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Candles at dawn honour ANZACs

A new ANZAC tradition may have been born, as individuals stepped up to ensure the ANZAC spirit was not forgotten despite the cancellation of organised services to mark the day.

With formalised commemorations taken off the table due to the COVID-19, drive-ways became central to the day with many residents rising early to stand outside their homes, holding candles while listening to online or radio services.

RSL sub-branch President Hans Hietbrink reflected on what was a very different day for himself and other veterans.

“This year was a very different experience for the veteran community,” he said.

“I went down early and put the flag up at the Soldiers Memorial Hall but then returned home to participate in the dawn service from Canberra.”

“Like many others we

stood outside at the gate and listened to the dawn service and marked the traditional minute’s silence, which was a very different experience to what we are used to.”

“It is difficult to know how many people actually participated this year, but I think it was not as social or meaningful because ANZAC Day really needs to be commemorated by people getting together to pay their respects. It is not something you would normally do from home.”

“Hopefully next year the virus will be over and things will be back to normal and we will be free to gather and share this day together once again.”

While there was no mass gathering at the Soldier’s Memorial Hall, many individuals participated in their own solemn commemorations, laying their wreaths and memorials at the cenotaph.



With no official ceremony, individual tributes were placed at the cenotaph throughout the day.

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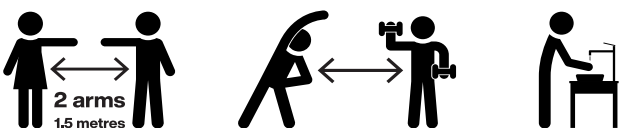
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ANZAC services with a difference

While there was no large gathering of citizens this year to mark ANZAC Day, some services went ahead in a modified format. At the MPS residents marked the occasion early with a service and wreath laying on Friday.

Diversional Therapist Nichole Rosten organised a service for the residents. The short service was held inside the facility and included the playing of the reveille whilst Nichole read the service order, and the laying of a wreath.

A collection of memorabilia from the residents was set up and the wreath was laid beside the officer's uniform. This was followed by the "Last Post", a minute's silence and the Australian National Anthem.

Residents were unable to go outside, however they were able to gather inside at the main entrance so they could watch whilst Nichole and Deb Heagney laid the wreath outside near the flag pole.

Ben Lomond also conducted a modified service, while still adhering to social distancing provisions.

The flag was able to be raised thanks to those who helped replace the rope on which to fly a flag.

In the early morning community members observed the memorial from their front door and front gates. Following the formalities of the broadcast Dawn Service Molly Chard sang *Waltzing Matilda*. By popular request, she repeated her performance with amplification, at 11 am from the hall.



Above:

MPS residents stayed indoors and participated in an ANZAC service on Friday. A display of memorabilia also helped to remember those who served

Below:

Ben Lomond residents participated in a modified service on ANZAC Day



What's HOT

FAMILY spotted with baby and school age kids dressed in uniform standing at gate with banner LEST WE FORGET to mark ANZAC Day - great effort

FINALLY having grass to mow

HOME DELIVERIES from Kirk's IGA always come with a smile and cheery word. Thank you!

NEW line markings on highway

UPDATED opening times displayed in shop windows so locals know you are open

What's NOT

POTHOLES on Wards Mistake and Guyra Roads

BREAKING IN and stealing from elderly people. SHAME ON YOU

QUOTE of the week

If you are looking for a big opportunity, seek out a big problem

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
21	Tues	7.0	19.5	0
22	Wed	6.6	18.4	0
23	Thurs	3.0	19.5	0
24	Fri	7.2	19.6	0
25	Sat	5.7	20.0	0
26	Sun	7.6	18.6	0
27	Mon	10.1	19	0

Rain this week	0.0 mm
Apr. rainfall	46.6mm
Rainfall YTD	428.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	161.0mm
Ave. rain to April	349.4mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

FROM THE ARCHIVES - Rumbling Mountain

There has been lots of enquiry about Rumbling Mountain following last week's What's Hot in the Gazette.

Located in the Basin Nature Reserve near Baldersleigh, Rumbling Mountain (George's Mount) is a rocky scrub covered hill that periodically rumbles and the ground shakes for miles around.

The local Aboriginal people would not go near the place. The legend is that a big old blackfella, the head of a powerful mob, came into conflict with a huge kangaroo and they started to fight. Neither one could conquer the other and the battle lasted for aeons. After fighting for so long they became tired and rested for a time of many months and then restarted the battle.

The rumbling is the angry voice of the blackfella and the thumping and shaking of the surrounding countryside is caused by the kangaroo beating his massive tail on the ground.

In 1935, the Inverell Times sent a team to investigate the mountain and they filed the following report. (Inverell Times, 8 May 1935)

"The Rumbling Mountain (or Basin Mountain), which is on the north-west slope, and forms the first break in the rugged New England Range, has once again been brought before the public eye by the violent subterranean shocks experienced last week.

These tremors are accompanied by ominous rumblings, often louder than thunder, deep down in the bowels of the earth, and vary in volume from sharp, staccato-like rifle shots to violent disturbances akin to blasting. These mysterious noises have been heard in the locality over a period of seventy years, but appear to be more frequent and pronounced of late, and are causing settlers concern. To ascertain authentic details of the occurrences, a 'Times' representative and party explored the wild mountain fastness during the week-end, and gleaned some interesting information. Looking east from Bundarra, the summit of the

Rumbling Mountain can be seen in the distance, about 45 miles from Uralla and 29 miles from Inverell. Following the George's Creek road, Clerk's Creek is crossed, and Mr. A. J. S. Wiseman's 'Clerkness' homestead is passed on the right. Proceeding a further five miles through well-improved and good wool-growing country, George's Creek is reached, and this is followed for several miles by means of a good shire road adjacent to the stream, until Mr. Bill Easy's home comes into view on the opposite bank, with the mountain rising for about a thousand feet in the immediate background.

OLD SETTLER'S STORY. Keenly interested in sport and in the little, rustic church he and his sons helped to build near their home, Mr. Easy is in his 85th year, and is a splendid type of old Australian. An erstwhile champion rifle shot and a kangaroo hunter of great repute in his earlier days, he has often roamed the mountain in search of game, and his story of the rumblings heard in these parts is supported by his sons, who are keen, experienced bushmen. Mr. Easy said the first of the heavy reports and the violent tremor which were heard and felt in various parts of the district, resembled a long, deep roll of thunder, which seemed to travel downwards rather than along the ridge, diminishing as it progressed. The accompanying tremor was very pronounced; windows and the loose iron on the roof rattled violently. According to our informant, 1914 was the worst year, when, in addition to the rumbling, sharp reports, up to about 100 a day, could be heard, as if blasting operations were in progress in the vicinity.

PECULIAR FEATURES. The peculiarities of the mountain were that the disturbances were irregular, sometimes coming three or four in one day, and then desist for six months. A loud rumble, although heard more plainly when closer, would shake the ground just as much thirty miles away, and some

people assert that they have smelt smoke and sulphur after a rumble. The mountain is known to be rather silent during wet seasons, and when it is heard it is said to be a sign of rain. The ground shakes badly at Guyra after every internal tremor of the mountain, and it is suggested that it is connected with the lagoon at that centre. It is strange that this lagoon is always empty now, when about forty years ago it was a great expanse of water. This is due many say to the continual tapping for artesian water out west.

RUGGED COUNTRY. Efforts have often been made to locate the exact spot where the mysterious noises originate, but so far this has been impossible, as the rumblings are deceptive on account of echoes, but the centre of the disturbance is thought to be within a five-mile radius, in the mountains. These are very rugged and stony, and The Basin is situated in the parish of Buchanan, county of Hardinge. It is composed of loose stones and thick scrub on the summit. On the western side it is all slaty, loose stones, and explorers may walk miles without setting foot on solid soil. The creek is just a gorge, and it is essential to crawl on hands and knees to ascend or descend. There is a huge barrier between George's and Laura creeks, called 'The Backbone.' with high, precipitous walls, from where a stone can be thrown into either George's or Baker's creek. The former breaks through the mountains and gorges from the tops about Guyra and both carry a lot of water in flood time. They do not junction, but run about 15 miles west after leaving the gorges and flow into the Gwydir River. Laura Station, well known for its splendid wool, is situated between these two watercourses. The scenery in the late afternoon is gorgeous, very rugged. And awe-inspiring, with huge boulders, overhanging trees, dark scrubs, and tiny streams coursing down the side of the mountain.

Crime victim thanks local heroes

In the early hours of Sunday morning Guyra resident Nicole Corry became a victim of crime when her house was broken into. Thieves entered her home and stole two handbags and a wallet belonging to her partner Phill.

It was an unnerving experience for the couple, however they have been heartened by the community's response in helping to recover much of the stolen property.

Nicole reached out to the community via the Facebook group, Guyra- What's on your mind and was overwhelmed by the support she received. She said she is extremely thankful to all the people who offered help and took it upon themselves to track down the stolen items.

"The community support was great," she said. "Our next door neighbour John Clarke found one handbag and later in the day Scott Rowe and son Lochie discovered my other handbag and Phill's empty wallet in the bushes down the show-ground lane and returned them to me. Most of the con-

tents were still inside, so it was obvious the thieves only wanted money."

Nicole said that local children Alecia, Tommy and Smiley Jones also found some of their cards and returned them with help from mum Corrine and grandmother Lesley.

"I am so grateful to my community who are looking out for us. Not only the searchers but many others who simply commented and expressed their support – it shows how strong a little town can be," Nicole said.

"After my experience I am warning others to be more vigilant – everyone needs to be aware that there are thieves out there so please lock up and take care."

Nicole has already taken steps to increase her own security and is waiting on the installation of security cameras. While most of the items have been recovered she is still missing her car key, which is attached to a bright red lanyard with VISITOR on it. If anybody finds them, please contact Nicole.



Scott Rowe and son Lochie hunted down some of the stolen items

Lockdown relaxed from this Friday

The state's coronavirus lockdown will be slightly relaxed this week.

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian said that from Friday, groups of two adults will be able to visit "anybody" in other households.

"We know that for many people, they've been cooped up in their homes for a number of weeks, and with the exception of exercising, medical needs or buying what they need to or going to work, many people have been isolated in their homes," she said.

The Premier said there was an "inherent risk" to easing restrictions but she was "ab-

solutely confident that people will be responsible".

"Don't take risks — we don't want to see the numbers suddenly spike up because people are being irresponsible," she said.

"If you have the mildest sniffle, do not go and visit anybody [or] if you're feeling slightly unwell or fatigued, don't risk it. Because there's too much at stake."

She said children were permitted to accompany adults for home visits but recommended people over 70 should stay indoors as much as possible.

Live it. Create it. Share it

Youth in the Armidale region are being invited to share their creativity and thoughts about COVID-19, with the chance to win one of four \$250 EFTPOS cards.

To coincide with recent Youth Week celebrations, Armidale Regional Library has launched a Live it. Create it. Share it competition for residents aged 12 to 25 in the Armidale region. Young people can choose how they express their experience of COVID-19 and what it has meant to them. It can be some form of creative writing, like a poem or short story, or visual art such as a photograph, drawing or sculpture. The only requirement is you must be able to capture it digitally and up-

load it to the Live it. Create it. Share it page on the 'Your Say' Armidale website. Visual artworks can be filmed or photographed, and should include a brief artist's statement describing the work and how it represents the theme of COVID-19.

Entries are open until Sunday June 7th and will be judged in two age categories: Two winners will be chosen in each category and will each receive an EFTPOS card with \$250 to spend. Entrants must be aged between 12 and 25 and must live in the Armidale Regional Council local government area.

Full details are available at <https://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au/live-it-create-it-share-it>

Rail trail motion deferred again

On April 22, Armidale Regional Council deferred a decision to rescind a resolution of support for the New England Rail Trail which was passed at their February meeting.

The deferral comes after a decision by Glen Innes Severn Council last month to support an Act in the NSW parliament which would see the Main North rail line from Armidale to Wallangarra on the Queensland border into a trail for bicycles.

The motion unanimously supported the closure of the rail corridor and the development for the Rail Trail to commence planning. They agreed to allocate an amount of \$25,000 in the 2020/2021 Operational Plan for the determination of the construction cost of the Ben Lomond

to Glen Innes section of the proposed rail trail.

Save the Great Northern Rail Group President Rob Lenehan has welcomed the deferral but would have preferred the motion had been adopted.

Mr Lenehan said that Armidale Regional Council should reconsider its support of the rail trail proposal. In February 2020 the Armidale Council had agreed to allocate funds for design and to look at a management structure for the project.

"The previous motion of rail trail support was arguably improperly passed at Council's meeting on 26 February 2020, without due consideration of prudent information," Mr Lenehan said. "The Regional Development Australia Northern In-

land rail trail report prepared for New England Rail Trail was not available to councillors and is still not available."

"The rail trail proposal is controversial and largely unwanted within New England. Armidale Regional Council should completely withdraw from this unnecessary distraction," he said. "The future for the railway lies in reopening it for trains, not ripping it up for a bike track."

He said that while the Save the Great Northern Rail Group is not opposed to a re-opened rail corridor also incorporating a bike trail, it has argued against permanently ending the Main North line at Armidale.

The push to develop rails trails in NSW is now step-

ping up. On April 3rd the first rail trail in NSW, a 22-kilometre stretch from Tumbarumba to Rosewood, had its official virtual opening.

This opening has been welcomed by rail trail proponents, including in New England where the rail corridor between Armidale and Glen Innes has been closed to trains for over 30 years.

A rail trail feasibility study was endorsed by Armidale Regional Council at its October 2018 meeting and the New England Rail Trail Plan was finalised in October 2019 for the Armidale to Glen Innes section. The Rail Trail Plan outlines the technical feasibility and costs of converting the 103km Armidale to Glen Innes section into a rail trail to boost economic activity in the region.

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in our LOCAL COMMUNITY.

This is how we help our community stay strong. Let's help each other with the government's help from JobKeeper.

Please stay safe, and buy local.

Janelle & Martha

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Development proposal

Armidale Regional Council has received Development Application No. 39-2020 for a 5MW Solar Farm and associated infrastructure.

The Development, which is not nominated or integrated development, is proposed at Lot 27 DP 753660 being, 175 Glen Ross Road Guyra.

NSW Community Renewables (Guyra) Pty Ltd C/-KDC Pty Ltd has lodged the Application and the Northern Regional Planning Panel will be the Consent Authority.

The Application and supporting documentation may be inspected via Council's online self service portal under 'Applications on Notification' until 29 May 2020. Within this time, written submissions may be made and any objection to the proposal must state the grounds of objection.

Should you have any further enquiries in relation to the Application, please contact Mr Simon Vivers, Council's Town Planner on (02) 6770 3623 or email council@armidale.nsw.gov.au

Please note that under State legislation, any person making a submission on a Development Application must also disclose whether they or any "associate" have made a "reportable political donation" or gift to a local Councillor or Council employee within the period commencing two years before an submission is made and ending when that Application is determined. Further details including disclosure forms are available on request from Council.



Live it. Create it. Share it

Young Armidale region residents are invited to express their creativity and thoughts about COVID-19, through an Armidale Regional Libraries competition.

If you are aged between 12 and 25, we would love to see how creative you can be with expressing your experience of COVID-19. Using some form of creative writing or visual art, show us what it has meant to you.

Entries close 7 June.

For more information and to enter, visit yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au/live-it-create-it-share-it

Principal Contractor - Solar lighting to cycleway

RFT ARC20/3954

Armidale Regional Council is seeking tenders from suitably qualified and experienced businesses to supply, install and commission solar lighting to the Cycleway in Armidale NSW.

The complete project description, scope of work, specific project requirements are defined in the tender specification documents.

Full details are provided in the tender documents which are available free of charge from the etendering portal at the website www.tenderlink.com/nesac or Council's website www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au from 29 April 2020.

All enquires or request for information must be posted in writing via the Tenderlink Forum where responses will be posted accordingly.

Further information may be directed to Council's Project Manager Larissa Bittencourt, on (02) 6770 3657 or lbittencourt@armidale.nsw.gov.au.

Tenders quoting the reference number ARC20/3954 and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, will be received up until closing time 2.30 pm Thursday, 21 May 2020.

Armidale Regional Council reserves the right to reject all or any tenders. The Council shall not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

Business Directory

COVID-19 Business Directory

Many local businesses are continuing to operate and adapt during the COVID-19 pandemic.

More than 100 businesses ranging from grocers to trades and professional services are included in Council's COVID-19 Business Directory. To see the full list visit Council's website.

To feature in the Directory, contact events@armidale.nsw.gov.au or phone 6770 3804.



Households will soon receive copies of our Autumn 2020 issue of Council News. This newsletter is usually sent out with rates notices but the new issue is being delivered to all households in the Armidale region because of important information about Council services during the COVID-19 response, other Coronavirus information and updates about the ongoing water restrictions.

Level 5 water restrictions are still in place for the Armidale region while our water storage remains at half its capacity.

Hardship Policy

Are you experiencing hardship?

Council is offering immediate relief to ratepayers experiencing genuine financial hardship due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Visit Council's website for more information and to see our Hardship Policy.

Stay connected

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on Twitter
'ArmidaleRegional LGA' or '@ARC2350'.



and on Instagram
'armidaleregionalcouncil'



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Drive-through COVID-19 testing

A new drive-through COVID-19 testing service is now operating at Armidale Hospital, as health authorities increase the level of local testing. Armidale had been identified for its low testing rates and a specialised COVID-19 clinic is now operating.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said that this testing blitz, which will take place from Monday to Friday, will help health authorities ensure a more accurate picture of COVID-19

occurrences across our area.

“The eligibility criteria for testing has been significantly eased, allowing anyone who has flu or cold like symptoms including a fever, sore throat, cough or shortness of breath to be tested.

“I strongly encourage everyone who is eligible to get tested and those wishing to, to contact their GP or the drive through COVID-19 clinic at Armidale Hospital.”

The Armidale clinic is operating from 10am to 2pm, Mon-

day, 27 April, until Friday, 1 May. People should book an appointment by calling the clinic between 9am and 4.30pm on testing days.

Mr Marshall confirmed there had been no change in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases within the Northern Tablelands, with the total remaining at four.

“Following the discovery of two COVID-19 cases in the Armidale office of the NSW Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS),

the remaining 19 staff in that facility were tested, with all returning negative results.

“That means the tally for the Northern Tablelands electorate stands at two in Armidale, one in Inverell and another from Moree, with the Moree person in Tamworth Hospital since testing positive.

“Pleasingly, we’re now up to six locals who have been declared recovered from COVID-19 and that number will only climb next week.”

Learning continues at Black Mountain

Even in these uncertain times the learning continues at Black Mountain Public School. Our staff have been participating in Professional Development over the past two days and enjoying the trials and tribulations of online learning. Students will be returning for one day a week in Week 3.

Our transition program which runs every Friday for children who have turned four years of age is continuing as usual with learning packs being sent home to keep young minds active and engaged in these dynamic times. Take care and stay safe.

*Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*



Professional development for staff members
Nikki Robinson, Tanya Siddell, Simone Lord and Justine Eddy

Drought Aid campaign wraps up

A drought relief appeal that brought aid and raised the hopes of residents during the drought has come to an end.

Jaclyn Bold created the program to assist farmers impacted by drought in the area from Uralla to Glen Innes. She formed a partnership with the CWA to distribute donations throughout the area.

As a result of her efforts 14,550 kg of donations were distributed with 589 households provided with food and

water hampers and 830 Christmas gifts distributed.

A total of \$23,410 in cash donations was used to purchase gift vouchers at local businesses for farming families. Assistance was also given to schools and mother’s groups.

“With COVID-19 many people and businesses have become unable to donate food items,” Jaclyn said.

“Along with this, and keeping everyone’s health in mind (the collecting, sorting and dis-

tributing all require some person to person contact) I have decided to cease the Drought Aid campaign.

“Everyone I have met throughout this process has had an impact on me and shown me how a horrible situation can bring out the best from strangers who offer help and support.

“From a little idea, the Drought Aid campaign grew into something much bigger than I ever expected.

“From friends and strangers volunteering their time for others, starting collections at their work or in their local neighborhood, packing, sorting and delivering the donations - Thank you, thank you, thank you.

“To the residents of the New England region - You will always hold a special place in my heart.

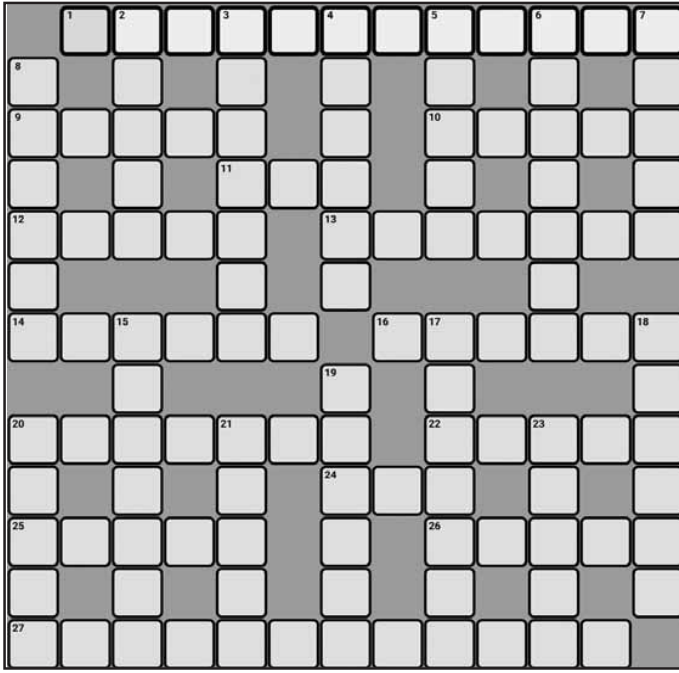
Wishing everyone good health, happiness and better times.”

• **IF I GET** quarantined for two weeks with my wife and I die. I can assure you it was not the virus that killed me.

• **WITH ALL THIS** talk of Corona Virus, the people who make sanitising gel are rubbing their hands together.

• **THINKING A MASK** is going to stop Covid-19 is the same as thinking that your underpants will protect everyone from a fart.

• **THEY SAID** that a mask and gloves were enough to go to the supermarket. They lied, everyone else has clothes on



CROSSWORD CLUES

ACROSS

- 1. A doctor who diagnoses and treats mental illnesses
- 9. Produce a paper copy of
- 10. Express appreciation to
- 11. Golfing equipment
- 12. Extreme prefix
- 13. Belgrade native
- 14. Important Christian festival
- 16. Evaluate or estimate
- 20. Incite to action
- 22. Worth
- 24. Fish eggs
- 25. Dark period
- 26. A dishonest or unprincipled man
- 27. Give one's good wishes when something pleasant has happened

DOWN:

- 2. Happening quickly or promptly
- 3. A small house, typically one in the country
- 4. Buy stocks
- 5. Teacher
- 6. Picture mentally
- 7. Kidnapped
- 8. Partner in marriage
- 15. Type of firearm
- 17. Various number
- 18. Scandinavian country
- 19. European polecat bred for hunting rabbits
- 20. Sudden uncontrollable fear
- 21. Outside
- 23. Electromagnetic radiation that can produce a visual sensation

WORDSEARCH - Art

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- ART
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- BRUSH
- CHALK
- FORM
- GLAZE
- HUE
- INK
- KILN
- LINE
- MARBLE
- MUSEUM
- PASTEL
- PEN
- PIGMENT
- STONE
- TOOLS
- TUBE
- WAX
- WOODCUT

SUDOKU - Easy

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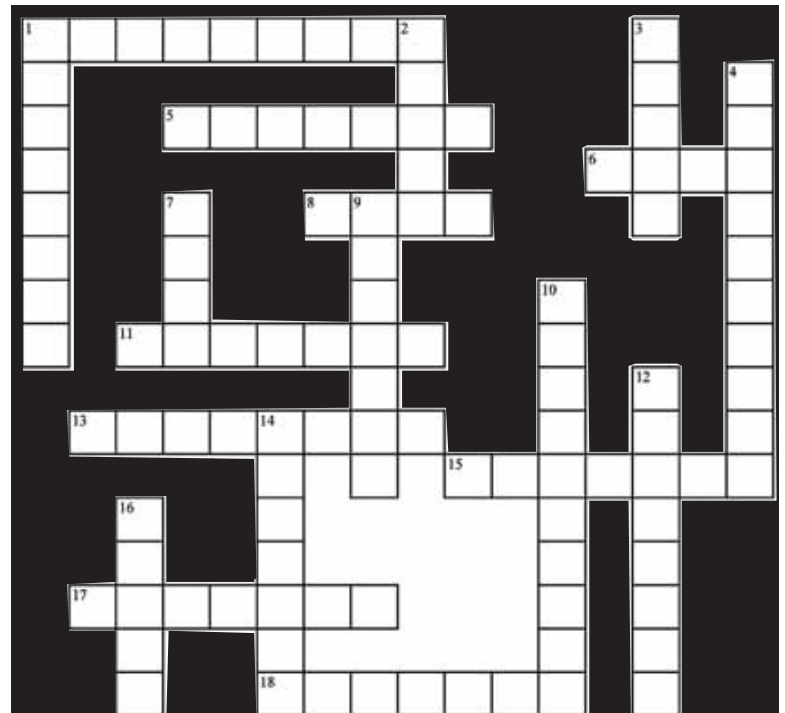
ACROSS:

- 1. Rock where you can worship
- 5. Large dam popular for fishing and camping
- 6. Sheep product that keeps you warm
- 8. A comfortable corner
- 11. Colourful trout
- 13. Blokes meet here to tinker
- 15. Lucky Chinese
- 17. Black Mountain Church (denomination)
- 18. He whistles while he works at the Post Office (surname)

DOWN

- 1. Presbyterian Church, St _____
- 2. Hot chips and corn are a speciality of this club
- 3. Coffee Shop on repeat
- 4. Bald Blair is the home of this sport
- 7. Visit us for adult education
- 9. Month fishers look forward to
- 10. Known to swim at the local pool, love the cold
- 12. Two by two at the intersection
- 14. Popular sport on Malpas Dam
- 16. Navy _____, grown here during WW2

HINT: LOCAL KNOWLEDGE NEEDED





Classifieds Trades & Services

MEALS ON WHEELS

30 April Lyn & Richard Skinner
 1 May Lyn & Richard Skinner
 4 May Kath Varley
 5 May Don & Betty Mayled
 6 May Wendy Lockyer

FIREWOOD

MIXED FIREWOOD. Ute or bogey trailer loads available. Call 0429 302 600

CLAIM THE DATE

SUNDAY, 8th NOVEMBER: Guyra Cup (note postponement from 19th April).

CHURCH SERVICES

Guyra and Ben Lomond
 Presbyterian Church

CHURCH ON WHEELS!

Ring, and we will post a CD of our service for each Sunday.



Rev. Andrew Campbell

0447 724 536

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Crossword Solution April 22nd

Across: 1. Shades, 5. Puma, 7. Early, 8. Atom, 10. Papers, 11. Edit, 12. Label, 13. Impetus, 17. Shapely, 19. Chill, 21. Toss, 23. Silica, 25. Swat, 26. Nameless, 27. Prayer
Down: 1. Shambles, 2. Atop, 3. Seven, 4. Presume, 5. Pyre, 6. Malibu, 9. Madeup, 14. Ethics, 15. Splinter, 16. Plaster, 18. Hooray, 20. Clasp, 22. Shed, 24. Awry

Guyra Crossword April 22nd

Across: 1. Glasshouse, 3. IGA, 6. Falconer, 7. Terry, 9. Spar, 10. Ward, 11. Toms, 14. Marne, 15. The Hub, 17. Bald Blair
Down: 1. Ghosts, 2. Summit, 4. Glencoe, 5. Ducks, 6. Firewood, 8. Presnell, 12. Starr, 13. Chats, 16. Black

WHERE'S GAZZA

Find Gazza in this week's edition of the Gazette. Our friendly cockatoo appears three times. There are no prizes just put your detective hats on and enjoy the hunt.



RETURN THANKS

RONALD WILLIAM LEVEN
 11.1.1945 - 4.2.2020

Thank you family and friends from near and far for your expressions of condolence, visits, cards, phone calls, food, flowers and loving support. Thank you for making Ron's Memorial Thanksgiving Service such a beautiful occasion. We loved hearing your stories of how Ron touched your lives.

Guyra community has proved once again that it is special; we appreciate your care and ongoing concern.

Narelle Leven, Warwick, Craig, Paul and families

PUBLIC NOTICES

JIGSAW PUZZLE EXCHANGE now operating at Burgess Garage. Bring in your puzzles to exchange for new ones.

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM will be CLOSED until further notice. Enquiries: 6779 2132.

THE GUYRA FOOD PANTRY
 will be open this Friday, 1st May
 from 10am-12pm
 and then again from 1pm-2.30pm

If you plan to use the pantry, please be aware that there will be restrictions on the number of people in the shop at any one time, which means you may have to wait in your car for some time.

We would also ask that only one person from each household come to the pantry and that children remain at home.

If you have any respiratory symptoms, please don't come to the shop but contact The Chapel on 0412 531 883 and we can organise a delivery for you.

HOME DELIVERIES

To keep our community safe, local businesses will home deliver. Phone your requirements to:

Guyra Pharmacy	6779 1192
Kirk's IGA	6779 1555
Spar	6779 1991
Dasha's Hardware	6779 2444

WOOL MARKET REPORT

It was a small national offering presented to the trade with once again a large withdrawal rate prior to sale resulting in 6,500 fewer bales being offered compared to original estimates.

This wasn't enough to arrest the current slide in prices, particularly for any inferior type wool. The finer better style types were the pick of the bunch whilst the mid micron Merino types and Crossbred types lost ground.

21,187 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 15.2%. Major buyers included Techwool (welcome back), Tianyu and PJ Morris.

Upcoming weekly volumes on offer continue to shrink below last season with bales offered for the season to date tracking at 10% lower than the previous season. This is substantially larger than the nation's expected fall in production indicating a build up of held stock awaiting sale.

This is understandable given the 30% reduction on last season's prices but these price reductions are motivated by external factors that were unforeseen and continue to be unpredictable.

To hold or to sell is the question? Our product is ultimately tied to consumer confidence!

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Autumn glory in the garden

This year after the extreme conditions of Summer and the prolonged drought I wondered how Autumn would show up or indeed if it would show up at all?

Would the leaves fall before they turned, would we have any trees left, after all things had been dire, but here we are in Autumn Glory!

April is always one of the busiest months in the garden, but this year it has been amplified with everyone forced to stay at home, and aren't our gardens reaping the rewards of COVID19! And might I say, our pets are also pretty happy with this set-up!

So what to get done before the cooler weather hits. Cutting back herbaceous perennials is a good job to tick off the list, as most will have stopped flowering. Now is also the ideal time to divide and conquer!

By dividing your perennials such as Salvias, Anemones, Hostas and Hellebores, you can multiply your plant collection and fill those gaps left by the drought. Just make sure you use a sharp spade. Sedums can also be divided into smaller clumps and they are very fast growing and hardy, so are ideal to give away to friends who are just starting out in their garden. Autumn Joy is one of my favourites.

It's also time to get your



Autumn Colour is one of the pleasures at this time of year

Spring bulbs into the ground. Bulbs are one of my favourite things in the garden. Dig a small hole, fertilise and water and they will reward you in spades when you least expect it, especially those early flowering ones such as Snowdrops, Grape Hyacinth, Jonquils and Daffodils. They look so beautiful en masse. I plant mine under our Silver

Birch grove, and the impact of dozens and dozens of bulbs is truly beautiful, if only on display for a short time.

Sadly because of the pandemic, 'Bulb Drives' are not as prevalent, so you may be best to order your bulbs online at Garden Express, Tesselaars or The Diggers Club, just goggle them. I've been using this little tool to plant

my bulbs, and it works a treat and is also great to plant out your vegetable seedlings. Speaking of which, you may like to think about clearing out what's left of your Kitchen Garden summer greens and get ready for sowing and growing your winter crop, but more about that next time.

With only a few short weeks left, enjoy watching the flurry of leaves drift to the ground, in their yellows, burnt oranges, flame reds, and every shade in between and maybe a quiet tippie in Autumns 'golden hour' in the late afternoon. Winter is knocking on our door and soon the trees will be bare and our fires blazing.

Until next time, Happy Gardening!

The 'Girl Who Gardens'



Bulb Planting Tool

Food for Thought

I came across this article on "Eating in the Fifties" and would like to share it with you.

"In the 50's pasta had not been invented. We had macaroni or spaghetti. Curry was a surname, take away was a mathematical problem and as for pizza, well it just sounded like a leaning tower somewhere. Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas, pineapples came in chunks in a tin and all chips were plain. Oil was for lubricating, fat

was for cooking and tea was made in a teapot and never green or herbal.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible, we'd never heard of yoghurt or kebabs and seaweed was not a recognised food. As for cooking outside, that was called camping. Sugar was acceptable and prunes were medicinal. Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, but was called cattle feed.

If anyone had tried to sell you bottled water you would

have thought they were mad, after all, water came out of the tap. However, we never ever had on the table in the 50's el-bows, hats or cell phones."

One of my strongest food memories is when my family moved to the city. Coming from a country town our meals where the standard meat and 3 veg. I was invited by a school friend, Mara Minevini, to have dinner at her house. I was astounded. There was an amazing variety of food on the table and "help yourself", not just

your own plate and lucky if there were 2nds. It was my first introduction to foreign food and I can still see it clearly in my imagination.

A lot of our memories are centred around food, often because we get together with family or friends on special occasions. We cannot do that at the moment but I reckon there will be a lot of BBQ's happening when our social distancing can be relaxed.

Ramblings by the Guyra Ghost.

Need a feed?- Express delivery coming to Guyra this weekend

Every challenge poses hardships, however, there can always be opportunities in challenges. The same can hold true for the concept of AFEED.

Many small businesses were already struggling in Armidale due to prolonged drought and the unprecedented bush fires and then came COVID19 which forced a lock down on cities and countries.

Armidale, being no exception, had to live under restrictions like lock down, self-isolation and social distancing, etc which proved fatal for small cafes and restaurants. The option to us was either to give in and sit back or to try something different, hence AFEED.

AFEED is a food delivery service started on 7th Apr for Armidale and it is unique in many ways. You can order cui-

sine of eight countries including China, Japan, Korea, Thai, India, Pakistan and Nepal on one click from this platform and there are more varieties coming.

You can also order Baker's Delight bread and Pete's Mt View Butcher's meat - all through the website www.afeed.com.au

AFEED is now providing Guyra with the opportunity of availing this facility by offering

the services on every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The order cut-off time is 5:30pm and food will be delivered to the Black Mountain Roadhouse. Customers will collect their favorite dishes and enjoy them at home.

Please enjoy the option of ordering your favorite cuisine comprising over one hundred dishes/food items.

Bon appetite.



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