

# Hunt on for new GM as ban extended

Armidale Regional Council will remain in the hands of an administrator for a further three months with Minster for Local Government Shelley Hancock accepting a recommendation from Interim Administrator Viv May for additional time to address the issues currently affecting the running of Council.

Mrs Hancock said she is satisfied that this extension is necessary to allow Viv May to continue his efforts to restore stability, address reputational, financial and organisational issues as well as appoint a new general manager and boost morale for council staff and the community.

"Mr May has done an outstanding job to date and I thank him for his efforts in very challenging circumstances," Mrs Hancock said.

"The NSW Government is committed to ensuring the Armidale community has a council that is serving its best interests."

Last week the first steps were taken to recruit a new

General Manager with the role being advertised and Interim Administrator Viv May says the recruitment marks the first small step in fixing the issues currently affecting the performance of Council.

The recruitment process is expected to take three months and in the interim Acting General Manager John Rayner, who commenced this week, will steer Council through this period.

Mr Rayner is the former General Manager of Sutherland Council and Administrator for Georges River Council who was appointed to the position of Acting General Manager following the resignation of Susan Law.

Mr Rayner said it was essential to spend the next three months restoring effective management of Council and his role is to guide the organisation through this period and provide some stability to ensure a solid platform is in place for the new general manager.

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### Bin audit identifies need for more organics diversion

An audit of Guyra residential kerbside bins has found that waste in the red-lid general waste bin contained, on average, around 40% organic waste that could be reused.

While there were a number of positive findings from the audit, it did identify the potential to divert a lot more organics waste from landfill through Council's successful City to Soil program, Interim Administrator Viv May said.

"By weight, loose food waste comprised the largest component of material in the red-lid bin and represented an additional 2.4kg of organic waste that could be redirected to City to Soil," he said.

The audit in mid-June coincided with the first anniversary of Council's extension of the City to Soil kerbside collection to Guyra and evaluated how effectively the service has been adopted by households in that area

A contract auditor assessed the contents of green-lid and red-lid bins at 100 randomly selected homes, to quantify levels of contamination in the organics waste bin and check the landfill waste bins for organic waste that should be directed to City to Soil.

In response to the audit results, Council will soon launch a renewed community information campaign about City to Soil and the items that should go in the green-lid bin. The campaign will incorporate Guyra and Armidale, with recent anecdotal evidence indicating there has been a drop in diversion rates of organic waste from red-lid bins in the Armidale kerbside collection areas in recent years.

The City to Soil program has been a national leader and a benchmark in organics diversion and reuse and the information campaign will aim to ensure strong community support continues to drive the program's excellent results.

The Guyra audit also found:

• the City to Soil service is highly effective in capturing garden waste from Guyra households, with 99% of collected waste placed in the green-lid bin, but there is a lot of room for improvement with food waste

 contamination in the green-lid bin is very low (1.4%)

• only 26% of food waste from households in the Guyra township is going into greenlid bins, the remainder is going in red-lid bins and into landfill

For further information and to read the audit report, visit the Waste & Recycling Collection page on Council's website.



# CWA takes stand against domestic violence

The Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW will mark its annual Awareness Week from September 6 to 13 and is asking the local community to take a stand against domestic violence.

President of the Guyra Evening branch of the CWA of NSW, Leonie Hawkins said the CWA of NSW is using this year's Awareness Week to highlight the urgency around more action on the issue in an effort to turn around the confronting statistics, and to encourage more people to speak up and speak out about the crisis.

"We want people to be aware this is an enormous issue and to try to do something to help those living with violence, which is not acceptable in our society," Leonie said. "It's also a chance to encourage victims to reach out for help and realise they don't have to stay silent – there are people and services ready and willing to assist and a community that understands the support they need."

Leonie said increasing awareness of the problem and looking at ways to address the many issues stemming from domestic violence was in even sharper focus this year, given the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's Awareness Week was also a vehicle for the organisation's own member policies aimed at helping turn around the confronting domestic violence statistics. Members endorsed policy motions earlier in the year that urged governments to consider domestic violence as a "national emergency", and called for the utilisation of existing research and implementation of relevant recommendations and best practice relating to protecting survivors of domestic violence.

"This is something our members are passionate about raising awareness around and we're determined to get the message out that more needs to be done to increase support services - particularly in rural and regional areas - and implement strategies and programs focused on prevention and rehabilitation of abusive behaviour," Leonie said. "We can all help make a difference by standing together, and saying we're no longer going to accept this level of violence in our own towns and suburbs."

As part of CWA of NSW Awareness Week, the Guyra Evening Branch will be at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame Markets on Saturday 5th September from 10am until 12pm. Healthwise Nurse Jillian will be doing free health checks, joining her will be some friendly faces from the CWA to have a chat and hand out some free goodie bags filled with information on women's health and domestic violence (as well as some handmade treats)!

#### **Statistics show:**

• I woman is killed every nine days and one man is killed every 29 days in a domestic violence-related situation.

• I in six women and one in 16 men in Australia have experienced physical or sexual violence from a current or previous cohabiting partner.

• Indigenous women are 32 times more likely to be hospitalised due to family violence than non-indigenous women.

• Domestic and family violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and their children.

• Women in regional, rural and remote areas are more likely than women in urban areas to experience domestic and family violence, and those who do seek help can find difficulty in accessing services due to geographical isolation (services/emergency accommodation may be hundreds of kilometres away) and lack of transportation options.

For those in need of assistance, 1800RESPECT is the national sexual assault, domestic and family violence counselling service, which can be contacted on 1800 737 732. For more information on White Ribbon go to https://www.whiteribbon.org.au/, and for Domestic Violence NSW visit https://www.dvnsw.org.au/





### Look after your health. Continue medical appointments.

It's more important than ever to keep your usual medical and mental health appointments, as well as taking any regular medication. And if you need to go to the hospital, don't hesitate. It is completely safe to do so. Your health is important.

And as always, if you develop any COVID-19 symptoms such as fever, cough, sore/scratchy throat, shortness of breath, loss of smell or loss of taste, get tested straight away.





For the latest information about COVID-19 visit nsw.gov.au

### What's **HOT**

SHINY NEW SIGNAGE at Vidler's Butchery - it certainly stands out

**TALKING** things up instead of talking them down



SHEEP ATTACKS by stray dogs who are left to roam. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DOGS ARE SECURED TO PREVENT DISTRESS AND LOSSES

**STEALING** people's loved pets

**RUBBISH** left at the Rec. Ground following soccer on the weekend

### **QUOTE of** the week

Don't get discouraged; it is often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock

# Have your say .....

#### Proposed Wind Farm

Last week end we visited a friend in Ben Lomond on a beautiful early spring afternoon. The golden light touched the superb ridges and bathed the valleys in sunshine. This area would have to be one of the best natural treasures in terms of geographical beauty anywhere in NSW with its high altitude, sweeping vallevs, ridges and creeks.

This vision is intended to be broken by the installation of a wind farm in the locality totalling approximately 16 turbines. These turbines will stand 250 metres tall from the base to the tip of the three 85 metre long blades on each tower. The hub which I believe is the location where the blades are attached to the generator stands some 165 metres in height.

To give you some indication of the height of these turbines, 250 metres in feet is 820 feet, a rugby league football field measures from try line to try line 100 metres and so these each will be two and a half football fields high. The platform on the Sydney Centre Point Tower has a height of 268 metres, the Canberra Telecom Tower measures 195 metres tall and the Eiffel Tower in Paris is 300 metres in height. These proposed turbines are some 100 metres taller than the current turbines in the Glen Innes area.

A study is being undertaken by the NSW Government Planning Industry and Environment Department and is available on their website [ https://www.planningportal.ns w.gov.au/major-projects/project/37936.]. The study advises that the upwards of 16 turbines or so will "have the potential to become the dominant visual feature in the landscape". These will all be visible from Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall. The report further advises that the area is "...not considered to be of any specific scenic value .....".

Now this last quoted comment made in this report is an insult to the Ben Lomond community and could very well have been prepared by city environmentalists. Can I just say that if the people pushing for renewable energy are generally based in the big cities then they should be the ones to enjoy the pleasures of seeing these large turbines interrupt their visual amenity. We all know that the Federal member for Warringah was elected on the bandwagon of increasing the volume of renewables and so why not put these turbines in that seat's North Head area, along Manly Beach and other headlands in Warringah. But no, they wish to dump them in our locality where we will have to put up with the destruction of our environmental ambience and have our bird life and other fauna suffer.

If you do not wish this wind farm to go ahead or have other comments may I suggest that you write to our local state member the Hon Adam Marshall MP at Suite 1, 175 Rusden St Armidale NSW 2350 or email northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au. You could also write to the relevant minister in the State Government who is the Hon. Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces 4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Parramatta NSW Street, 2150 | Locked Bag 5022 Parra-NSW matta 2124 planning.nsw.gov.au

If we don't contest the establishment of this wind farm then it will happen.

> Alan St Clair Black Mountain NSW2365

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Bureau of Meteorology Weather

### WATCH

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Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
25	Tues	-3.2	9.9	0
26	Wed	-3.5	13.2	0
27	Thurs	-2.2	12.9	0
28	Fri	1.7	13.6	0
29	Sat	-1.1	16.5	0
30	Sun	1.8	16.9	0
31	Mon	3.9		0

Rain this week	0mm
August rainfall	49.0mm
Rainfall YTD	639.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	205.4mm
Ave. rain to August	565.3mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

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# Free course to identify and assist people struggling with mental health

New England Community College are offering a Community Support Skills Training Course at the College on Thursday 17th September for organisations, groups and community members.

Andrew Daley, coordinator for Rural Adversity Mental Health Program, will lead the free course which will help residents identify and assist people struggling with mental health.

"The recent horrendous fires, the prolonged drought and now COVID 19 have stretched the resolve of many rural people," Andrew said.

"Every person has a set point where enough stress will outstrip their endurance. Unresolved stress can lead to more serious mental health issues in the long run." "We know that one in five people each year will experience a mental health problem, and this percentage increases to over 45% across a lifetime.

"This means that at some point in time we all will have contact with a mental health condition, whether it be a personal experience, a family member, friend or someone we know having a tough time.

"The earlier we recognise there is a problem and seek help, the sooner we can get things back on track towards mental wellness. Unfortunately people in the bush are less likely to seek help."

The Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMPH) are delivering a short 1.5 hour Community Support Skills training course to help members of the community identify and assist those who may be experiencing a mental health problem. The course also encourages people to take care of their own mental wellbeing.

Learning the signs and symptoms of mental ill health, how to approach a conversation with someone, and where to seek professional help can assist in building skills and confidence in supporting someone doing it tough.

The Community Support Skills Course is being hosted by New England Community College and will be held in Guyra on Thursday 17th September 2020 from 10am to 11.30am. Please RSVP to NECC 67792132 or email admin@gala.org.au





#### MAKING OUR REGION'S SMALL BUSINESSES A PROCUREMENT PRIORITY

In an important move for regional businesses, the State Government has announced its agencies must now first consider buying goods and services from a small, medium or rural operators for all direct procurements up to \$250,000.

The Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) and Regional Procurement Policy provides a 'Small Business Exemption' to give local businesses an opportunity to cut through red tape and government processes.

It also allows government departments to buy directly from small businesses for any purchases up to \$50,000 even if there is a mandated whole-of-government contract in place.

Businesses can access free independent business advice to build their capability to supply goods and services to government, through the NSW Government's Business Connect program.

I am pleased that this policy is a positive step forward for local small businesses, which have faced the challenges of drought, devastating bushfires and now the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on this program please contact my office on 6772 5552.

#### NEW ERA FOR THE HUB AT GUYRA

The \$400,000 redevelopment and expansion of the 'The Hub at Guyra' is moving forward in leaps and bounds, with the three Uniplan modules, which make up the main building, now delivered and fitted together.

Tradies have been hard at it over the past month, connecting the new kitchen and facilities up to water, power and sewerage, with separate contractors engaged to construct the new entry foyer and access ramp and lay carpet.

All works are on schedule and fingers crossed they will be finished, and the building commissioned, by the end of September.

It's also very exciting the Department of Communities and Justice has come on board and provided the funding needed to install an accessible adult change facility the only one of its kind between Newcastle and Brisbane, on the New England Highway.

#### STATMENT ON ARMIDALE REGIONAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRAION EXTENSION

I welcome the recent announcement by the Minister for Local Government, extending the period of administration of Armidale Regional Council for a further 3 months, from 12 September.

I fully support this decision and note it was made following a request from Council's interim administrator Viv May PSM.

This three month extension will come as no surprise to anyone in the community.

As evidenced by reports and public statements by Mr May, there are some significant issues plaguing Council that require considerable time to work through and resolve.

I look forward to continuing to work with Mr May and new acting General Manager John Rayner to help in any way I can, and ultimately restore the community's confidence in its local council.

Contact my office: Phone: 02 6772 5552 Fax: 02 6772 5026 Email: northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au

# Vegetation program to ensure power safety

Essential Energy will soon begin vegetation management in Armidale, Guyra and the surrounding areas to ensure the ongoing safety and reliability of the local electricity network.

The vegetation program will be undertaken by Essential Energy's qualified contractors in compliance with the Australian Standard AS 4373 'Pruning of Amenity Trees' where possible. Occasionally, however, their practices can vary to accommodate the physical location and regrowth pattern of particular vegetation, or to comply with the Electrical Safety Rules and legislation such as the Electricity Supply Act 1995 (NSW).

Contractors will also comply with the Essential Energy op-

erational protocols which have been developed to ensure employee, contractor and community safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, including complying with all social distancing requirements.

Operations Manager Ranges, Paul McWilliam, said the vegetation program was about striking a balance between preserving the town's trees and ensuring power safety and reliability for the

"A safe and reliable electricpower supplies," Paul said.

While Essential Energy is committed to protecting the

community. ity network is a priority for Essential Energy and the management of vegetation in and around powerlines plays a crucial role in safeguarding

local environment and the safety of the community, Paul emphasised that trees and overhead powerlines could be a dangerous combination.

"Trees coming into contact with overhead powerlines pose serious hazards to people, wildlife and the surrounding environment, with potential for bushfires, damage to property, injury and unplanned power outages," Paul said.

"Our comprehensive vegetation management program enminimum sures safety clearances are maintained between trees and overhead powerlines and helps to minimise the trimming required in the future, while also securing a more reliable power supply."

Essential Energy uses direc-

tional pruning techniques that remove branches growing towards a powerline and encourage re-growth away from the power network. While this can affect visual amenity, these techniques are considered best practice throughout the arboriculture industry and are used by most power companies in Australia.

Residents can download Essential Energy's Tree Planting Guide online at essentialenergy.com.au/trees for helpful tips on appropriate species for planting near powerlines or contact 13 23 91 for more information.

Weather permitting, the vegetation program will commence in Armidale in early September and continue in Guyra throughout October.

### **Education Awards Black Mountain Public School**



Above I to r: Xavier Maunder, Jayda Hayes, Jamerikai Patterson with Relieving Principal Justine Eddy



Eli Wood and Mrs Simmone Lord

Last Thursday we held an in-school assembly at Black Mountain Public School. The students were presented with Principals Awards, Merits Certificates and Music Awards for their great work in the classroom and resilience in the playground.

Also we presented two very special Education Awards. Eli Wood received a Certificate of Recognition for his Commit-

ment to Leaning and Leadership in Year 6 and our K-2 Classroom Teacher Mrs Simone Lord was presented with her Certificate of Appreciation for her Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

We'd like to congratulate all our award recipients for their efforts in all areas of school life.

> Mrs Justine Eddy **Relieving Principal**

# Council News GUYRA

### Public Exhibition - Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)

HAVE The LSPS is a new strategic planning YOUR document that all councils in NSW must develop. The Draft Armidale **Regional LSPS provides** a 20 year land use vision for the Armidale region and has been developed in conjunction with State, **Regional and Council Plans** including the New England North West Regional Plan 2036 and

the Armidale Regional Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027

SAY

The LSPS provides a central point to ensure that regional priorities are placed within a clear local context and tailored to the unique economic, social and environmental characteristics of the Armidale Regional LGA. The vision identifies the future direction for planning to meet the community's changing needs under the themes of economy, community, infrastructure and environment.

#### Council is undertaking consultation with the community during the Public Exhibition period from 31 August to 28 September 2020 to introduce the draft LSPS, and outline a plan for further input from the community on identified priorities and actions.

The draft Local Strategic Planning Statement is on Public Exhibition for a period of 28 days. Residents are invited to make submissions by;

- mail to Armidale Regional Council, 75A Rusden Street, Armidale 2350,
- email to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au or
- dropped off in person to the Armidale or Guyra Offices.

Submissions will close on Monday 28 September 2020. Public submissions will be treated as non-confidential unless the submitter specifically requests confidentiality. Submitters are also allowed to have their submissions treated as non-confidential, except for the name of the submitter, or other identifying material.

### **Community Meetings**

Help us plan for the future of your village & surrounds. Introduction to the LSPS - plan for further input.

#### Guyra - Tuesday 8 September 10am - 1pm at Pop-up main street outside IGA

Ben Lomond - Wednesday 9 September 6pm - 7.30pm at Ben Lomond Soldiers Memorial Hall

Black Mountain - Thursday 10 September 6pm - 7.30pm at Black **Mountain RFS Shed** 

To review the document on public exhibition, a comprehensive engagement schedule and to register for community webinars visit yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au

### Water restrictions

Armidale & Guyra Level 3 - High

Restrictions have been eased to Level 3 from 1 September 2020. **Domestic** 

Activity	Level 3 - High
Garden sprinklers and fixed hoses	NO
Hand held hoses (with trigger nozzle), drip irrigation for lawns/gardens	2 hours only* (Sunday & Wednesday)
Buckets/cans	Yes
Watering new turf for up to six weeks	2 hours only* (Monday & Thursday)
Vehicle washing (Buckets only. NO hoses)	NOT between 9am - 4pm during the heat of the day.
Washing down hard surfaces - pressure cleaners and hand-held hoses	NO
Private swimming pools	Filling - NO Topping up - Buckets only
Evaporative coolers	Yes
Water carting & filling stations	Only for internal domestic use Not for other uses

on Twitter

@ARC2350'

'ArmidaleRegional LGA' or

### **Commercial and industrial**

Activity	Level 3 - High
General use (excluding lawns and gardens)	Target for 15% reduction in overall usage
Landscaping (including lawns and gardens)	2 hours only (Monday & Thursday)
Irrigation of sports areas	2 hours only (Monday & Thursday)

#### What Council is doing

Activity	
Watering in public parks, gardens & facilities	One watering cycle per field (Monday & Thursday) Premium sports fields and parks only
Council aquatic centres	Pools - initial filling and topping up Lawn areas - one watering cycle Monday and Thursday
Roadworks & grading	Council is continuing to utilise non potable water wherever possible
Tree planting	Reused water wherever possible

\* Any reference to 2 hours of restricted watering means between the hours of 6pm & 8pm during daylight saving and 5pm & 7pm at all other times.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 2 September 2020



Authorised by the Acting General Manager John Rayner Armidale Regional Council PO Box 75A, 135 Rusden Street, Armidale NSW 2350. Ph: 1300 136 833 Fax: 6772 9275. Email: coundi@armidale.nsw.gov.au

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# Spotlight on Local Business SUE ROSS REAL ESTATE

How long have you been in business? Since 2012 – over 8 years How many staff do you employ?

Two staff plus myself **What services** 

#### do you offer?

Property management, residential, rural, and business sales

# What is the best/worst thing about owning your own business?

Owning your own business gives you certain advantages such as choosing your work colleagues, when and where you want to work. The harder you work the more you gain

### How have things changed since you started?

Guyra has come along in leaps and bounds with the medium house price increasing and the growth providing excellent business opportunities for my astute clients

What effects have challenges such as drought, bushfires and coronavirus had for your business?

We have had to change our



**MEET THE TEAM:** Sue Ross, Sarah Harding and Michelle Stanley

systems so that they are now cloud based so we can work from anywhere.We were personally affected by the bushfires and drought but since the coronavirus started we have never been busier.

#### What is the most satisfying job you have carried out?

Everytime I help a first home owner achieve their dream it makes me love my job more

### Do you get good feedback from your customers?

We do, whether it is helping someone buy their first home or sell their lifelong home it can be quite stressful, so we enjoy helping people to make the process as easy as possible.

Any advice for people starting out in business? Despite the high financial risk, running your own business gives you a chance to make more money than if you were employed by someone else. Do your homework and have a business plan. **Final thoughts?** 

Guyra is a wonderful caring community that has a lot to offer and provides a safe environment in which to raise a family **PLUS** we are virus free.....



**GUYRA CROSSWORD CLUES** 

 Robin has got your windows covered (surname)
 Pyrotechnics are his hobby, religion is his occupation

4. The scene of many great victories for the Super Spuds 5. They will help you out in a storm and they also de-liver (abr.)

7. Racquet sport played year round

8. Village with a Welsh name
 9. Anglican Church Ben
 Lomond, St \_\_\_\_\_

13. Avenue named for long standing teacher at Everett School

15. H2O in reverse (locality)

Gazette's Cele	brity Footy Tipping
Titans or Wa match? Will the game and beat The top spon Leaderboard is and the Gazette Soley is in 2 ahead of Sue on who is just 6 p	have thought that the arriors would win a te Broncos finally win a the Titans next week? ot on the Celebrities is still shared by B&L te on 181 points. And take out the Celebrities trophy? Ben and Vu are vying for the Wooden Spoon position with Ben ahead 165-161. Bulldog is now just 2 points behind the Terrible Twosome 185-183 and on past tipping form could well be the Locals winner. Eel-be-Right redeemed themselves a little to move up a place on the Leaderboard to 5th position.
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## Gazette Footy Tipping

### Locals Entry Form - Round 18 Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on Wednesday, 9th September

Terrible Twosome	185	Rock 3	167	Name:
Bulldog	183	Nightwatchman	163	Phone:
Chris Morley	177	Elva Brazier	159	Tigers vs Rabbits
From the Desk	175	Old Chook	157	Bulldogs vs Sea Eagles
Jy Starr	173	Sarbear	157	Panthers vs Eels
The Red V	173	GG	151	Dragons vs Raiders
Eel-be-Right	173	WKAD	133	Titans vs Broncos
Hazel	169	Dason	119	Roosters vs Knights
Red Devils	169	Famous Five	115	Storm vs Cowboys
The 3 Bunnies	169			Sharks vs Warriors



### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

- 3 September Heather Marchant
- 4 September Lyn & Richard Skinner
- 7 September Kath Varley
- 8 September Jan Jordan
- 9 September Narelle Leven

### **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. Contact: 0460 448 864

### FOR SALE

LOUNGE, 3 seater and two armchairs. \$100.00 ono. 0429 950 158

### FIREWOOD

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE. Stringy bark. Phone: 0428 794 569

### **CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS**

Guyra Crossword 26-8-2020 Across: 1. Wicks, 3. Backwater, 5. Dunmore, 6. Limestone, 7. White, 10. Scissors, 13. Above All, 16. Moredun, 17. Strive for Success

**Down:** 2. Soorley, 4. Country Creations, 8. Hardinge, 9. Darby, 11. Uniting, 12. Abattoir, 14. Liberty, 15. Hodder

### **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)

### **CLAIM THE DATE** For your event or function

For your event or function **Phone: 6779 2132** 

Guyra Gazette

### IN MEMORIAM

### In loving memory of:

LINDSAY GRAHAM KNOX Wonderful loving son and brother who passed away 3rd September, 2019. Loved and greatly missed by all family and friends. We will see you again. *Mum, Dad and Trish* 

### **BREAD BAG TAGS**

The children at Val's Family Day Care are collecting Bread Bag tags for a global community project.

The plastic is recycled and sold to fund wheelchairs for those who cannot afford them.

If you feel that you would like to save them for us, please phone 0413 580 739 and we can arrange collection or drop off. Social distancing and hygiene rules will

be followed when collecting bread tags. Editor's note: The Woolly Lamb has a

collection jar for these tags.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

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### COURSES

Introducing a new course RAMHP Rural Adversity Mental Health Program

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will be addressed at this course.

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### Wednesday September 2, 2020

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### WHERE'S CASPER?

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



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### Ladies' Golf

Last week a field of 13 ladies played in beautiful weather conditions. The event was a Stableford with Vicki Reeves winning on a countback from Wendy George with 31 points.

Nearest the pin winners were Meg Simpson on the 9th hole, Pip White on the 10th hole and Karen Oehlers on the 18th hole.

This week is the first round of the Ladies Championships to be followed by the second round next week. The event is 27 holes with a 9am start.

Good luck ladies

Birdie

### Men's Golf

Last Saturday the club held a 2 person ambrose as a qualifying event for the Keno NSW championships. The winners of the event were Scott Mendes and Peter Presnell with 66<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, runners up were Darrin and Suzanne Towells.

Nearest to the pins were John Prisk on the 7th, Wendy

George on the 9th, Bob Constance on the 10th, and Logan Beechey on the 18th.

On Sunday a good field contested an 18-hole stroke for the Landmark trophy. The winner with 71 nett was Chris Newberry with Richard Burey a close runner up.

Nearest to the pins were Ian Taylor on the 7th, Chris Newberry on the 10th, and Darrin Towells on the 18th.

The club championships are being played over the next two weekends and I can't find a clear favourite in any grade so if you want a chance to go down in history have a go,

The Albatross

### Ladies' Bowls President's Report

Another year has passed and due to COVID 19 restrictions there has not been a lot of bowls played in 2020. Thank you Bertha for all the jobs you do during the year and also David for helping with the cards etc. for the Ladies Day in the Carnival and President's Day. Also thank you to all the lady bowlers for their help and support., it is very much appreciated.

Welcome to two new bowlers Wendy & Leis and also welcome back Julie. I hope you all enjoy playing bowls, we now have 12 bowlers. Thank you to the lady bowlers who played in the district games at such a difficult time. We were runners up in the Senior Pairs (Laurel and Jill)) well done ladies.

On the 24th of November we held a Bowls Come and Try Day and fundraiser for Can Assist. 30 people turned up on the day and from all reports everyone had a very enjoyable day. \$355 was raised and donated to Guyra Can Assist. I would like to thank the Can Assist ladies for morning tea, the Men's Bowls for supplying and cooking the BBQ lunch and also Cameron, David and all the lady bowlers for their help on the day. Also thanks to the Guyra Flower Farm for

their kind donation of beautiful peonies and IGA for the gift voucher. A big thank you to Cheryl and Jenny for all the work and effort they put into flyers (designing, printing and distributing), the Guyra community and the three Armidale bowlers for supporting the day.

On the 3rd of December 2019 we played in the Ladies Day of the Men's Carnival and it was a very enjoyable and successful day. Our President's Day was very successful (24 teams) great support from our district as well as clubs from other districts. Thank you everyone for their help on the day, also Betty Anne and bar staff, Cameron and David, Donna and staff for the lovely meals and anyone else who helped us during the year.

Thank you, stay safe and good bowling

Anyone interested in playing bowls contact the Guyra Bowling Club on 6779 1499.

#### President Laurel Betts

### Time for athletics at St Marys

Over the past two Fridays, students at St Mary of the Angels have participated in their annual School Athletics Carnival.

Students have spent a number of weeks practicing for these events and were very eager to get started. The day kicked off with the 100m age races with students demonstrating their sprinting and fast running talents. Students then rotated through the field events including Shot Put, Discus, High Jump and Long Jump. Sadly, this year parents were unable to spectate, however students remained enthusiastic and keen to showcase their talents.

Congratulations to the following students:

Minor Boy Champion -Flynn McFarlane, Runner Up - Hugo Sisson

Minor Girl Champion -Darcie Campbell, Runner Up - Millie Neill and Annabelle Brazier-Kraan



 Back I to r: Rhiannon Heagney, Logan Mendes, Lily McFarlane, Lachlan Cruickshank, Daniel Grills, Archie Foster, Edward Grills, Nayte Foster.
 Front: Alana Marshall, Olive McFarlane, Darcie Campbell, Millie Neill, Annabelle Brazier-Kraan, Flynn McFarlane, Hugo Sisson, Dom Nguyen.

Junior Boy Champion -Archie Foster, Runner Up -Edward Grills Junior Girl Champion -Olive McFarlane, Runner Up - Alana Marshall 11 Year Boy Champion -Nayte Foster, Runner Up -Dominic Nguyen 11 Year Girl Champion -Lily McFarlane, Runner Up

Logan Mendes

Lachlan Clark **mpion** - Senior Girl Champion Junner Up Rhiannon Heagney

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# Great weather and great bowls



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182 Falconer Street, Guyra www.bestechscales.com.au For the last weekend of Winter Mother Nature really turned on her charm with great weather conditions. Saturday August 29th saw a number of Club Championships played. In Club Pairs two Semi Finals were played:

John Jackson and Barry Campbell played Dan Kennedy and Barry Walls. In this game Dan and Barry scored a 4 on the first end but John and Barry soon made a game of it, on no less than four occasions the scores were level. John and Barry held a 3 shot lead going into the last end but Dan and Barry managed to draw 3 shots making the scores even. This made it necessary to play an extra end. John and Barry held game but Dan drew the shot and with only one bowl to play John was unable to dislodge the shot bowl. Dan and Barry the victors 19 shots to 18 shots over 22 ends

The other Club Pairs was nearly a carbon copy of the first game as it also was a titanic tussle. John McIlwain and Anthony Bull played Col Stanley and David Lyes. This game started off in a similar fashion to the other game only the scores travelled along at shot for shot. In this game the scores were level on 6 occasions. On end 20, John and Anthony held a 1 shot lead and only having to win end 21 and the game was their's but as we all know the game is not over until the last bowl is played. This proved to be the case as Col and David drew a shot and this also made the game even on end 21. Again another end had to be played and Col and David managed to draw a shot taking the win 18 shots to 17 shots over 22 ends.

I can't recall any results like this, both Semi Finals having to be decided by playing an extra end. Anybody watching the games saw a great display of Championship Bowls played.

In Club Triples David Wilcox, Murray Bourke and Paul Johnson played Barry Presnell, Cameron Peardon and Bob Goodchild. This also proved to be a wonderful game of bowls. David and team drew ahead and by end 10 had the game in there keeping, however nobody told Barry and his team. They fought back and with only one end to play and 4 shots behind Barry and his team were only able to draw 3 shots thus falling 1 shot short. David and his team took out the game 21 shots to 20 shots over 21 ends.

In Minor Singles: Mallie Walls played Wayne Reeves. Both players started off exchanging ends but by end 14 Mallie drew ahead and from then on was never headed and went on to take the win 31 shots to 22 shots over 30 ends.

Sunday August 30th saw the

Final of the Club Pairs played between Dan Kennedy and Barry Walls and the team of Col Stanley and David Lyes. If the standard of Bowls played Saturday was anything to go by then the Final would be a cracker. The Bowls did not disappoint. Col and David jumped out of the blocks early and despite the determination of Dan and Barry, Col and David managed to hold their game together and go on to become Pairs Club Champions 24 shots to 17 shots over 21 ends

Club Championships set down for this weekend.

Saturday September 5th: Start: 12.00pm. Starter and Umpire: John Jackson

Club Triples: Dan Kennedy, Greg Mitchell and Grahame Starr to play John McIlwain, Anthony Bull and Roger Cox. Mallie Walls, Ian Jacobs and Robert Walls to play John Jackson, Geoff Reeves and Wayne Reeves

Major Singles: David Wilcox to play Robert Moore marker Barry Presnell.

Sunday September 6th: Box Draw Pairs, 12 players minimum all welcome. Bowls shirt to be worn if possible. Prize money: \$200. Donated by: Murray and Betty Bourke and David Wilcox. Cost to play \$5 per player names by 12.00pm: Start: 12.30pm.



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