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Bin audit to assess contamination

An audit of Guyra residential bins will be conducted soon to determine levels of cross contamination between organic and landfill waste bins.

The start of July will be the first anniversary of the extension of Council's City to Soil Organics waste collection service to Guyra and the audit will evaluate how effectively it has been adopted by households in that area.

Contractors will inspect the contents of the green-lid organics waste bins, to evaluate levels of contamination by non-organic material. They will also check red-lid waste bins for organic waste that should go in the green bins.

Council will engage consultants this month to undertake the audit in May. They will inspect bins at a sample of 100 randomly selected home in the area covered by Week B of the Guyra organics collection schedule.

The audit will cover a good cross section of households, within the town centre and the outskirts of the kerbside waste collection area.

ARC Mayor Simon Murray said it is important to direct



Armidale Regional Council will be auditing bins in the coming weeks to assess cross contamination

as much food and garden waste as possible to the green bins, to minimise levels of waste going to landfill.

"Effective use of the City to Soil organics waste collection service significantly reduces the cost of waste management, saves valuable space in our landfill and reduces emissions of methane, a prominent contributor to global warming," he said.

"It also maximises the amount of food and garden waste we can convert to com-

post, which is then used for soil regeneration and food production by commercial operators and households,

Council staff who process the organic waste into compost have generally noticed contamination levels in the Guyra organics collections are low.

"The audit will pinpoint exactly how well Guyra households are using the City to Soil service, enabling us to compare those levels with the results of previous audits

for Armidale and similar collection services in other regions," Cr Murray said.

"Importantly, it will document the volumes of organic waste still being placed in the red-lid bins."

Cr Murray said the audit would help identify whether there was a particular need for additional community education.

"We have an ongoing program of community awareness about waste services and how to best use each of the bins. The audits help guide and refine where those information campaign should be directed and their messages," he said.

"We're hoping the results of next month's audit will be cause for celebration and praise.

"The City to Soil organics service has been an extremely valuable resource for our region and we are constantly looking at opportunities to make it even more effective."

Visit the Waste pages on Council's website for further information about the City to Soil organics collection and other waste services.

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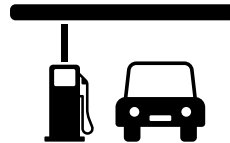
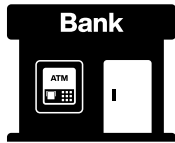


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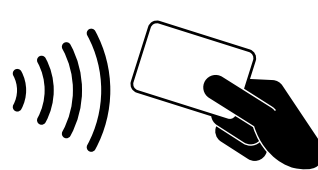
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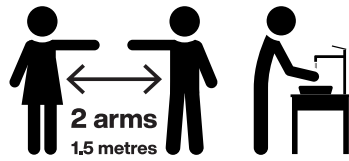
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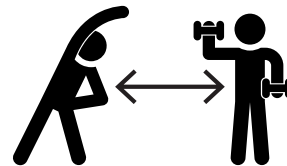
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CUT OUT AND KEEP

Poetry in motion, despite isolation

“There will be art on the walls, decorated halls, galas and balls and many curtain calls.”

That is the promise of James Arthur Warren (aka Thundercloud Repairian), who is moving forward with plans to create the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame in Guyra. Arriving at the same time as the coronavirus pandemic hit has not dampened his enthusiasm, but instead has allowed him to focus on planning.

While the rest of the town has bunkered down to ride out the health crisis he has been filling up the former Arcadia Theatre with a colourful and eclectic collection which includes neckties, doilies, comics, artworks and a collection of poetry books. He is also working on his plans to make the venue a new tourism drawcard for the town..

His main aim is to celebrate Australian poets by filling the shelves with their books, covering the walls with their portraits and creating a venue which will showcase their work and bring poetry to life.

Part of his plan is to restore the theatre as an entertainment venue in Guyra, returning it to its past usage as a theatre and cinema. He has also set aside space to establish an audio/video archive of indigenous languages and in the future hopes to establish a small restaurant.



Poetry readings in isolation for James Warren, whose dream is create the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame in Guyra

A community meeting to outline his plans for the building will not go ahead due to coronavirus restrictions, however he is still aiming for a grand opening in September this year.

“Feedback has been really positive so far and I am really excited and happy to have a project that could breathe life into the town,” James said.

“I really want to provide a

space where we can preserve and celebrate our wonderful Australian poets, but I also want to involve the community and give people a space where they can flourish.”

“I would like to talk to local artists who want to be part of my plan to paint murals of famous Australian poets to decorate the walls.”

James is seeking donations

Australian poetry books to help fill the shelves. He is also hoping to be able to offer traineeships in creative arts, visual arts, media and publishing as well as mentoring for authors who want to self-publish.

You can follow the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame on Facebook and check out video updates on Youtube.

No public services for ANZAC Day

Following discussions with the NSW Government, RSL NSW has made the decision to cancel all public ANZAC Day commemoration services across the state. This means that in Guyra and surrounding villages there will be no dawn services, MPS services, marches or commemorative services.

RSL NSW Acting President, Ray James said that given the significant concerns around the spread of COVID-19, it would be irresponsible to allow the gatherings we see each year on ANZAC Day to go ahead. He said that the decision to cancel ANZAC services was not taken lightly but that we must follow the advice of medical experts and do everything we can to pro-

tect the community.

ANZAC Day will still be observed this year but will be commemorated differently from previous years. There are several ways you can commemorate ANZAC Day this year to remember and pay tribute to all the men and women of the armed forces and civilian forces who paid the supreme sacrifice in conflicts throughout the world.

Light up the Dawn.

ABC Local Radio is supporting an RSL Australia campaign for Australians to Light up the Dawn. At 6am on ANZAC Day, stand at the end of your driveway or at your front gate and listen to a brief commemorative service on ABC Local Radio.

You will hear The Ode and



There will be no public service for ANZAC Day in Guyra this year

The Last Post played on the radio and be able share a 1-minute silence together.

Watch Commemorative Services live.

The Australian War Memorial (Canberra) Service will be broadcast live across Australia by the ABC and streamed online. This service is scheduled to commence with the pre-service program at 5am and the national service at 5.30am.

There will also be a 10am service from the Anzac Memorial in Sydney that will be broadcast on ABC and streamed live.

Fly the National Flag at Half Mast.

Flags are required to be flown at half-mast till noon on ANZAC Day, then raised to the peak until sunset.

What's HOT

FROSTY MORNINGS and a chill in the air - #LOVE AUTUMN!

PUZZLE PAGE is a hit with our readers - thanks for the feedback

LIGHTING the fire for the first time - so comforting

STAY SAFE, stay home, stay connected

What's NOT

GRASS SEEDS in your socks and everywhere else

REMOVAL of rubbish bins in Ollera Street and on highway. Nowhere to put dogs poo bags so do I not bother picking it up anymore?

QUOTE of the week

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
7	Tues	5.5	17.4	0
8	Wed	6.5	18.1	0
9	Thurs	9.7	15.0	0
10	Fri	10.1	13.8	0
11	Sat	8.0	15.9	24.0
12	Sun	-0.6	17.0	0
13	Mon	4.2	18.0	0

Rain this week	24.0 mm
Apr. rainfall	46.6 mm
Rainfall YTD	428.6 mm
Rainfall last YTD	158.6 mm
Ave. rain to April	349.4mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Calls to care for Mother of Ducks

Guyra's Mother of Ducks Lagoon is a rare and highly significant ecological feature of our landscape which provides protection to threatened and critically endangered species and ecological communities. It is considered to be one the most important landmarks in Guyra, and over the years has been subject to a tug of war between community demands for grazing and recreation, versus the maintenance of its natural cycles.

There is now a new push to see the area protected and build on restoration efforts that began in the 1980s when the Guyra Quota Club led a major beautification project of the area with the support of various other local groups.

The value of the area was recognised by early settlers and visitors, describing it as 'a magnificent body of water' and 'a most splendid aquatic pleasure resort'. For a period of time a steam powered launch was a popular attraction for visitors to the area, however this was abandoned during an extended dry period in the early 1900s. Since then the area has been drained for agricultural and recreational purposes.

The lagoon was partially restored as Guyra's Bicentennial project, initiated by the Quota Club in an effort to restore its value as a home to a wide range of aquatic birds. The Quota Club received Federal Government funding whereby approved projects could be seen as a lasting memorial to the Australian Bicentenary.

In 1987, most of the 97 hectares of the reserve were enclosed within a levee bank to retain higher levels of water. This means that the outer lagoon is still drained but the levee bank acts as a partial barrier to slow the movement of water out of the system. The section of the lagoon within the levee does not hold water to a depth greater than 1 metre before it drains into Laura Creek, thus acting as a surrogate of the natural hydrological regime.

Quota had wanted to try and refill the lagoon and re-attract the natural wildlife of the area. During times of plentiful rain, it is home to nests of black



The viewing platform at the Mother of Ducks Lagoon, was part of beautifications initiated by the Quota Club in the 1980s.



Historically the Lagoon has seen many uses including boating in the 1900s

swans and a host of other water birds which can be seen from the viewing platform or by walking around the bank of the reserve area.

The lagoon is one of 58 natural freshwater wetlands on the New England Tableland of which only 28% are considered intact and in good condition. The lagoon is one of only three in National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) reserves.

The wetland contains two threatened ecological communities and provides habitat for three bird species listed as endangered (including one listed as critically endangered at the national level) and 13 bird species listed as vulnerable under the Biodiversity Conservation Act. Eight bird species listed under international migratory bird agreements have been recorded.

The formation of a new Landcare group is now underway and all interested and/or con-

cerned members of the community are welcomed and encouraged to attend a public meeting on a date yet to be determined. (COVID-19 dependant)

Members of the community have concerns that the recent drought and the installation of bores may further impact surrounding waterways, shallower aquifers and very importantly the lagoon, which has already been altered by drainage events. Understanding of ground water, upland wetlands and their importance on the health of the wider catchment is limited. The long term sustainable management of water and land for all is one of many issues the new group is looking to explore further.

Anyone interested in joining the Landcare group should contact Rachel Lawrence, Landcare Coordinator, by phone on 67729123 or email rachel.lawrence@snelandcare.org.au

Business Directory

Council has created a directory of local businesses that are continuing to operate throughout the Coronavirus crisis.

Some of these businesses have made changes to operating hours, providing a delivery service or are innovating and collaborating to offer something different altogether. A big shout out to all local businesses who are finding new ways to trade in these difficult times.

For a local directory of grocery, services stations, health care professionals, pharmacies, retail services and more that are operational in the Armidale region keep an eye on Council's website.

If we've missed your business and you would like to feature on our business directory please contact events@armidale.nsw.gov.au or phone 6770 3804.

For more information on Council's response to coronavirus please visit www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

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Explore the Library's new virtual story box

Storytime just got a lot more accessible at Armidale Regional Library.

The library's popular weekly Storytime sessions for children are currently on hold because of COVID-19.

However, Armidale Regional Library has now signed up to Story Box Library, giving members 24/7 online access to many great kids stories read by some favourite entertainers.

Story Box Library is a subscription-based educational website created for children to view stories by local authors and illustrators, read aloud by wonderful and much-loved storytellers.

It is easy for Armidale Regional Library members to log into Story Box Library. Just Google 'Story Box' and enter your Library member number on the login screen. No password is required.

Armidale Regional Library has introduced a number of new online services in recent weeks, providing anywhere and anytime access to eBooks, eAudio books, magazine, newspapers and other information. It even has online jigsaw puzzles featuring historic and scenic images of the region.

For more information, visit the libraries page on Council's website and get service updates from the Library's Facebook page.



Armidale Regional Library has created school holiday packs for children in years Kindergarten to Year 6.

If you have children at home looking for something to do, call or email Wendy and she will organise for one of the school holiday packs to be posted or delivered to you.

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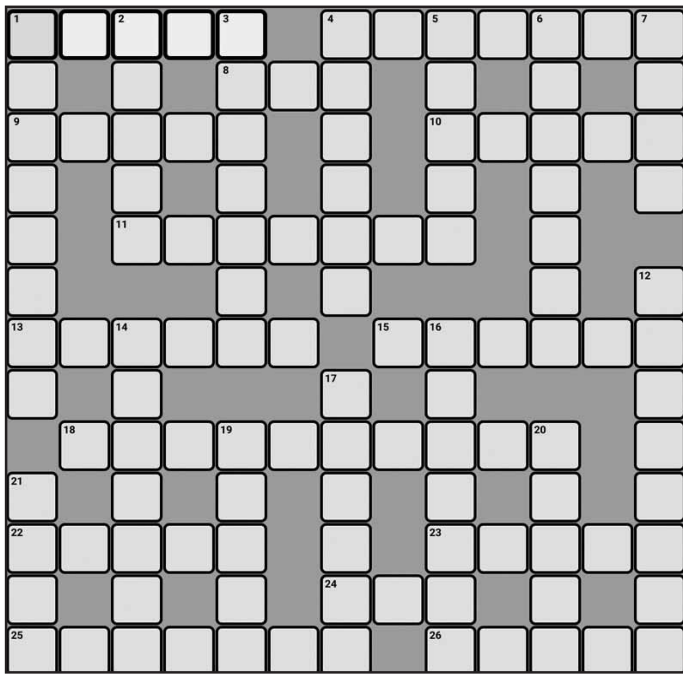


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CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

1. Small piece of cloth or paper that has been torn, cut
4. Intense desire for something
8. Long period of time
9. Accumulate
10. Communion table
11. Violently fast stream of water
13. Passing of time
15. Solid round figure
18. Triumphant, winning
22. Tracks, trails
23. Dog-like nocturnal mammal
24. Extreme anger
25. Floor coverings
26. Number in trio

Down

1. Person looking for something

or someone that is missing

2. Cook in an oven
3. Areas of very little rain
4. Person on the line
5. Become adjusted to new conditions
6. Of extreme force, degree, or strength
7. Clotted blood
12. To make more attractive by adding extra items
14. Aircraft pilot
16. Authoritative person who divines the future
17. Highly problematic situation
19. Discernment
20. Cut the wool from
21. Long poem celebrating heroic feats

WORDSEARCH - Pirates

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- LORE
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- RATE
- REVENGE
- RICHES
- RUM
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- SWAGGER

SUDOKU - Easy

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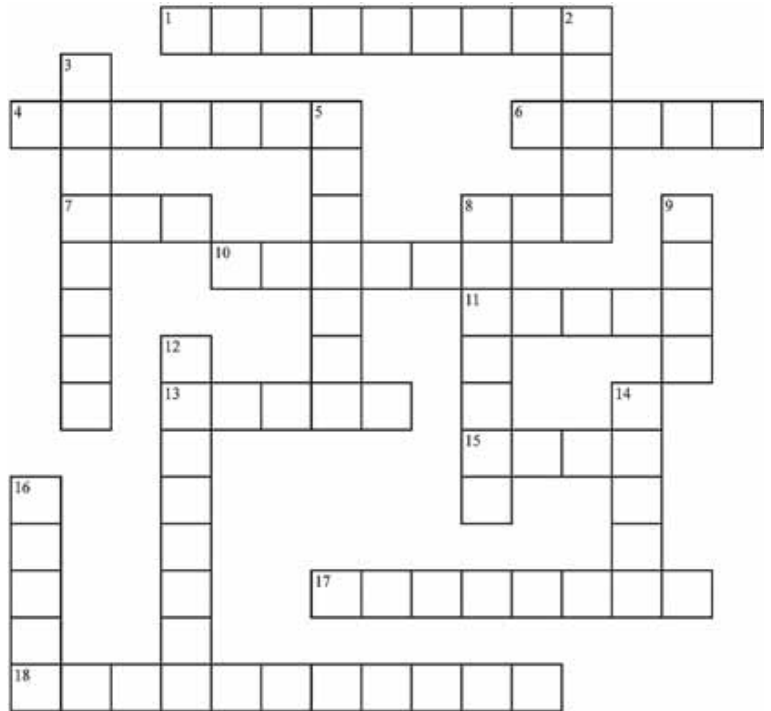
1. Prominent Peak
4. Opportunity awaits, opposite Council
6. In short supply last year
7. Deciduous Tree
8. Our Hospital
10. Ben Lomond waterway
11. Head here if you want to play golf or bowls (abr.)
13. New store, opened in 2018
___ Trading
15. Sells second hand goods, Aboomala St
17. Bird symbol of Guyra

18. You will find health services in this street

Down

2. Large black birds that nest on lagoon
3. Infrastructure project completed in 2019
5. Catholic school and Church
8. Asian grocery store
9. Attracts tourists in winter
12. Large business closed 1995
14. Music man with jukebox
16. Runs bistro at Bowling Club

HINT: LOCAL KNOWLEDGE



JOKES

So many coronavirus jokes out there, it's a pandemic.

Did you hear the joke about the germ? Never mind, I don't want to spread it around.

If you need 144 rolls of toilet paper for a 14 day quarantine you probably should have seen the doctor long before COVID-19

I know a great joke about Corona Virus, you probably won't get it though.

Free community preschool for families

The NSW Government has announced a \$133 million package to provide free preschool for families for the next six months and financially support more than 250 Local Government day care centres as well. Community Preschools were excluded under the recently announced Commonwealth Government free childcare package.

Additionally, the State

Government has also committed up to \$82 million to support 260 council childcare centres, like the one at Guyra, which are not eligible for the JobKeeper payments, helping keep staff employed."

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said that it is vitally important to keep these facilities open and operational.

"Without them and their colleagues in long day-care,

there would be many doctors and nurses, emergency services personnel and grocery store workers who wouldn't be able to go to work and keep our community safe and the economy running," he said.

"COVID-19 has already taken so much, but I'm pleased to say it won't be getting the most important years in our children's educational development.

Food pantry remains closed

The Guyra Food Pantry will remain closed this week.

We would like to thank people for their understanding and patience as we face this time of change together.

If there is anyone who is need of emergency food please contact The Chapel on 0412531883.

"Forty Shades of Green"Ramblings by the Guyra Ghost.

In 1963 Johnny Cash (the man in black) visited Ireland and penned "Forty Shades of Green". It's not a bad song and is so true. Looking around Guyra we see the same thing. We go from the lime green moss in the areas where "the sun don't shine" up to the struggling trees on the highway. The highway trees really need a couple more good seasons for the canopy to properly leaf up. Even the weeds have different shades.

Between Scotch Thistle grey, to Nodding Thistle bright green, there is a very big difference. Look around; there are so many shades of green, especially since we have had a little rain. The Mother of Ducks not only now has a little water visible, it looks good with a healthy green colouring on the golf course.

Our Council workers must feel like Paul Hogan on the Sydney Harbour Bridge, they finish mowing everything and immedi-

ately start over again. It's an endless task. The Council is also working hard to provide a superior experience for those camping at the Mother of Ducks. Hopefully, between the Council and the Golf Club, we can achieve a happy medium. It will be good to see the Grey Nomads and school holiday makers back after we get through our current Corona Virus Pandemic. They really do make the main street come alive.

That reminds me, I know Guyra doesn't have a reported incident yet, but we really should be taking the Virus seriously. A lot of people think, "It's not going to happen to them". I understand, they haven't been overseas, so why should they be in any danger. Get real, we don't know who we meet that may be a carrier and it is extremely contagious. Please take care.



Classifieds Trades & Services

MEALS ON WHEELS

16 April	Lesley Credland
17 April	Ann Williams
20 April	Guyra Lions Club
21 April	Pamela Carter
22 April	Guyra CWA

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Cricket year in review - President's report

It was a dry start to the season where batsmen got value for their shots. First grade could only go ahead by using the Guyra and TAS Turf wickets, and then the January rains came.

Third grade narrowly lost the T20 final with only four balls left. On a much better note second grade were

minor premiers and won their semi-final to go straight into the grand-final. First grade did it the hard way, but still stood up when it counted to also make the grand-final.

Unfortunately, the final games were called off due to someone eating a bat (not a cricket one) with Cricket Australia calling a halt to the

season as the coronavirus spread to Australia. First and second grade were declared joint premiers, sharing the honour with the teams that would have played in the grand-final. A very sad end to what had been a very successful year for Guyra Cricket.

Some notable perform-

ances were recorded in all grades. First grade bowling Tyson Burey 5 wickets for 21, BJ Cameron 4 for 26 and Mitch Woods 4 for 19. Second grade batsmen scored centuries, Jake Davies twice with a top of 148 and Grant Ryan with 100 (retired). Second grade bowling highlights were Heath Dowsett 5 for 25 and Keiran Davies 4 for 7. Third grade highlights go to Cody Patterson with the best bowling 7 for 14 and dare I say Cody also dominated the batting.

I also have to congratulate our under 14 team that also made the grand-final. This meant that Guyra had three teams out of six that made it through to the decider, only to not play. Overall it was a very successful year for Guyra Cricket.

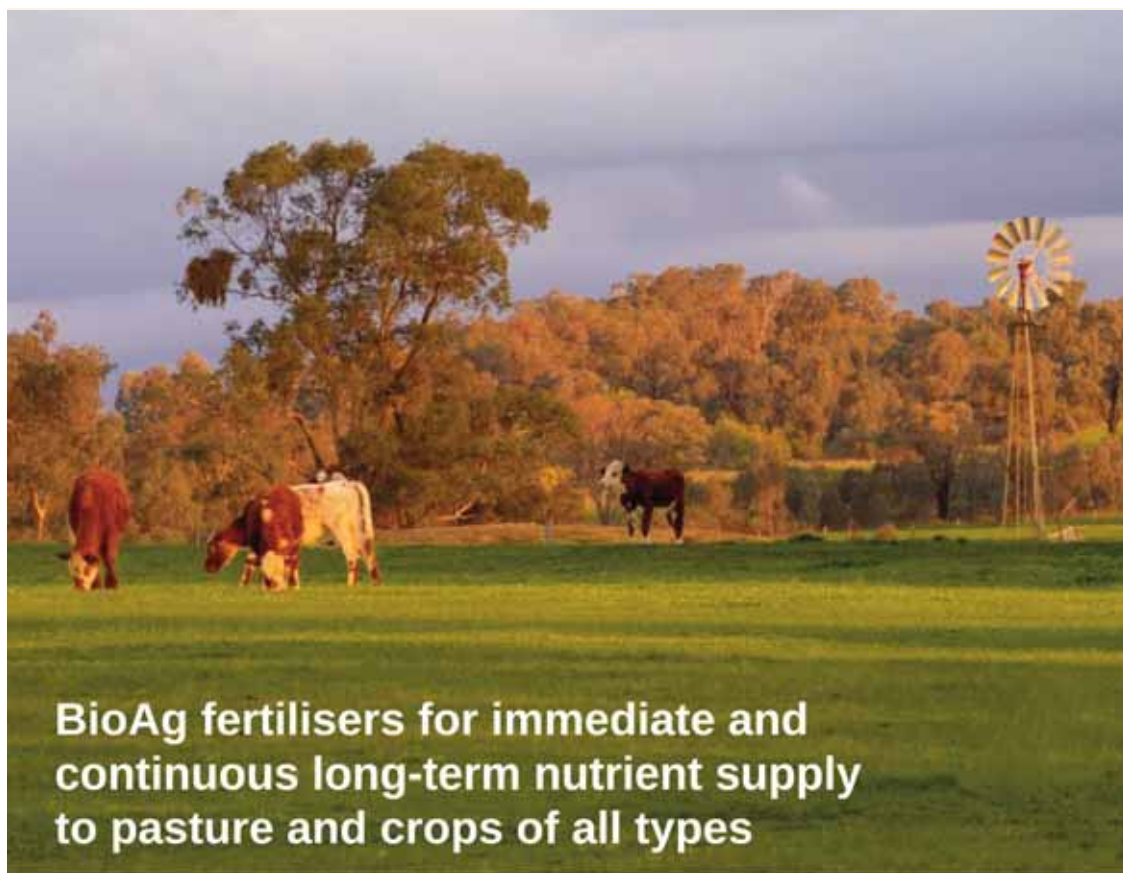
Our major fundraising events this year were two meat tasting days conducted by the University and the Lamb and Potato Festival. I thank all the people who helped out with these events. We also got some very useful funding from Cricket NSW and Costa Tomato Exchange.

I would like to thank all our sponsors and most of all our major sponsors Shane and Naomi Davidson from the Royal Hotel. I also want to thank Willie Jones and all the cricketers that conducted the meat raffles on Saturday nights.

Apart from normal equipment we purchased a ride on roller for our long suffering curator John Credland. I notice that John has a huge smile on his face.

At this self-isolating and social distancing stage we have no idea when Guyra or Armidale presentations will take place. The Armidale AGM is set down for August 5th.

*James Stewart
President*



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