



# Guyra Gazette

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## Sharon's significant contribution recognised

Last Friday 30th October the Australian Council for Educational Leaders & Australian College of Educations held their annual Joint Awards Evening at the Armidale Bowling Club.

Mrs Sharon Wittig, Principal at St Mary of the Angels School, was the extremely worthy recipient of The JA Sutherland Memorial Award for her Significant Contribution to Education.

Sharon has dedicated her life to advocating and advancing the rights of rural children to an education equal to, if not better, than that provided in cities or larger schools.

The pinnacle of Sharon's professional achievement is her sustained leadership of St. Mary of the Angels Primary school, Guyra.

For over 35 years, Sharon has brought to bear her passion and zeal for small rural schools, resulting in widespread community and regional recognition, admiration and respect.

Beyond her contributions at St. Mary of the Angels, Sharon has made a significant impact at the Catholic and state system level via representation on numerous curriculum and management committees.

Sharon's contribution has been sustained, distinctive and truly inspirational. As well providing positive counsel and advice in mentoring roles, Sharon's expertise and tenacious spirit has ensured greater educational outcomes at state and international levels.



## Caspers bring home the trophy



See back page for full details

# Book Week Celebrations at Guyra Central



Stage 1 Coral

This year Guyra Central School kicked off their Book Week celebrations a little early. We were very lucky to have Sophie Masson, an author or over 70 books who once lived in Guyra, and National Children's Laureate Ursula Dubosarsky come to speak to some of the students. Sophie spoke to years 7 and 8 about her journey to becoming a writer and her writing process. Ursula spoke to Stage 3 about her role and her goal to get every child to join their local library. She also told students about one of her characters "the word spy" and went through some fun word activities.

The most colourful part of Book Week is always the Pa-

rade. Sadly we couldn't have any guests attend this year but students and staff still went all out with amazing costumes. Luckily we didn't have a best dressed competition as it would have been impossible for anyone to choose just one winner from each class. A big thank you to everyone who helped students get prepared.

We ran a Guyra Central School Book of the Year competition this year with all students invited to submit a book they had made themselves. It had been my intention to have a single winner in each category but every judge expressed a wish for everyone to win.

The award winning authors are: Early Stage One - Hugh Kliendiest and Elsie Post,

Stage One - Willson McElroy, Rose Gordon and Jessica Fletcher, Stage Two - Poppy Post, Billy, Elsa Kliendiest, Sammy Dowden and Lincoln Atkins, Stage Three - Caitlin Montague, Rose Kliendiest and Summer Tibbs.

The final book week activity was a colouring competition to find the budding illustrators among us. Another hard task but we managed to narrow it down to one winner per stage and a people's choice award picked by secret judges.

The winners were Charlotte Perrett, Tae Tae Torrens, Bethany Small, Stevie McElroy and Clee Beechey.

*Tracey Condrick  
Teacher/Librarian*



Charlotte Perrett and Ivy-Rose Brazier



**Above:** Sammy Rose Dowden, Amy Pixton and Lincoln Atkin  
**Left:** Harley Hammond **Right:** Lincoln Rowe



# Gold record now part of museum collection

The story of Little Boy Lost still stirs memories of a time when Guyra made headlines as thousands searched the countryside for four days searching for four year old Steven Walls. In February 1960, more than 3000 people searched bushland around Tubbamurra after he became separated from his father while they were herding sheep on the family property.

The family of Steven, who passed away in April this year, have donated some of their personal memorabilia to the Guyra Historical Museum, adding to items already on display.

Singer Johnny Ashcroft penned Little Boy Lost, an emotional musical recounting of the search and it became the hit song of 1960. Among the items donated to the museum is a copy of the gold record for the song which was presented to Steven at Eggleston's newspaper shop in Guyra a couple of years after the event.

Steven's mother Dorrie said that they didn't get any royalties from the record, but what they did get was a true friend in Johnny Ashcroft and they kept in touch over the years.

"Over the years Johnny often called in to visit, and Steven and I also visited him at his home on the Gold Coast," she said.

"When Steven was lost we got cards from all over Aus-

tralia and also all over the world and his passing brought back memories for a lot of people."

"When I thought I might have to move I was cleaning up and decided it was no use leaving them here and thought it would be nice to share with more people. As a family we agreed it was something that was part of Guyra and should be somewhere where everyone else was able to see."

While the property has since been sold, Dorrie is pleased that she is able to stay on thanks to the generosity of the new owner. However, she said that she thought it was still time to hand over the memories.

As well as the record the family donated their own newspaper clippings, two photo albums and items they kept when a film of the story was made in 1978. The donated items will be added to the existing collection of clippings already on display at the museum.

Visitors to Guyra can also see a display which is in place at the Guyra Caltex Truck Stop. Featuring details of the search and photographs, this display has proved popular. It is a great talking point among travellers who still have memories of that time or have heard stories over the years. This display is also in the process of being updated.



**Dorothy Lockyer from the Guyra Historical Society with Steven's sister Julie Presnell and mother Dorrie**



**EMI presented the gold record to Steven at Eggleston's Newsagency in Guyra**

# Smart water meters proposed for households

Smart meters for homes in the Armidale Region are being considered to give water users greater control of their consumption and help manage the region's overall water use.

Armidale Regional Council will prepare a business case for the implementation of smart metering for all residential properties connected to the Armidale and Guyra town

water supplies, following a resolution at last week's Council meeting.

The meeting also resolved to advise the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment that Council will seek funding for smart metering to increase the region's water security.

"Experience in other local government areas has shown

the introduction of smart water meters can reduce water use in a town water supply district by around 15%," Council's Interim Administrator, Viv May, said.

"The meters also enable residents to use their phones to track consumption, giving them a real-time tool to better manage their water use and, therefore, their water bills.

"Smart metering clearly has a role to play in managing water demand and empowering consumers."

Mr May said eliminating the need for manual meter reading would save Council about \$167,000 per year. The real-time monitoring would also provide rapid alerts to Council if there is a main break or leak.

## What's **HOT**

**NEW** grass planting on the Guyra Recreation ground - Looks like the MCG!

**CARAMEL** slice from jojos - delicious!!

**PEONY FESTIVAL** coming up

**NEW TROLLEY BAYS** outside KIRKS IGA

## What's **NOT**

**OVERGROWN** verges around town and garden beds that need some attention

**TOO MUCH** coverage of the US election

## QUOTE of the week

Its not how far you fall it's how high you bounce

## Bureau of Meteorology Weather

### WATCH

#### Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
27	Tues	5.9	19.3	0
28	Wed	9.3	18.3	2.0
29	Thurs	6.1	17.0	13.0
30	Fri	6.1	21.0	0
31	Sat	10.5	18.2	3.0
1	Sun	5.1	17.1	0
2	Mon	6.0	17.1	0

Rain this week	18.0mm
Oct. rainfall	78.6mm
Rainfall YTD	758.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	235.6mm
Ave. rain to Nov.	804.0mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

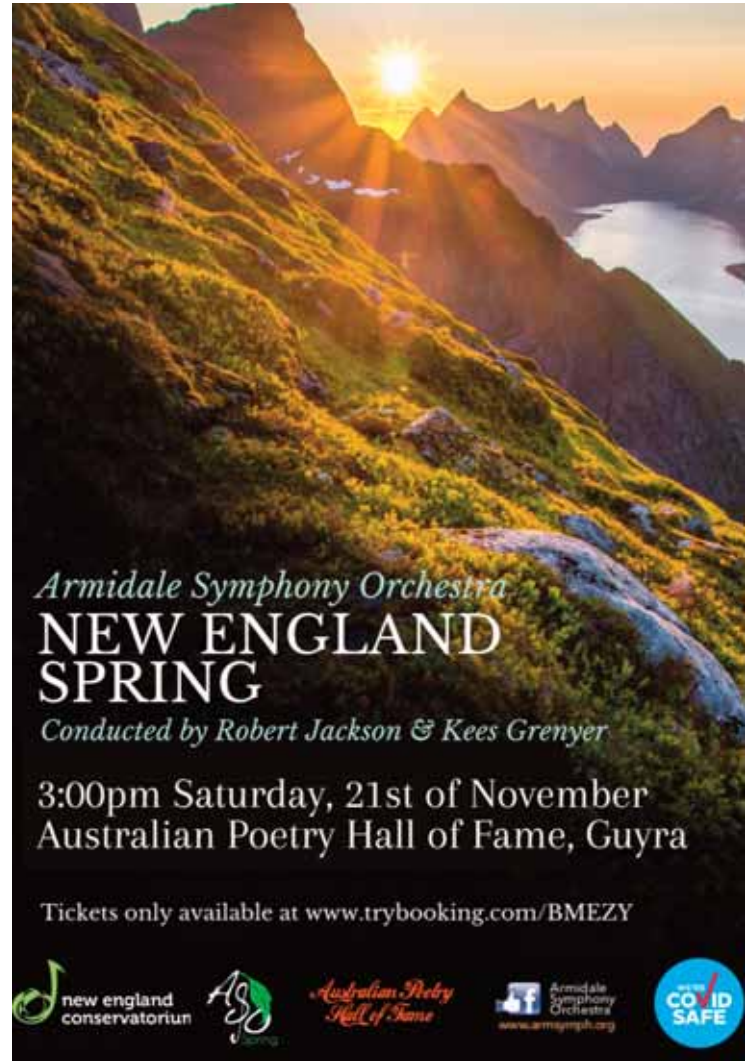
# Peony and Symphony in a New England Spring

The Armidale Symphony Orchestra (ASO) will perform at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame in Guyra at the Peony Festival on the 21st of November this year. James Warren, opened the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame at the beginning of the Covid-19 lock down and contacted the ASO to play. They were looking for a large Covid-19 safe venue and by chance it coincided with the new Guyra Peony Festival.

The Guyra Farmer's and Craft Market will begin at 8:30am and wind up at 1pm and feature a large range of local produce and craft plus poetry performance and music throughout the morning.

From 3pm the Armidale Symphony Orchestra will play the following program of classical music: Symphony No.1 (Boyce), Andante Cantabile (Tschaikovsky), Holberg Suite (Grieg) and Adagio for Strings (Barber).

This is a COVID-19 Safe event and limited to 164 tickets which are available online [www.trybooking.com/BMEZY](http://www.trybooking.com/BMEZY) or from the Australian poetry Hall of Fame.



*Armidale Symphony Orchestra*  
**NEW ENGLAND SPRING**  
*Conducted by Robert Jackson & Kees Grenyer*

**3:00pm Saturday, 21st of November**  
**Australian Poetry Hall of Fame, Guyra**

Tickets only available at [www.trybooking.com/BMEZY](http://www.trybooking.com/BMEZY)

new england conservatorium ASO Australian Poetry Hall of Fame Armidale Symphony Orchestra [www.armidalesymphony.org](http://www.armidalesymphony.org) COVID SAFE

## Have your say.....

### No turbines

How could anyone want to put foreign owned electrical driven turbines in very high bush fire areas? Have they already forgotten the Tingha Plateau raging bush fire in February 2019 and the Wandsworth Kangaroo Camp bushfires in November 2019.

People of the Tingha area were sent to out of town not knowing if they had a home to come back to, with the loss of properties, livestock and wildlife. We had no landlines or mobile phone coverage. Turbines don't help to put out fires they only help to fan the fires.

Only for the people on the ground going day and night

with very little rest. Spotters planes and water bombers in the air were the ones fighting these fires. People cooking meals making sure that vehicles and planes were fuelled up. Turbines can't do those things. What is needed is more mobile phone towers for this area not scenery ruining turbines. How can anyone sign a confidential document before a turbine is put on their property ruining more beautiful scenery?

For the first time in years private property and private forest owners are exempt from SEPP 14. Miss Faehrmann (Greens MLC) has not come out against trees being removed for turbines and solar

panels. Why not? Where was she during the bushfires in 2019/20? Did she go looking for animals to be saved or turned a blind eye to the horrors going on during the bush fires? Still not a word against the turbines and the loss of trees.

We survived both bushfires in 2019. A very big thanks to everyone who fought so hard to save our property and theirs as well also to all you people thought of us and gave help.

**Mavis Richards**

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# Spotlight - Black Sheep Wool'n'Wares

## What is the name and nature of your business?

Blacksheep Wool 'n' Wares. I am a Local Yarn Shop and I sell all your knitting and crochet needs plus finished items and we make to order.

## How long have you operated this business?

1 year this week.

## What services do you offer?

We have yarn of all types and knitting and crochet accessories. We have finished items for sale as well and this selection is growing each week. We also make to order any knitted or crochet projects that you might want for yourself or special occasions.

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

Best is easy: it gives me more time with my family and lets me have flexibility like having my newborn daughter and son with me at work.

Worst is I am not great with computers and learning how to run an online shop has been quite a learning curve.

## How have things changed since you started?

I am stocking more local yarns and different international ones. I am trying to be open more hours. I have had a baby and



Get your thinking hats on and start creating some Christmas decorations to help Bettina (and baby Guinevere) decorate Black Sheep Wool'n'Wares. Have a bit of fun for your chance to win a \$40 voucher to spend in store

working with a newborn in the shop has changed the way I do things.

## What effects have challenges such as drought, bushfires and corona virus had for your business?

People having less money to spend means I earn less so I have had to make choices about what I keep in stock and what I order in for customers. I also haven't been able to run any classes yet; first due to covid and

now life with a newborn, these have again been moved to next year. Covid has also affected orders and a lot of things have gone on back order. I have just been lucky that customers have been patient and understanding.

## How do you spread the word about your business to attract customers/visitors?

I use Facebook and Instagram mostly. This month will see me down in Armidale at the Markets in the Mall.

## Are there any interesting or amusing things that have happened?

We are running a Christmas Competition right now. With my life being busy with Guinevere I am giving a \$40 gift card or I will make a bundle to that effect for 1st prize. Just knit, crochet or sew a Christmas decoration for my shop and have it there by 1st December. My 3½ year old son, Lucas will be picking his favourite Christmas decoration.

## Do you get feedback from your customers?

Yes, we have had great feedback about being friendly, helpful and having a great range of stock.

## Any advice for people starting out in business?

Just keep going, not every day is a good day.

## Are you interested in joining the Guyra Polar Bears Swimming Club?

If so, please join us **TODAY** Wednesday, 4th November at 6.00pm at the pool.



Kids can have a swim while parents can get information about the club and to see if we can get it up and running again.

We really need your attendance at this information night to gauge family participation and enrolments.

If you are interested in joining but cannot attend the info session, please comment on the Guyra Polar Bears facebook page or see Randy at the pool.



## Christmas Competition

**WIN a \$40 gift card or bundle**

Knit, crochet or sew a Christmas decoration for the Blacksheep shop and enter by 1st December



share your projects with us on social #blacksheepwool

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# Council seeks views on Special Rate Variation

Armidale Regional Council has commenced community consultation on three options for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) for consideration by the community. Interim Administrator Viv May endorsed the recommendation at the Council Meeting held last Wednesday 28 October to commence consultation and formally advise the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) before November 27, 2020 of Council's intention to submit an SRV application.

Three SRV options presented to the community include:

**Option 1** - A permanent SRV of 18.5% plus 2.0% rate peg (total 20.5%) commencing in 2021-22

**Option 2** - A permanent SRV of 8.5% plus 2.0% rate peg (total 10.5%) commencing in 2021-22

**Option 3** - Discontinuation of the temporary SRV of 10% (above the rate peg) applied by the former Armidale Dumaresq Council and ending on 30 June 2021

To maintain current levels of

service Council must apply this year to IPART to have the existing temporary SRV made permanent (Option 2). Council will also consult with the community on a higher SRV amount (Option 1) to allow for further investment in maintaining our infrastructure, in particular the renewal of our roads, bridges and community facilities.

Acting General Manager John Rayner said Councils across NSW were struggling to continue to provide the broad range of services without increased revenue.

"In NSW a rate peg is set annually each year by IPART that limits the amount a Council can increase rates. Unfortunately this has not kept pace with the increase in costs of maintaining our assets and providing essential services," said Mr Rayner

"It has been a difficult few years for the Armidale region and Council revenue has been significantly impacted by drought and now COVID-19. Our priority is to get back to ba-

rics in delivering services to the community and ensure we have enough revenue to do that."

All ratepayers will receive in the mail information on the proposed options for an SRV, rates harmonisation and links to Council's online engagement hub which provides further information for review and a schedule of engagement opportunities.

For residents that are not online information displays will be available in the Armidale and Guyra Civic Administration Buildings and in the libraries. An SRV hotline on 1300 364 366 has also been established to assist you with any enquiry you may have during the consultation period or you can contact Council's Customer Service team on 1300 136 833.

Formal submissions to Council will be now open and close on Thursday 10 December. Address submissions as 'Submission SRV and Rates Harmonisation' via email to [council@armidale.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@armidale.nsw.gov.au);

by post to Armidale Regional Council PO Box 75A, Armidale 2350 or submission can be dropped-off to the Armidale Civic Administration 135 Rusden Street, Armidale or the Guyra Civic Administration Building at 158 Bradley Street.

Council will inform the community of the harmonisation of rates which is a requirement mandated by the NSW Government for merged Councils. Since the merger Council has been required to maintain two rating systems. This was due to a four year rate freeze imposed by the NSW Government. This meant that Council could not adjust rates beyond the rate peg in the first four years after amalgamation. Under current legislation Council must maintain one consistent rating structure to ensure a fairer and more equitable system across all rating categories within the Armidale Regional Local Government Area. This will take effect from July 1 2021 and will only affect general rates.

## Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**October 28th** - There was a reduced penning of 1000 lambs and 550 sheep. The quality of the lambs on offer was fair to good, albeit very mixed. There was a good selection of heavy weight Crossbreds and a fair supply of Merino lambs. The

usual processors were in attendance, however restocker activity was restricted by supply. Demand was high for the reduced supplies throughout all classes. This resulted in dearer trends in all weight classes. The heavier weight ranges saw the

greatest dollar per head improvement with some increase in weights. Domestic processors struggled for supply with limited availability of good quality medium weights available. Market trends in the sheep were dearer with the well finished

lines attracting keen processor competition. Again there were strong gains throughout. Lightweight sheep attracted some strong restocker competition, particularly a pen of young Merino ewes.

## Armidale Cattle Sale

**October 29th** - There was a small increase in numbers. Young cattle to suit restockers and feedlotter were well supplied and there were good numbers of well finished heavy weight cattle to suit export processors. The quality of the offering was mixed with some plainer quality lots alongside quite a few well bred high quality pens. Not all the usual processors were in attendance, however the return of another covered that absence. Demand was high throughout with both restocker and feedlotter competing strongly. Light weight young cattle were keenly sought with very light weights reaching levels not seen before. All other weight

classes experienced significantly dearer trends. There were limited supplies of young cattle purchased by the trade with demand from restockers and feedlotter so strong. Heavy grown steers of varying ages sold to processors on a dearer trend. Feeder steers with 2 or more teeth also sold to dearer trends with price variations according to dentition and breed. The well finished grown heifers to processors saw a dearer trend of 10c to 15c/kg with strong competition. Demand was high for well finished heavy weight cows, the market trend 13c/kg dearer and more in places. Heavy grown bulls to process were only marginally dearer.

## Weekly wool sales

**October 30th** - The rollercoaster ride continued this week with volatility of this nature rarely seen in the wool market. The softer close to the Fremantle market last week carried over to the opening of this week's sales with losses being registered upon opening. The downward momentum continued into the final day of sales but at a much more controlled rate. By week's end practically all of last week's 100 plus cent gains had been given up. The expected 44,000 bale national offering didn't eventuate, partially due to a high withdrawal rate, especially

on the second day of sales. 27,695 bales were sold nationally for the week with the passed in rate surging to 26% and a withdrawal rate of 13.9%. Major buyers included Lempriere, Techwool and PJ Morris. The Western region did manage some small gains after the East Coast had closed, hopefully indicating a return to some sort of stability next week. Sales next week will be held on Wednesday and Thursday due to the public holiday in Melbourne on Tuesday. 36,500 bales are expected to be on offer nationally.

# Planning for our future

## Proposed Special Rate Variation

### Implementation of Rates Harmonisation in July 2021

In June 2021 a temporary Special Rate Variation (SRV) of 10 percent (above the rate peg) applied by the former Armidale Dumaresq Council over a seven year period will expire, reducing Council's overall rates income by \$1.5 million annually. Income generated from the temporary SRV has paid for the maintenance and renewal of

community assets including roads, bridges, storm water drainage and facilities like the Armidale Town Hall, village halls, parks and gardens and other buildings managed by Council.

To maintain current levels of service Council must apply this year to the NSW Independent Pricing & Regulatory

Tribunal (IPART) to have the temporary SRV made permanent. Before making a submission, Council will consult the community on three options for an SRV, including a higher SRV amount to allow for further investment in maintaining our infrastructure, in particular renewal works on our roads, bridges and community buildings and facilities.

#### Engagement opportunities

##### Village meetings

Ben Lomond - Tuesday 17 November, 6pm - 7.30pm at War Memorial Hall

Wollomombi/Lower Creek - Wednesday 18 November, 6pm - 7.30pm at Sauer Memorial Hall

Hillgrove - Thursday 19 November, 6pm - 7.30pm at Hillgrove Hall

Wards Mistake - Tuesday 24 November, 6pm - 7.30pm at Guyra Chambers

Black Mountain - Wednesday 25 November, 6pm - 7.30pm at Black Mountain RFS Shed

Ebor - Thursday 26 November, 6pm - 7.30pm at Ebor Sportsground

##### Pop-ups

Guyra main street outside IGA:

- Wednesday 11 November 10am - 12pm
- Wednesday 18 November 10am - 12pm

Farmers' Market in Civic Park

- Sunday 15 November 8.30am - 12.30pm
- Armidale Markets in the Mall
- Sunday 29 November 8.30am - 12.30pm

##### Face-to-face meetings

###### Guyra community -

Thursday 12 November, 1pm - 2.30pm at Guyra Community Hall (Showground)

###### Guyra community -

Monday 16 November, 6pm - 7.30pm at Guyra Community Hall (Showground)

Armidale - Thursday 12 November, 6pm - 7.30pm at Armidale Town Hall

Armidale - Monday 16 November, 1pm - 2.30pm at Armidale Town Hall

##### Online webinar

Thursday 12 November 6pm - 7.30pm.  
Register online

Due to COVID restrictions, participants must register to all village and face-to-face meetings. For further information, submissions and to register your participation at the meetings, visit [yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au)

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# Wordsearch - Kitchen

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 P L A T E S E H S I D

bench blender colander cupboard cups cutlery dishes  
 dishwasher freezer fridge grill kettle knife microwave  
 pantry plates rack recipes shelf taps toaster

## JUST FOR FUN - Melbourne Cup

**What type of horses only go out at night?** Nightmares  
**What did the pony say when it had a sore throat?** I'm a little hoarse  
**Why did the boy stand behind the horse?** He thought

he might get a kick out of it!  
**What type of horse can jump higher than a house?** All of them. Houses can't jump!  
**What sickness do horses hate the most?** Hay fever!



## SUDOKU - Easy

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## SUDOKU - Medium

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## CROSSWORD CLUES

### Across

- Person who does no work
- Lower surface of a room
- Name written by self
- Web footed bird
- Horse stall bedding
- Up to the time of
- The colour of the clear sky
- A chance meeting with a person or thing
- A feeling or perception
- Cake part

### Down

- Internal
- Camp seat, maybe
- Look at book
- Following the third position
- Including everything
- Paper towel unit
- Worry
- A ring
- A person who carries or delivers something (coffin or bad news e.g.)
- Not fail
- Male cow
- Plaything



# Remembrance Day

# Walkers raise \$2739 during October

The Guyra RSL sub-Branch will hold a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Soldiers Memorial Hall in Bradley Street, commencing at 10.55am on Wednesday, 11th November.

Everyone who can is urged to attend as a show of respect for all our servicemen and women who have served in all conflicts. Each year on this day, Australians observe one minute's silence at 11.00am in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

At 11.00am on 11th November, 1918 the guns of the Western Front in Belgium and France fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The Allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them especially over the preceding four months.

In November 1918 the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted Allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the

post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. ..

## Why is the Poppy the symbol of remembrance?

The Flanders poppy has long been a part of Remembrance Day, the ritual that marks the Armistice of 11 November 1918, and is also increasingly being used as part of Anzac Day observances.

During the First World War, red poppies were among the first plants to spring up in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium. In soldiers' folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades soaking the ground. The sight of poppies on the battlefield at Ypres (Ieper) in 1915 moved Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae to write the poem "In Flanders Fields".

In English literature of the 19th century, poppies had symbolised sleep or a state of oblivion; in the literature of the First World War a new, more powerful symbolism was attached to the poppy – the sacrifice of shed blood.

Cheryl Garrett and Stella Engel are taking a well-earned rest after completing their 'Feel the magic 1 in 20 challenge'. During the month of October, they walked a combined total of 270kms and raised \$2349 to support children who are experiencing grief following the loss of a parent.

Twelve months ago Stella attended a camp run by 'Feel the Magic' which helped her cope with her own bereavement and wanted to help others in a similar situation. Raising money was a way of paying it forward so that other kids can also get help when they faced with a similar situation.

Cheryl and Stella would like to thank everyone who supported them and donated to this great cause. By taking part in the challenge they were able to not only raise money, but also raise awareness about the programs on offer.

As part of their fundraising they also held a line-dancing social which added \$760 to



their total. They would like to acknowledge the support of Armidale Regional Council who donated the use of the Community Hall for this event.

Feel the magic provide grief education and support to bereaved children and their families to help alleviate the pain and isolation felt by the loss of a parent, sibling or legal guardian. To find out more visit their website <https://www.feelthemagic.org.au/>

## From the Archives - Guyra 4th & 5th Class 1932

### Back row l to r:

Bobby Dark, Eric Dean, Billy McCrohan, Cliff Beesley, Bob Sutton, Colin Atkins, Mark Dean

### Third Row:

Iris Bennett, Dulcie Hodder, Margo Marshall, Daphne Dean, Helen Stephenson, Joyce Saunders, Jean Sanders, Unknown,

Beatrice Bell, Elise McCrohan

### Second Row:

Bebe Moore, Dulcie Guyer, Jean Spicer, Dottie McCrohan, Polly Starr, Lorna Simpson, Unknown, Joyce Briggs, Bessies Nielsen, Gwen Bell, Gladys Roberts, Laura Atkins, Heather Helyar

### Front Row:

Jack Moore, Geoff White, Unknown, Gordon Moore, Headley Neilson, Leo Pryor, Cecil Holt, Unknown



## Cricket

Cricketers managed to get on to the field this week following a total washout the first round, with Guyra getting some mixed results.

The first grade side were defeated by Hillgrove in their first outing. Batting first Guyra were dismissed for 130, with Hillgrove managing a comfortable 5/134 for the win.

Second grade had to sit out the round after Easts forfeited the game. In thirds, Guyra came out on top in the game played on Ted Mulligan Oval. Hillgrove won the toss and batted first making 7/148 off their 40 overs. In reply Guyra lost six wickets notching up 149 runs for the victory in the 33rd over.

In Junior games the under 15s were defeated by Hillgrove, and the under 13s came out on top also against Hillgrove. Guyra's two under 11 teams also took to the field with Guyra 1 coming out on top of the combined Uralla/Walcha side and Guyra 2 were defeated by Ex Services.

## Men's Bowls

Saturday October 31st saw the only Club Championship game played and that was a Handicap Singles game between Barry Walls (+6) and Andrew Sparke (-2). Barry with the aid of an 8 shot advantage quickly went out to a 12 shot to nil lead by end 7. Andrew despite the handicap difference soon settled and by end 13 had managed to take

the lead and with this momentum and the fact that he never lost the final objective he went on to take the victory 31 shots to 14 shots over 24 ends.

Club Championship fixtures set down for this week-end:

Saturday November 7th: Start: 1.00pm: Starter: Robert Walls. Umpire: John Jackson.

Club Fours: John McIlwain, Cameron Peardon, Player and Roger Cox to play John Jackson, Murray Bourke, Paul Johnson and Robert Walls.

Dan Kennedy, Col Stanley, Greg Mitchell and Grahame Starr to play Steven Sole, Mallie Walls, Evan Sole and Andrew Sparke.

Boarded games are play or forfeit: Match Committee.

### *The Bowls Bandit*

## Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a Par Medal with Donna White as the winner.

Wendy George was the runner up. Nearest the Pin winners were Wendy George on the 10th and 18th holes. Debbie Heffernan on the 9th hole.

This week the ladies are away on the annual golf trip.

Next week the ladies are playing the 4BBB Championship sponsored by Guyra Welding Works. 27 holes with a 9am start. The starter is Wendy Jackson.

### *Birdie*

## Men's Golf

Last Saturday the mixed

championships were played and the 2020 champions are Pip White and Steven Sole the nett winners were Lisa Ellis and Mal Gaukroger. On Sunday the Vidler's Butchery sponsored 4BBB championships were played. The winners with a score of 74 were Jake Ellis and Ben Vidler. B grade champions are Pat Grills and Peter Presnell. Nett winners for the Day were Mal Gaukroger and Peter Jackson with Roger Grills and Robert Constance runner up. Sunday also saw the final of the Monthly Mug, this was won by Len Stanley with a 70 nett. Nearest to the pins were Darrin Towells on the 7th Jake Ellis on the 10th and Ben Vidler on the 18th. Next Sunday will be an 18 hole stableford for the Grazag trophy.

### *The Albatross*

## Midweek Golf

Another good week for golf if you played when it wasn't blowing a gale. Top score this week went to Logan Beechey with 29 points. Congratulations Logan. Peter Presnell is on his golf game and came in with 23 points this week along with Andrew Youman. Next in line were Luke Brazier, Bob Burey, Peter Jackson and Peter Mulligan with 20 points.

Seven teams this week get extra points for all team members playing. Great result. A total of 50 players put their score cards in.

\* Please check your handicap. Most will change every

week – some quite a lot.

\* Bowling Club have asked me to pass on this message:

*All players must be either golfing members or a club member when playing this competition. There are a few that they would like to invite to become members of the club. Doesn't cost a lot and requires you to fill out a nomination form.*

## Vets Golf

Last week the Vets played a Four Ball Stableford. There was a great field of 18 players with some quite good scores. The condition of the course contributed to the good scores with the improvement in the greens after coring. The fairways are also coming along after fertilizing and seeding.

The winners on the day with a great score of 47 points were Len Stanley and John Prisk with the runners up Ian Taylor and Paul Redden with 42. Nearest the Pins were John Prisk on the 10th and Jon Cumming the 18th.

A small working bee was held on Thursday to help clean up some dead trees. Thanks to the Vets who helped. These will be later replaced with similar native trees.

This week was the Melbourne Cup two person Ambrose with the proceeds going to Can Assist.

The Match Play draw is now out so we have all of November to play the first round. Thanks to Phil Devlin for organising the draw.

*A Vet*

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## MEALS ON WHEELS

5 November Heather Marchant  
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 10 November Pam Carter  
 11 November Ann Hulbert

## 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

**Seventh-day Adventist Church:**  
 Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday  
 Divine Service 11.30am Saturday  
 Contact: Church Clerk 6779 1587

**Uniting Church, 57 Ollera Street:**  
 Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am  
 Contact: Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

## FOOD PANTRY

**Food Pantry at The Chapel**  
 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of the month.  
 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 2.30pm.  
 Contact: 0460 448 864

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM** will be open this Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Enquiries: 6779 2132.

## CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

**Guyra Crossword 28-10-20**

**Across:** 1. Transport 7. Drive 8. Input  
 9. Dip 10. Simple 14. Oxygen 15. Few  
 18. Siren 20. Voice 21. Gentleman  
**Down:** 1. Tide 2. Ability 3. Seed 4. Origin  
 5. Tap 6. Father 11. Premium 12. Cousin  
 13. Lennon 16. Oval 17. Mean 19. Rug

**Guyra Garden Club**  
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## MEETINGS

**GUYRA CAN ASSIST** Annual Branch Meeting, election of office bearers, 17th November, 3.00pm at Guyra Bowling Club. New members welcome. Contact 0473 211 830. Email canassistguyra@outlook.com

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## COURSES

### First Aid

Sunday 15th November, 8.30am - \$170

### RSA & RCG

17th & 18th November  
 RSA \$205, RCG \$155.

Book in for both courses - \$340

### Forklift

19, 20 & 23 November - 8am start - \$795  
 (Must be over 18 and be able to operate a vehicle. 100 points ID required)

### Chemical Course

24th November - 8.30am  
 Full \$380, Refresher \$275  
 (There is pre-course training and assessment for the full chemical course)

**Enrolments now open**

**New England Community College**  
 136 Bradley Street, Guyra (RTO#90145)  
**Phone: 6779 2132**

## CLAIM THE DATE

**SATURDAY, 21st NOVEMBER: Peony Festival** 9am-4pm in the main street. Music, markets, museums - historical, car, antique machinery.

## WHERE'S CASPER?

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## Caspers bring home the trophy!!

Saturday 31st October 2020 saw the first ever Sport UNE Football League grand finals played, with the Guyra United Caspers third grade side coming home the victors over the minor Premiers South Armidale.

Souths were big favourites to win this game after coming through the entire season undefeated, however that did not stop Guyra's determination.

The game was a real crowd-pleaser, with end to end play and many shots at goal, and ultimately nine of them hit the target. Ten minutes into the game South Armidale led through a

penalty and this was followed by a penalty to Guyra at the twenty-fifth minute, taken by Golden Boot winner Norman Miniti.

Guyra took the lead at the thirty-third minute with Maxime Yautaka scoring. South Armidale recovered to see the half time scores locked at 2 all.

The Guyra boys and girls were pumped going into the second half as they wanted to win. South Armidale scored again two minutes into the second half and this somehow spurred the Guyra team on with Norman Miniti getting his second goal to even the score.

Captain Eunice Blair was awarded Guyra's fourth goal and the match was finished off by a goal to Rexly Tasso and another to Norman Miniti.

Guyra were too strong on the day with the final score 6 - 3 to the Caspers. It was an amazing day with a massive amount of supporters present, and the club would like to thank their supporters for making the trip to watch.

A massive thank you to Eunice Blair for coaching - you have done an excellent job with the team who have come a long way from game one. Congratulations on a well-deserved win.

Also a huge thank you to the Club's sponsors the Royal Hotel and Fourways Service Centre - your continued support is much appreciated.

A reminder that Presentation Day will be held at the Royal Hotel on Sunday November 29th starting at 2pm. Tickets are being sold up until the November 22nd, tickets are \$10 each.

Please ensure you all purchase tickets as due to COVID numbers are limited. Tickets can be purchased from Nikki Mendes please see Facebook page for further information.



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### Guyra and Armidale Saleyards upgrades secured with \$5 million bid

I was pleased to announce last month that our region has secured a \$4,998,000 grant, through the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund, to undertake the upgrade of the Guyra and Armidale Livestock Selling Centres.

Both Guyra and Armidale saleyards directly inject more than \$72 million into the local economy each year, selling around 300,000 head of sheep and cattle on average every 12 months.

At Guyra, Armidale Regional Council will replace all the old timber sheep yards and loading races with steel and the onsite amenities and kiosk facilities will be refurbished.

Heavy-vehicle access will be improved with works to be undertaken on internal and external roads.

At Armidale Saleyards the cattle holding yards will be replaced and extended, the cattle weighing scales will be renewed and the amount of vehicle

parking will be increased.

Onsite amenities and offices will also be refurbished.

To improve environmental sustainability, a system will be installed to harvest water from the large existing roof, which will be used in a truck wash-down reuse program, with solar panels also to be installed to lower power costs.

Increasing the holding capacity and improving access will make these yards some of the highest quality in northern NSW, attracting the best stock, biggest buyers and highest prices for farmers.

### \$27.01million in needs-based funding for Northern Tablelands Schools

Public Schools in the Guyra region are amongst the 59 Northern Tablelands schools which will share in \$27.01 million in needs based equity funding next year, as part of the State Government's commitment to the Gonski program.

Guyra Central School is set to receive \$1,040,601, an additional \$95,175 on last year, while Black Mountain Public School and Ben Lomond Public School have also seen an annual increase in RAM funding.

This funding is spent at the discretion of the school principal and the school community, as per the State Government's Local Schools, Local Decisions reforms, covering the cost of additional benefits in areas such as literacy and numeracy support, teachers' professional development and community engagement.

Changes in a school's cohort can cause fluctuations in the annual funding.

Since Gonski was introduced in NSW, the needs-based funding allocation model had seen annual recurrent funding for the 59 Northern Tablelands public schools increase by \$17.6 million.

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