.5m gap between ourselves and others.

Please stop panic buying at local grocery stores. All that is doing is placing added pressure on vulnerable people in our community. Australia will not run out of food, so please just buy enough items to get you through a week or two maximum.

This is an ever changing situation and there are a number of websites where people can access up-to date information:

- preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19
- www.health.nsw.gov.au
- www.health.gov.au
- COVID-19 Federal Government Hotline 1800 020 080

As a community, we are prepared, we are in this together and the best thing we can now do is look out for each other over the coming weeks and months.

Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or issues you want to share. My offices in Armidale and Moree will be carrying on with business as usual in both locations.

COVID-19 Business Operating Restrictions

From midday Tuesday, 23 March the following non-essential activities and businesses were temporarily shut down across the Northern Tablelands to help reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Pubs, registered clubs
- Gyms, indoor sporting venues
- Cinemas, entertainment venues, casinos, and night clubs
- Restaurants and cafes will be restricted to takeaway and/or home delivery
- Religious gatherings, places of worship (excluding small weddings and funerals that comply with the 4m² rule, which can proceed).

The NSW and Federal Governments have both announced stimulus packages to support businesses and individuals impacted by COVID-19.

Businesses requiring assistance should visit:

www.business.gov.au

Individuals and households which have been affected by the shut-down and are requiring financial assistance go to: www.servicessaustralia.gov.au

Contact my office:

Phone: 02 6772 5552 Fax: 02 6772 5026

Email:

northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Council closes facilities and offices to protect staff

Armidale Regional Council has moved to assure the community that it is getting on with business to provide services and infrastructure for the community, while taking steps to protect its staff and residents during the COVID-19 crisis.

The organisation has actions in place to continue providing services and is regularly reviewing and revising its operations to maximise the availability of services.

"It's taking innovation and some different approaches to ensure it's business as usual, while closely following Federal and State Government advice to prevent the spread of Coronavirus," Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said.

"Roads are being con-

structed and maintained, bridges are being replaced, waste services are ongoing and water services are being closely managed amid the ongoing challenges of the drought.

"We're forging ahead with the considerable number of major projects we're undertaking this year, to help ensure this region is as strong and vibrant as possible when the COVID-19 crisis is over."

On advice from State and Federal Governments they have implemented a number of social distancing policies and temporary public facility closures to ensure the safety of the community and to Council staff.

Staff not on the frontline are now working from home and some public Council facilities are closed. These in-

clude:

- Armidale and Guyra Libraries
- Armidale and Guyra Civic Administration Buildings
- Monckton Aquatic Centre and Guyra Pool
- Armidale Folk Museum
- Kent and Hughes House
- Armidale Visitors Information Centre
- Home Support Services Guyra (Nicholli House)
- Council managed community halls including the Armidale Town Hall

Over the counter non-essential customer services will no longer be available in either the Armidale or Guyra offices.

Both the Armidale and Guyra Libraries have extensive online services for e-books, magazines, all available via Council's web-

site.

Council will continue to provide all services online and phone lines will be available 24/7.

The following services have been suspended until further notice at the Guyra Home Support Services.

- Weekly (Friday) Community Service Bus from Guyra to Armidale & return.
- Weekly Day-Centre activities & bus service
- Monthly Outings
- All group Support
- All craft activities
- All Nicholli House bookings
- All Community Bus bookings

Meal on Wheels will continue to operate as normal.

For further details on council services go to www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

March 18th - There were increased numbers in both the lambs and sheep. 2,520 lambs and 2,930 sheep. Lamb quality was mostly good with an increased supply of new season lambs. Condition was fair to good with both processors and restockers well catered for. The usual buyers were in attendance

with demand high, particularly from restockers.

The high restocker demand converted to a firm to slightly dearer market trend for light and medium weight Crossbreds. There were significant gains for light weight Merino lambs with restockers looking for wool growers. Plain condition lambs

to processors sold to dearer trends, underpinned by the restocker competition. Well finished lambs to processors followed a similar trend of firm to slightly dearer. This carrying through all weight classes.

There was a large number of plain condition Merino ewes, shorn, along with a fair selection

of well finished sheep. Restockers were active on suitable lines at inflated prices, while the plainer sheep to processors sold to cheaper trends. There was high demand for well finished sheep with the heavy weight classes showing significant improvement.

Rural Market Reports

Armidale Cattle Sale

March 19th - There was an increased penning in front of the usual buyers and quite a few casual onlookers. All categories were represented however cows and young cattle made up the bulk. Quality and condition was very mixed throughout.

Varying trends through the young cattle with the plainer quality lightweight vealers selling to substantially dearer trends, breed was a factor. The better quality C muscles were cheaper, again breed contributing. An improved quality penning of heavier weights experienced strong gains. Trends were similar for the heifer portion. Light weight C

muscle yearling steers to restockers sold to cheaper trends. The medium weights attracted strong restocker competition to show dearer trends with breed specific premiums. Yearling heifers to restock and feed experienced strong gains in average prices with quality a factor in that improvement.

Insufficient grown steers to quote. Well finished grown heifers sold to dearer trends for the most part. There was reduced restocker competition in the cow market. This combined with reduced demand from processors resulted in cheaper trends throughout all classes.

Weekly Wool Sales

March 20th - The wool market continued to retreat this week with large falls recorded on the first day of sales followed by further but smaller losses on the final day. Passed in and withdrawal rates accounted for over 42% of this week's national offering significantly reducing the 50,000 plus bale sale. Even with this week's fall the market still remains above the recent late August early September low point. The Aussie dollar was savagely sold off this week perhaps somewhat cushioning the fall in local currency with the Eastern Market Indicator when looked at in US dollars closing near a 10 year

low. 30,871 bales were sold nationally with a passed in rate of 26.5% Major buyers included Tianyu, Kathaytex & Techwool. Green shoots did emerge in the market on Thursday with Merino Skirtings and Crossbreds gaining ground in Sydney. In Fremantle late on Thursday there was also a turnaround in buyer sentiment with individual micron indicators 5 to 35 cents dearer. Fear of the unknown is impacting on markets worldwide and on paper a quick fix appears unlikely, this will probably create further volatility in the wool market over the coming months.



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping



As you would know by now, the NRL has confirmed the 2020 season has been suspended indefinitely as safety fears from the rapid spread of the coronavirus left the league with no other option.

In the end, the Queensland Government closing the borders and the advice of the Federal Government chief medical officer forced the NRL's hand.

We leave the footy tipping with B&L at Fourways in the lead on 24 points, in 2nd

place we have Sue and the Gazette on 22 and Soley, Ben and Vu all on 18.

We have four Locals at the top of their Leaderboard: Eel-be-Right, Chris Morley, From the Desk and GG.

Bulldog is next on 22 followed by six Locals on 20 points.

Take care of each other during this time. Keep social distancing, maintain good hygiene, let's keep Guyra people safe and please don't panic buy!

Sue's Tips



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... then think **PINK**
• Rural • Rentals
• Residential

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Score: 22

Soley's Tips



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Terrible Twosome	20	Rock 3	16
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Jy Starr	20	Famous Five	14
Red Devils	20	Dason	14
Hazel	20		

Locals Entry Form - Round 4

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on

Name:

Phone:

CANCELLED

NRL GAMES SUSPENDED



Amanda Carr and Helene Dawson from Armidale



Suzanne Towells and Wendy George

NEDGA Tournament winners

- Open Champion - Cheryl McDonald from Walcha
- Division 2 Winner - Wendy George
- Division 3 Winner - Belinda Lenehan
- 36 Hole Nett Div 1 - Pip White
- 36 Hole Nett Div 1 Runner Up - Vicki Reeves
- Division 3 Runner Up - Shona Mulligan
- Best Nett over 36 Holes - Wendy George
- NEDGA Best team - Pip White, Wendy George, Wendy Jackson and Shona Mulligan
- Foursomes Champion - Amanda Carr and Helene Dawson from Armidale
- Division 1 Nett Runners Up - Kerry Bull Guyra and Sally Gilder Armidale
- Division 2 Winners - Wendy George and Suzanne Towells.



Pip White, Wendy Jackson, Suzanne Towells, Shona Mulligan and Wendy George

Vets Golf

On Thursday March 12th, seventeen Guyra players travelled to Uralla to compete in the next round of Pennants. The players found the course still recovering from drought conditions with still bare areas on the fairways and rough patches on the greens, not as good as expected.

Unfortunately, we did not score that great. The scores for the day were Armidale 236, Walcha 241, Uralla 221, Guyra 203 and Glen Innes 174. So for the year so far we have slipped further back from Armidale, we now trail by 58 points, still second.

Our best players were Pip White who scored 32 points followed by Ron Starr on 30 and

Mick Kirk, and Len Stanley 29.

Last week only a few players competed in a 4BBB Stableford on a windy and cool day.

The winners with 43 was Don Campbell and Len Stanley with runners up on 41 Jim Betts and Wal Chapman. The only nearest the pin winner was Wal Chapman on the 18th.

We also helped the Ladies with their NEDGA Tournament on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. They are to be congratulated on how smoothly the tournament went.

The course was in the best condition that players have seen for some years. I guess we will see some disruption to numbers at golf over coming months. Play safe.

A Vet



Above: Kerry Bull, Guyra and Sally Gilder, Armidale



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MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting of **BEN LOMOND PUBLIC SCHOOL P and C** will be held on Wednesday, 1st April, at 2.30pm in the school staffroom. All parents and interested community members are welcome to attend.

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Thank you to everyone who attended Barry's funeral. To the Ambulance officers and Pddingtons, thank you for your help and kindness.

We live in a wonderful caring community. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

June & Greg McElroy

PROBUS NOTES

Our next monthly meeting was to have been held on 6th April.

This has been cancelled due to the coronavirus and that most of our members are elderly and in high risk categories.

Our trip next Monday to ten pin bowling has also been called off for now.

Our yearly subs are due and these can be paid to Judy Jackson at 17 Nielson Street, Guyra.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 11th May.

Judy Jackson

PUBLIC NOTICES

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM will be CLOSED until further notice. Private or Group visits can still be arranged. Enquiries: 6779 2132.

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***NOTE: Postponed until further notice. SATURDAY, 4th APRIL: at Wandsworth "Celebration of Resilience" for recovery from drought and bushfires. Entertainment, live band, BBQ, educational stalls, mental health. Also will be held on 16th May at Bald Blair, 13th June at Guyra and 11th July at Ben Lomond.**

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Perfect weather as lady golfers hit out

Last week saw the annual NEDGA Tournament come to Guyra. The event was very successful with large fields over the three days.

Local ladies Wendy George and Belinda Lenehan won the Division trophies along with Cheryl McDonald from Walcha who is the NEDGA Champion.

The weather was very kind and several visitors stayed at the local motels also eating out at our local cafes.

We received lots of compliments thanking us for the hospitality shown to the visitors.

We sincerely thank the major sponsors Hardman Honda, IGA, Costa, McLean Care, New England Autos, Regional Bank and Dick Burey Country Kitchens.

This week is the 2nd Gram Betts Round.

Next week is the 1st Round of the Ladies Championships along with the 2nd Round of the Golf NSW Medal with Wendy George as the starter.

The championships are 27 holes and please note the 9am start.

Good luck to all.

Birdie



Wendy George, Cheryl McDonald and Belinda Lenehan

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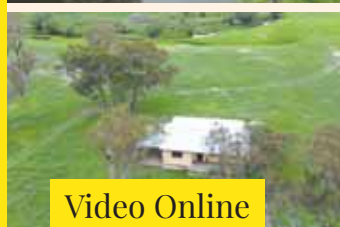
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