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## Hub expansion taking shape

An expansion of The Hub at Guyra took shape last week, with the arrival and installation of the modular additions. Armidale Regional Council is tripling the size of The Hub building and upgrading its facilities, after receiving a \$400,000 grant through the State Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.

Interim Administrator, Viv May, last Friday inspected progress at the Council-owned facility, with the Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall, representatives of The Hub and Armidale-based modular building company Uniplan Group, which has been contracted to construct the upgrade.

"Seeing the extension physically coming together on site, all in a matter of days, certainly adds to the excitement of having a larger and more purpose-built facility for the neighbourhood centre," Mr May said.

"The additional office space, consulting rooms and improved amenities will improve locals' access to a variety of im-



The Hub at Guyra President Dot Vickery (left), Armidale Regional Council Interim Administrator Viv May, Uniplan Group Managing Director Ben Scott, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall, The Hub at Guyra Centre Co-ordinator Chris Hietbrink and Uniplan Group Operations Manager Glen Snow in front of one of the three modules delivered and installed last week.

portant community services.

"It will significantly enhance conditions for staff and volunteers and make it a much more welcoming building for the many people the service assists."

The rear section of the original building was recently de-

molished to make way for the new addition, which was transported by trucks in three prefabricated sections last week.

Uniplan connected the modules last week and will be on-site for another fortnight to complete installation.

Subcontractors will connect

water, electricity and sewerage services and a separate contractor will construct a new entry foyer and access ramp. The whole project is scheduled to be completed next month, with an official opening expected to be held in October.



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## Guyra Residents

“You are no doubt aware of the abject failure of the Armidale Regional Council, which is now in the hands of Administrator, Mr. Viv May appointed by the Minister for Local Government, Shelley Hancock. This eventuality is in direct contrast to the fairytale scenario purported in the lead up to, and immediately prior to, the forced amalgamation of Guyra Shire Council into the Armidale Council. That merger was promised to achieve greater efficiencies, better services and even more benefits.

We feel, the act of amalgamation, has led to a disastrous situation for Guyra people.

This is a scenario which we never asked for, never wanted, and which we knew would never work (and hasn't!). We believe enough is enough!!!

To deal with the consequences of our claim of reduced services, higher costs, lower efficiencies, and lower employment for locals, our Committee is presently refining several proposals for the full separation of Guyra and District from the failed experiment that is Armidale Regional Council. Our process is ongoing, professional, informed and vigorous. Our vision is to create a Rural Council on the front foot and this will be achieved by insisting on a full reparation package including:

1. A complete complement of plant and machinery required to operate our Council.

2. The return of or funds to replace all assets stripped by Armidale Regional Council from Guyra Shire Council over the course of the amalgamation since 2016.

3. The credit of all former Guyra Shire Council funds which disappeared into the Armidale Regional Council honeypot during this dark time.

4. Shire boundaries – two broad proposals are being examined:

a) The first being the return of the former Guyra Shire Council lands (less the Tingha section excised to Inverell Shire Council), and that area would be atoned for, by a readjustment of the boundary whereby commonsense alterations are made with the former Dumaresq Shire lands to create a workable, sustainable Shire area of at least the same population equivalents and an area of 4381 square km.

OR

b) Secondly the full return of all of the former Guyra Shire Council lands being 4300 square km. including the Tingha section which was excised and attached to Inverell Shire Council.

We strongly feel that either way, the new Rural Council must be a viable, efficient and an effective Shire Council of great strength, which will resist any future threats either by fair or foul means.

**Gordon Youman**  
*A Rural Council  
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# Meeting backs new Rural Council

Interested rural residents filled the room at the Ebor Showground on Monday August 10th to hear and discuss plans to progress a vision to create a new rural council separate from the area of Armidale Regional Council.

Organisers say that the meeting, which was conducted in a COVID safe way, gave full support to proceeding with the formation of a Rural Council.

The push to establish the new council area comes from a group of rural residents who are disillusioned with the outcome of the forced amalgamation.

Previously operating as Guyra Anti Council Amalgamation - ANTY" and "SAVE and GROW Guyra" they are no longer calling for deamalgamation and are instead pushing ahead with plans for the formation of a completely new council.

The group is made up of rural people who are working through the appropriate steps to realise the concept of a return to a rural based council.



Gordon Youman and Rob Lenehan addressing the meeting at Ebor on Monday night

They say that the legislative process is clear and that they are now assessing in principle support for the concept, which will in turn lead to a fully costed submission being prepared. The submission must be presented to the Minister for Local Government for referral to the Boundaries Commission.

They have outlined their intentions in an open letter

addressed to 'Guyra Residents'. (see page 2).

Further meetings and com-

munity consultations are expected to take place over the coming months.

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## What's HOT

**FINDING** activities close to home and discovering new things in the local area

**RAIN** continuing to arrive on a regular basis & more predicted this weekend

**BUSINESSES** that keep the doors open to welcome snow chasers and tourists

## What's NOT

**REDUCED** hours for banking in Guyra

**FROZEN** pipes and no hot water

## QUOTE of the week

**FOR EVERY MINUTE YOU ARE ANGRY YOU LOSE 60 SECONDS OF HAPPINESS**

Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
4	Tues	2.4	13.2	0
5	Wed	4.2	12.6	0
6	Thurs	-3.6	14.9	0
7	Fri	2.0	8.6	0
8	Sat	4.1	10.6	9.0
9	Sun	0.0	4.4	1.0
10	Mon	-2.1	7.8	3.4

Rain this week	13.4mm
August rainfall	13.4mm
Rainfall YTD	605.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	202.4mm
Ave. rain to August	565.3mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# Education Week at Black Mountain

The students celebrated Education Week with a range of fun activities. Mr Harris guided the students through a Visual Art session. The students also participated in Creative Cooking with Mrs Lord and Mrs Siddell's Drama sessions were a lot of fun for all involved.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*



## The Grandparents Lament

The grandparents' tale of estrangement is very hard to start.

We often try to ponder the lost little grandchild's heart

As their pathway of life is trodden and its beautiful gifts transpire.

The loss causes yearning to have them back - that's an undying desire.

They must sometimes wonder about what's been given them, then so cruelly taken.

Could they ever fathom the love they lose when this chance is forsaken?

Is only what's been told to them really all to be believed?

Wouldn't two sides of the story tell in love they were

conceived?

They must consider broaching it - but trouble may arise.

Enough confusion in this beforehand so to leave it may be wise.

Will there be a chance to reverse the rift when at last they've grown?

Or the value of this relationship be lost and never known.

Grandparents watching their grandchildren being used as weapons - what cruel discrimination.

So difficult to see and endure in this vengeful situation.

Some people say that hearts like theirs - broken

once, twice and maybe more.

Will only become stronger than they ever were before.

They'd only wish this were the case as they ponder with remorse.

If only it hadn't happened, their love could have taken its course.

Parents are you all aware that death in unforgiveness permanently divides?

Pray tell - do grandchildren deserve to know their families on both sides?

With so much placed on "abuse" today in this world of much dissention

Wouldn't this form of estrangement be a just cause for attention?

*Contributed*

# Community survey for learning centre design

Community members are being invited to provide their input to the designs of a new Guyra Early Childhood Learning Centre, with a public survey launched today.

The survey, open until Sunday 30 August, enables community members to give feedback on various aspects of the proposed building design, the outdoor play area and other landscaping at the Bradley Street site.

The new Early Childhood Learning Centre, supported by funding from the Federal Government, will enhance the Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre's services to the community, by providing a purpose-built, modern and safe building and playground.

Council's Director – Businesses & Services, Scot MacDonald, said while the concepts for the building and surrounds have been designed in line with best-practice building and education industry standards, there are some opportunities for public input to the finalised designs.

"We are inviting input on details such as the building's internal fit-out, the playground layout, educational elements,



Community input is being sought into the new Preschool

sustainability, colour schemes and cultural aspects," Mr MacDonald said.

Visit Council's Your Say Armidale website to complete the survey. Printed copies will be available to collect from the Guyra and Armidale libraries and Council's Civic Administration Buildings in Guyra and Armidale.

A community information session will be held in Bradley Street, outside Kirks IGA, on Monday 17 August to coincide with the survey.

Community members will be able to visit the information stall any time between 2.30pm and 4.30pm to find out more about the project and ask questions.

"It will be a good opportunity to get further information to help complete the survey," he said.

The new facility will increase the Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre's capacity to 58 long day care and preschool places and 30 before and after school care

and vacation care places. The added capacity will increase the number of families that can benefit from the service and boost the service's financial viability.

Its location in the heart of Guyra will help activate the central business district, improve the Centre's connectivity with other resources and reinforce a cultural and community nucleus in Bradley Street, including the Guyra Library and The Hub neighbourhood centre.

## NAB changes opening hours

From next week, customers will need to get in early if they want to access face to face banking at the local branch of the National Australia Bank. The bank is adapting the way it does banking in small regional branches, and under the new model will adjust opening hours across 114 smaller regional branches including Guyra.

From Monday August 17th opening hours at the Guyra branch will be from 9.30am to 12.30pm.. The current opening days, which are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, will not change.

NAB Group Executive Personal Banking Rachel Slade said that outside of these hours the bankers would support customers by phone and

online chat, as well as application processing.

More than 90% of NAB's customer interactions are now taking place online or by phone, and more than half of their customers log onto NAB banking via the app or online each month.

Over-the-counter transactions are declining steadily and have reduced by a quarter in the past year.

"It is clear the face of banking is changing, especially in the way customers want to interact with us," Ms Slade said.

"Our branches continue to be a really important part of many local communities, especially for local businesses. On average a quarter of transactions take place between 9.30am and 10.30am in our re-

gional branches."

"Through this new model we can continue to be there to serve our customers and have meaningful conversations while also adapting to the way our customers are now banking.

"We think this move will strike that balance, keeping the doors open at 114 branches around the country, providing the opportunity for around 300 bankers to learn skills while we continue to serve our customers well."

NAB will provide its bankers at these branches with the training and tools required to support customers across phone and online chat and support them through the changes.

## Service NSW is coming

Service NSW is back on the road and their Mobile Service Centre is bringing NSW Government Services to rural and regional towns, including Guyra, every 8 weeks.

Services available include:

- Driver Licences & Photo Cards
- Driver Knowledge Tests
- Working with Children Checks
- Applying for Births, Deaths and Marriage Certificates
- \*Appointments with a Cost of Living Specialist to access more than 90 government rebates and savings.

The Mobile Service Centre will be at Guyra on Wednesday 19th August from 09:00 - 14:00 at 119 Bradley Street, in the car park

Please bring all your paperwork and supporting documents with you and check the website [service.nsw.gov.au/msc](http://service.nsw.gov.au/msc) on the day for final confirmation of the Mobile Service Centre arrival or call 13 77 88.

# News from Australian Poetry Hall of Fame

This week we congratulate Kooma stockman and writer Herb Wharton AM from Cunamulla who was officially named the first "Living Legend" of Australian Poetry to be inducted into the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame.

"Uncle" Herb was born in 1936 and worked throughout Western Queensland. At the age of 50 he was reading Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson when he thought "These fellas don't know

what it's like." "I sat down under a tree and began to write and my first poem was twenty two pages," said Herb.

In other news, the Guyra Film Society launch is on this Thursday 13 August from 6pm until 8pm and you are invited to attend.

The night will begin with ratification of the constitution and election of officers, then we will be showing a selection of unique Australian short

films of various genres.

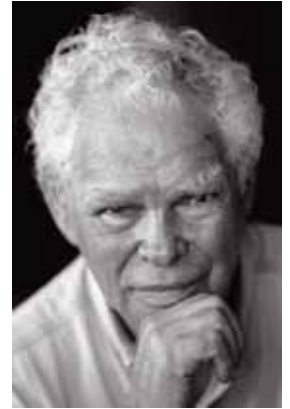
Friday this week is your chance to dance with the Friday's Fun-Klub with No Beer. It is an all ages family nightclub which is drug and alcohol free 6pm to 10pm Psytrance Dance Fun-Klub.

Sunday the 16th of August sees the return of the Guyra Regional Song Writers' Circle and we now have a proper PA, mixer, bass amp and speakers which sounds great.

You can also find the new "Guyra Caspers Theme Song" on the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame Youtube channel where you can subscribe to watch updates.

You can show your support on our Gofundme page [gf/me/u/x2zu3a](https://www.gofundme.com/australian-poetry-hall-of-fame) Australian Poetry Hall of Fame where your donation will help preserve our great Australian poets and nurture new upcoming poets.

**James Arthur Warren**



Herb Wharton  
(source National portrait gallery)

## GUYRA CROSSWORD CLUES

### Across

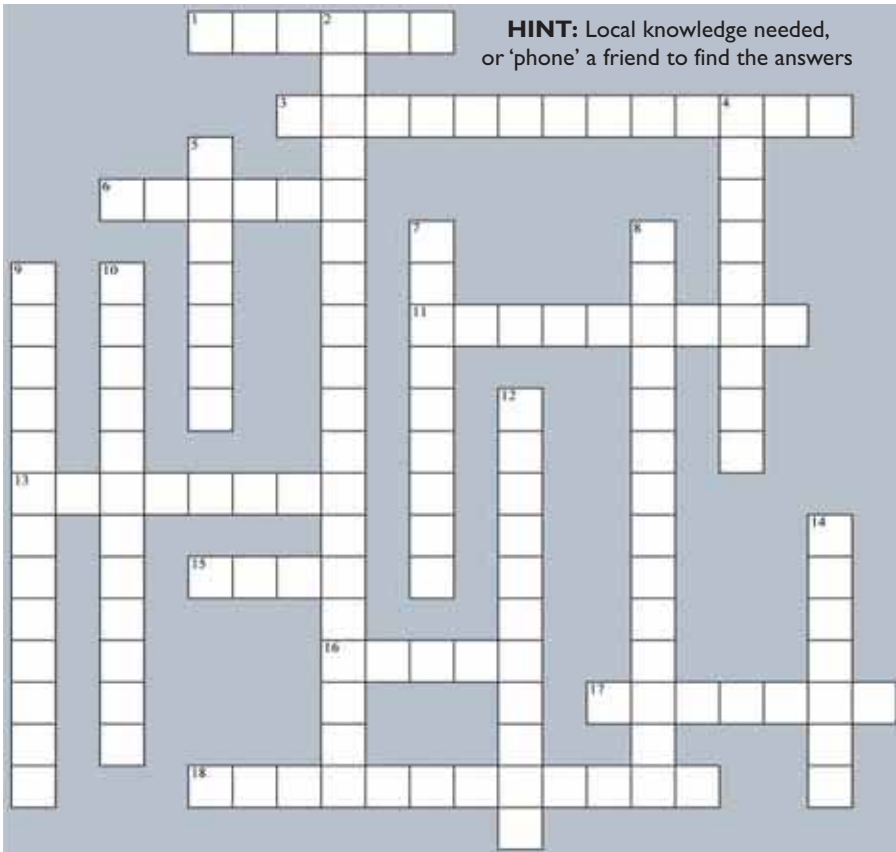
1. Dentist who also served as Shire President (surname)
3. Newest CWA group in Guyra (7,6)
6. Street named for fourth President of Guyra Shire
11. Plumbers named for flying insect
13. Cricket bats made by Mitchell Woods
15. Last street as you head north
16. Dasha's better half
17. Street which connects Starr Rd & Stevenson St
18. What does the M in MPS stand for?

### Down

2. Church which stands on corner of

- Ryanda & Aboomala Sts (7,3,9)
4. Social support group operated by Guyra Home Support Services
5. Rural supplies, formerly traded as Landmark
7. What day are sheep sales held in Guyra?
8. Group that meets weekly at the RSL Hall
9. Guyra's oldest continuing community organisation \_\_\_\_\_ Association (7,6)
10. Local manufacturer of stock and poultry feeds (5,7)
12. Captain/Coach of Super Spuds who won 2002/02 grand finals (5,6)
14. Recently retired Principal of Bald Blair, Julie \_\_\_\_\_

**HINT:** Local knowledge needed, or 'phone' a friend to find the answers



## Just for fun

- I get plenty of exercise – jumping to conclusions, pushing my luck, and dodging deadlines.
- How do construction workers party? They raise the roof.
- If every day is a gift, I'd like a receipt for Monday. I want to exchange it for another Friday.
- Feeling stressed out? Make a nice cup of hot tea and then spill it in the lap of whoever's bugging you.
- The only thing worse than seeing something done wrong is seeing it done slowly.
- If at first you don't succeed, redefine success.
- Give me ambiguity or give me something else.
- We have enough youth. How about a fountain of "Smart"?
- I started out with nothing and I still have most of it.
- The boss frowns on anyone yelling: "Hey Weirdo!" He says too many people look up from their work.
- Things really haven't gotten worse. We've just improved our inter-departmental communication skills.
- Anything that could possibly go wrong often does – as well as a thing or two that couldn't possibly.
- If it wasn't for the last minute, nothing would get done.

## SUDOKU - Easy

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9					2		
5	8						

# Spark remains strong for Geoff Thrift

At 73-years-old Geoff Thrift isn't thinking about retiring anytime soon. Geoff began his career as an electrician 56 years ago and thanks to the variety of work is still 'learning very day'.

Geoff and his wife Anne own and operate CT Electric, which plays a key role in the day-to-day operations at the Costa Tomato Glasshouses in Guyra.

He first worked with Costa during the construction of the first stage of the glasshouses.

"It was our first major contract and at that stage the business was just myself and two employees," Geoff said. "At that time people didn't believe you could grow tomatoes in such a cold climate, but we were thinking of the backyard glasshouse. It was a really massive eye opener to see the Costa operation."

Since then, Geoff has won a further five contracts for the construction of the new glasshouses and ongoing servicing which has enabled him to grow his business and take on new employees.

"We are local and that is one of the reasons we were selected. We can guarantee 24 hour a day service. We now have five permanent employees including two apprentices, who are both local Guyra boys."

Geoff said one of the real benefits of working with a large company such as



Geoff Thrift with employees Brad Lane, left, and apprentice Hunter Davidson.

Costa was the experience it provided for his staff.

"The training opportunities are unreal. The work is so much more advanced and the younger blokes are really benefiting from that experience. They would not normally have that opportunity in a rural

electrical business.

"I have been in Guyra all my life and learnt my trade here, but I am also learning something new every day, not only electrical but what the growers are doing. I've got no plans yet to just sit down and read a book."

## Guyra Sheep & lamb Sale

**August 5th** - Numbers reduced considerably to 1,100 lambs and 150 grown sheep. The offering presented a selection of well finished heavy and extra heavy lambs, as well as a good penning of trade types. All the

regular buyers attended to a subdued market for all classes.

There was one pen of new season lambs. Light lambs to the processor saw cheaper trends of \$23, with trade lambs selling to a cheaper trend of \$16 to

\$18/head. Heavy lambs sold to subdued trends of \$18/head. Extra heavy lambs saw cheaper trends, back \$20/head.

An isolated pen of heavy cross bred ewe lambs sold to restocker interest at \$182/head. Not a

good number of sheep for a reliable quote, except to report that processors operated to cheaper trends. The ram category penned saw an increase in numbers.

### Rural Market Reports

## Armidale Cattle Sale

**August 6th** - 300 mixed cattle were yarded down 115 on previous sale. There was very good selection of heavy, well finished cows, along with a variation in quality of the young cattle penned.

Restockers competed on these categories to see a cheaper trend emerge. Feeders saw a mostly dearer trend and there were a quite a few heavy grown heifers available. All the regular processors were present, with one exception.

Limited supplies of light young steers saw a cheaper trend except for the very light, plain drafts, up 14c/kg from two weeks ago. The medium weights to feed sold to dearer trends, up 30c/kg. An isolated sale of some good quality light

heifers to do a designated feeder job sold to a substantial rise. Other restocker drafts sold to a cheaper trend, back 22c/kg. The medium feeder heifers sold to a marginally cheaper trend. Trade heifers were dearer by 18 to 21c/kg. No numbers of grown steers to quote, however, grown heifers sold to dearer trends of 35c/kg.

A lift in both quality and weight through the cow sale saw dearer trends prevail. Store competition saw that category rise 33c/kg. Medium weight D3 cows rose 17c, with the heavy D3 and D4 types seeing dearer trends of 10c to 14c/kg. An improved bull penning saw a rise of 14c/kg.

## Weekly Wool Sales

**August 7th** - Australian wool sales resumed this week after the annual three week recess. Historically the first sale back after this midyear recess results in a back log of wool waiting to be sold. This generally creates one of the larger offerings of the season.

The market opened nervously on Tuesday and by the day's close the Eastern Market Indicator had shed just over 100 cents. The decline continued on Wednesday but not at the rapid rate seen on the opening day. On average most Merino micron indicators fell 150 cents for the week. Cardings and Skirtings also

declined by around 10% for the week. The fall in the market pushed the passed in rate up over 30% resulting in fewer than 30,000 bales being sold from the 42,000 bale national offering.

Major buyers included Tianyu, Techwool & Endeavour Wool. Next week's national offering drops in size considerably, hopefully returning some sort of clam to the market. AWTA test data for July shows a 14.4% decline in the weight of wool tested nationally. The National Wool Production Forecasting Committee meets next week to update the 2020-21 season estimate.



# Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping



The Old Chookie has done it again! Another complete round of 16 points - congratulations! To top it off, our Chookie has overtaken GG by 4 points.

The Terrible Twosome have extended their command of the Locals Leaderboard with a lead of 4 points over From the Desk and Bulldog, 147-143.

In 3rd place on 137 points are the trio of Eel-be-Right, Chris and Jy.

Top spot of the Celebrities is still in the hands of B&L at Fourways, but their lead has been cut in half thanks to the newly minted tipping skills of the Gazette.

Soley has been quietly and quite efficiently working his way up the Leaderboard to now be in 3rd place on 143 points.

As all Celebrities have tipped the Raiders, will they win a game this week?

## Sue's Tips

- Storm
- Panthers
- Eels
- Sharks
- Rabbitohs
- Raiders
- Knights
- Tigers



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## Soley's Tips

- Roosters
- Panthers
- Eels
- Titans
- Rabbits
- Raiders
- Knights
- Tigers



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## B-&-L's Tips

- Roosters
- Panthers
- Eels
- Sharks
- Rabbits
- Raiders
- Knights
- Bulldogs



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- Roosters
- Panthers
- Eels
- Sharks
- Rabbits
- Raiders
- Knights
- Bulldogs



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**Score: 133**

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**Score: 145**

## Vu's Tips

- Roosters
- Panthers
- Eels
- Sharks
- Rabbits
- Raiders
- Sea Eagles
- W.Tigers



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Pharmacist Advice **Score: 131**



# Gazette Footy Tipping

Terrible Twosome	147	The 3 Bunnies	129
Bulldog	143	Old Chook	127
From the Desk	143	Sarbear	125
Chris Morley	137	Elva Brazier	123
Eel-be-Right	137	Nightwatchman	123
Jy Starr	137	GG	123
Hazel	135	WKAD	109
The Red V	133	Famous Five	97
Red Devils	131	Dason	95
Rock 3	131		

## Locals Entry Form - Round 15

*Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on Wednesday, 19th August*

Name: .....

Phone: .....

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



# Water is life!

Hi Guyra, it's Rattling Owl I endeavour to alleviate our regions water concerns over the coming weeks with information and diagrams that are easy to implement on any scale. I have training in the following areas:

\*Rehydrating the Australian landscape (Peter and Stuart Andrews)

\*Permaculture Design (Geoff Lawton)

\*Organic farming

\*Soil food web- Soil Organisms and Compost (Elaine Ingham)

\*Biodynamics and Bio-fertilisers

My education over the last 20 years has taught me how we absolutely can say goodbye to soil compaction, repair our soil naturally to make it fertile and friable without expensive inputs, save a load of money, improve our pastures and crops, improve our livestock health, build community resilience, grow a garden easily, rehydrate our landscape, hold water in our soil, have clean perpetually flowing creeks and recharge our aquifers.

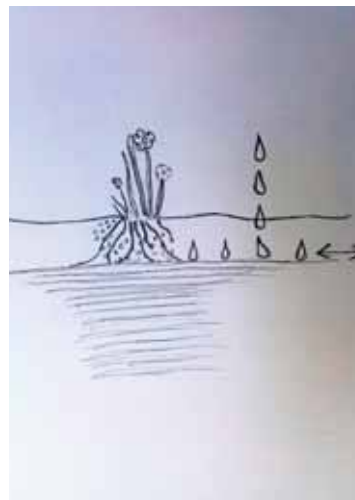
Over the coming weeks I will share information and diagrams with you that can be easily understood and easily implemented whilst working towards a drought proofed community with an abundance of water for all.

## Soil food web

As the first topic in this column let me introduce you to the Soil Food Web. The soil food web is the number one, most crucial thing to understand for future water security. A vast diversity of organisms in the soil make up the soil food web. Organisms eat and excrete nutrition for plants in a plant available form. Bacteria and fungi create the glues and slime layers that form soil aggregates and are what naturally keeps soil open and friable. When the soil food web is functioning with bacteria, fungi, protozoa and



Soil food web organisms present, allowing water infiltration deep into the soil mitigating drought, flood and fire.



Soil food web not present shallow root system compaction restricts water infiltration and causes flood, drought, fire and desertification.

beneficial nematodes which are all required for nutrient cycling, we don't need to spend money on artificial fertiliser. A healthy soil food web feeds your plants for free and absorbs, holds and sinks water which mitigates flooding, mitigates drought, reduces fire risks, recharges our aquifers, sequesters carbon and guarantees clear flowing perpetual creeks. Organisms decompose plant and tree litter, manure and pesticides preventing them from leaching into our waterways and becoming pollu-

tants. Soil organisms fix and store nitrogen and other nutrients that your plants require. Organisms prey upon crop pests and are food for above ground animals. All plants, shrubs, grasses and trees rely upon a healthy diverse and active soil food web to thrive.

Have you ever tested your soil for organisms? If not you are really missing out!

If your soil is hard and compacted there is no doubt you have important nutrient cycling organisms missing and the good news is you can put them back into the soil yourself. When you put the missing organisms back into your soil you will be rewarded with water infiltration, friable soil, healthy plants, no soil erosion, money in your pocket normally spent on fertilizer, up to 200% increase in crop growth, less vet bills, drought resilience and pest and disease resilience. If we focus on the soil as a gardener, a farmer, a region, a nation we also halt climate change. How great is that!

You can test the soil yourself to see if you are missing vital organisms. This is a way to do that.

Grab a straight stick, a piece of wire, a metal rod or a soil penetrometer. Push it into the soil as far as you can.

When it will go no further measure the length that went into the ground and write it down. That is where your compaction layer is and where disease-causing organisms live, the water cannot penetrate below that point to recharge aquifers.

Next week I will give information on how to return the crucial soil organisms back into the Earth and open the compaction layer to let the earth breathe and rehydrate.

Enjoy your week and give a bit of thought to the soil beneath your feet.

*Rattling Owl*

## Men's Bowls

Well this week's bowls started off with the Semi Final of the Open Singles. This game was played by mutual agreement on Wednesday August 5th between John McIlwain and Dan Kennedy. In true style Dan came out of the blocks determined to advance to the Final. Dan opened a handy lead after the first 4 ends one that he managed to hang on to even though John pushed him all the way. Dan advanced to the Final with a win 31 shots to 28 shots over 36 ends.

Saturday August 8th saw the Final of the Open Singles played. Col Stanley played Dan Kennedy and with his confidence up after his win on Wednesday Dan came out firing on all cylinders winning the first end and settling the nerves. Col then won the next end and set the tone for the rest of the game but alas Dan took command winning the next 5 ends opening a very handy lead, this did not seem to take away the final objective of the game from Col as he kept biting away at Dan's heels. Dan had his eyes on the finishing line and despite Col's persistence he forged ahead and to victory 31 shots to 25 shots over 34 ends. Congratulations to all three bowlers for putting on a smorgasbord of Championship Bowls. Well Dan you have done it again Club Champion well done.

Now to next weekend's bowls: Saturday August 15th: Start: 12.00pm. Starter: Robert Walls. Umpire: Barry Presnell.

Minor Singles: Mallie Walls to play Barry Campbell marker Geoff Reeves

Handicap Singles: Barry Presnell to play Anthony Bull marker Robert Walls

Sunday August 16th: Starter and Umpire: Paul Johnson.

Club Pairs: Dan Kennedy and Barry Walls to play Robert Moore and Paul Johnson.

Bowlers please note that the Club Pairs are play or forfeit as the Match Committee wishes to have a team in the District Champion of Champions in the pairs.

*The Bowls Bandit*



# Classifieds Trades & Services

## MEALS ON WHEELS

- 13 August Joyce & Jim Betts
- 14 August Golf Club Ladies
- 17 August Ann Hulbert
- 18 August Jan Jordan
- 19 August Guyra CWA

## CHURCH SERVICES

**St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church - Guyra** - Contact: 6779 1667:

Mass 6pm Saturday  
Mass 9am Tuesday

**St. Columba's Presbyterian Church:**  
9am Sunday followed by morning tea  
Contact: Rev. Andrew Campbell  
0447 724 536

**The Chapel, 66 Llangothin Street:**  
Sunday Service: 10am  
Contact: 0460 448 864

## FOOD PANTRY

**Food Pantry at The Chapel**  
1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of the month.  
10am - 12pm and 1pm - 2.30pm.  
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## FIREWOOD

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## FOR RENT

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## CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

### Guyra Crossword 5-8-2020

**Across:** 5. George's, 6. Juniels, 8. Fortune, 9. Sam White, 13. Squash, 15. Urandangie, 17. McDonald, 18. Tony Walls

**Down:** 1. Ben Lomond, 2. Wheaton, 3. Devil's Pinch, 4. Chinese Pistachio, 7. McElroy, 10. Oddfellows, 11. Anne Starr, 12. Menin, 14. Saunders, 16. Ryanda

### Crossword 5-8-2020

**Across:** 1. Eighty, 7. Overload, 8. Ribbon, 10. Lentil, 11. Scarf, 13. Pursuit, 16. Vietnam, 17. Faint, 20. Violet, 22. Collar, 24. Gardener, 25. Noodle

**Down:** 1. Elbrus, 2. Grab, 3. Young, 4. Jealous, 5. Plan, 6. Magician, 9. Burst, 12. Criminal, 14. Small, 15. Fasting, 18. Thrive, 19. Acorn, 21. Lady, 23. Load

## IN MEMORIAM

**Beryl Jean Copeland**  
Called to rest on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2013



There are moments in our lives we will always remember Not because they're important but because you were there

*Loved and Remembered*  
*Greg, Lorraine, Des, Sara, Jake, Tori*

## GREEN WASTE DAY

### CORRECTION:

Council's free Green Waste Day is this Saturday, 15th August (not 18th August)

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**Mother of Ducks Lagoon Protest March**  
Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, all day

To call all local, and other interested people, to the Mother of Ducks Lagoon. At the reservoir at Izzeard Park. Corner of Baldersleigh Road & Tingha Road. The Protest March is your own protest. You decide your sign, or placard, that offers your care statement for this rare Upland Wetland in the town of Guyra. A rare Upland Wetland that is this town's tourism future.

It must never be drained again. A Bicentennial grant declared the Mother of Ducks Lagoon safe from future drainage threats.

To provide the migratory and rare birdlife a future place of care.

It must never be connected to a pipeline that has no plan in place for Emergency Water use.

It is the rare Mother of Ducks Lagoon needing care forever.

To bring the promise of  
**NO MORE DRAINAGE THREAT**  
to the  
Mother of Ducks Lagoon  
ever again.

All day Saturday, own sign, own time, own protest.

Please march your own protest to support the  
Mother of Ducks Lagoon.

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## CLAIM THE DATE

**SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER** at 11.00am: **interested descendants of the late Georgina Devlin** are welcome to attend a gathering to commemorate her life at Guyra Cemetery.

**SUNDAY, 8th NOVEMBER: Guyra Cup** (note postponement from 19<sup>th</sup> April).

## WHERE'S CASPER?

**Find Casper and his soccer ball!** This week you need to look for Casper. He appears three times. There are no prizes just put your detective hats on and tear your hair out looking for him!





# We're extending financial support

The Australian Government is extending JobKeeper until 28 March 2021 and the temporary Coronavirus Supplement for those on income support until 31 December 2020, after which income support will continue.

For JobKeeper and the temporary Coronavirus Supplement there will be some changes to payments and eligibility to support businesses and households who need it most.

For information on how these changes affect you, visit [Australia.gov.au](http://Australia.gov.au)



**28 Mar 2021**

**JobKeeper**  
Payment

**31 Dec 2020**

**Coronavirus Supplement**

Income support continues

**Visit [Australia.gov.au](http://Australia.gov.au)**

## Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a Canadian Foursomes with Juneil' Café' as the sponsors.

Thank you to Juneil's for their beautiful prizes for the day.

Donna White and Pip White won the day with Shona Mulligan and Vicki Reeves as the runners up.

Nearest the Pin winners were Debbie Bury on the 9th hole and Donna White on the 10th hole.

Well done to all the ladies for playing in such trying windy conditions.

This week we are playing a Par Medal with Julie Walker as the sponsor.

Next week is a Stroke Golf NSW Medal Round with Jenny Shiels as the sponsor and Jenny Rogers as the starter.

*Birdie*

# Gazette Sport



Winners of the Juneil's Cafe trophy Vicki Reeves, Shona Mulligan, Donna White and Pip White

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## Cricket

Guyra Cricket Club is chasing information regarding any Life Members of our club or local cricketers who are Life Member's of Northern Tablelands Cricket Association. At our recent A.G.M we are looking to celebrate both our future and our past for the upcoming season.

We are looking for nominations for new Life Members. Nominees should be someone that has been a long time contributor either on or off the field.

Information about existing Life members or nominees can be emailed to [guyracricket@gmail.com](mailto:guyracricket@gmail.com) or any current Guyra cricketers. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Guyra cricket needs to keep its history alive and recognise these honourable members.

*Craig Lockyer*

## Vets Golf

Last week we had a good field of 14 players compete in the Reg Taylor Stroke competition.

The stroke winner was Ian Taylor with a score of 80.

The nett winner was shared by Don Campbell and Ian Taylor with a nett score of 74.

Tex Varley was the best putter on the day with 24 putts.

Nearest the pins went to Ian Taylor on the 7th, and Col Walls on the 10th and 18th.

The qualifying round for the NEVGA Four Ball has been set down to be played on September 29. The finals will be played at Guyra in November, all being well.

*A Vet*