



# Guyra Gazette

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## Storm hits hard at Moredun Ponds

A Guyra family is counting the cost after a devastating storm passed through on Thursday February 25th. Described as like a tornado, the storm hit hard at Moredun Ponds Fish Farm, around 45km from Guyra in the Tenterden area.

Moredun Ponds has a long history and has been a popular place to visit since it was built up by AJ Youman over a 25-year period. He put his heart and soul into his little piece of paradise and was well known in the community. It holds great memories not only for his family, but also to many friends and locals. AJ passed away 5 years ago but his dream and memories of the farm continue thanks to partner Jo Davis, son Jamie and grandson Billy who still live on the farm.

They were at home when the storm came through at around 5.30 pm and were lucky to escape injury. The storm lasted just 15 minutes, but caused significant damage, with a total of ten buildings either damaged or destroyed. Strong winds lifted the roofing, allowing the rain that followed to inundate the buildings causing further damage.

Trees were also uprooted in the path of the storm, which was around ½ km wide. It has left the family with a massive repair bill which could be as high as \$500,000. While the business was insured, it is unclear at this stage whether the damage bill will be covered.

The community has rallied to support the family and have organised a working



Ten buildings at Moredun Ponds were damaged in the storm including homes, sheds and farmstay cabins

bee for this Sunday to help clear the debris and begin with the rebuilding process.

A Go Fund Me page "Help Hog, Bill & Jo rebuild their homes" has been set up and has already raised \$1650 of a \$5000 target.

Organisers say that any small donation would be greatly appreciated to help get the fish farm back up and running.

An account has also been set up at the National Australia Bank in Guyra to accept donations and cash donations can be dropped into Dasha's Hardware.

If you want to help out with the working bee on Sunday bring whatever equipment you think might be useful and lend a hand.

## Auction - 186 Bradley Street, Guyra

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - 11.00am, on site

### Great Opportunity to Be Had ...

This 3-bedroom home located in the main street of Guyra is just a small distance from the local Bowling Club, Golf Club and shopping centre.

Situated on a large 2000 square metre double block, with back access to Mackie Parkway, this home consists of 3 bedrooms, lounge, sunroom, kitchen, bathroom and a couple of sheds.

A little restoration may be required but it certainly has plenty of character and the bones to make it something special.

Vendors are highly motivated and are looking for a quick sale.



Contact Mark Atkin: 0455 310 657  
or Elders Armidale and Guyra: 02 6775 4500  
for further information & to book an inspection



# Cattle stewards' contribution recognised

The Guyra Show Society recognised the significant contribution of former Head Cattle Steward Ron Looker and wife Maureen at this year's Show.

They were presented with a Certificate and given Life membership of the Show Society in front of the crowd assembled in the cattle ring.

Ron and Maureen Looker have made an invaluable contribution and given outstanding service to the Cattle section of the Guyra Show over many years.

Ron took over as Cattle Head Steward from Frank White in 1999. In no time Ron, with assistance from Maureen raised the profile of the Guyra cattle section to not only to be the benchmark for Group 13 shows but for many other Shows in New South Wales and Queensland.

Ron and Maureen regularly exhibited at the EKKA in Brisbane and Royal Easter Show in Sydney, winning many prizes with their Limousin



Dorothy Lockyer, Maureen Looker, Ron Looker, Rita Williams, Chad Williamson and Michael Jackson

stud.

They also started the first twilight Heifer Show in Group 13 and incorporated Junior Judging and Parader Competitions as a regular feature in the Guyra Show. They also

over the years donated young steers to Guyra Central School that allowed students to participate in hoof and hook competition as well as the led steer competitions.

Ron and Maureen are

known throughout New South Wales and Queensland for their hospitality to exhibitors, judges and visitors to the Guyra Show.



Once again the School Section dominated the pavilion. Lewis Robinson (right) was selected as the Champion in the Junior Primary Art section for his drawing of a convoy of 4WD vehicles

## Guyra Show Results Art & Craft

### Champion

Louise Pearson

### Reserve Champion

David Emmerton

### Lego Champion

Ruby Menkens

### School Section

**Year 12 Major work, Champion Craft, Champion Exhibitor and Most successful exhibitor –**

Colleen Pearson

### School Section

### Junior Primary Art

Lewis Robinson

### Primary Craft Exhibit

Emily Roarty

### Senior Primary

### Art Exhibit

Black Mountain Mural

### Secondary Art Exhibit

Claire Flynn

### Infants Art Exhibit Mural

Guyra Central Years 1 & 2

### Infants Art Exhibit

Elsie Post



# Opportunities grow for Sara

Born and bred in Guyra, Sara Rushton did not imagine the opportunities that would come when she started work at the Costa Tomato Glasshouses.

Sara worked for more than 13 years in Guyra, before taking an opportunity to move to the Costa Berry farm in Corindi and most recently a promotion to head up the Quality team for the Costa Berry farms in Far North Queensland.

"I started in tomatoes when I was 19. Guyra is a very small town and I didn't even have my licence. I lived at home and initially worked at the farm part-time," Sara said

Over the next 13 years, Sara worked in the pollination of the plants, the packing shed and then in the quality area.

When her husband was offered work in Coffs Harbour, Sara was able to transition to the Costa berry farm at Corindi.

"The Tomato farm was like my home and leaving Guyra was



Sara Rushton has come up through the ranks since starting work in the Costa Glasshouses in Guyra

very difficult, but I was able to go straight into a harvest team in Corindi," she said.

After more than two years at Corindi, Sara was offered the Quality Co-ordinator position

for the Costa Berry farms on the Atherton Tablelands in Far North Queensland, and started in her new role in February.

"I'm passionate about my job because I believe quality is one

of the most important things in the food industry. I love the feeling when we send fruit out that we know it is of the best quality we can give.

"I also love spending time with everyone from the pickers through to managers and making sure everyone knows the importance of quality in our business, and also getting to meet people from all areas of the world."

Sara said it was a 'massive' decision to move up to the Atherton Tablelands, but it was a great opportunity.

"If you show the effort and the passion, then Costa will look after you. If you want to get up and do something with your life, you can start at the bottom and work your way up.

"I have met some wonderful people at Corindi and hoping the same will happen here on the Tablelands, but Guyra will always have my heart."

Service NSW  
is coming  
to your  
community



**We're bringing NSW Government services to Guyra on Wednesday 3rd March from 9:00am - 2:00pm**

Your community will be able to access NSW services such as driver knowledge tests, renewing your driver licence and registrations, and so much more.

Find our Mobile Service Centre at **Public Car Park, 119 Bradley Street, Guyra.**

Visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au) or call **13 77 88** to find out more.



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## What's HOT

**VEGE GARDENERS** sharing their produce around

**HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY** to Karan from your office staff

**SCHOOL Leaders**

## What's NOT

**OPEN POTHoles** on the New England 'goat track' in the over taking lanes at the bottom of the pinch.

**HAND SANITISER** not being used when entering shops

## QUOTE of the week

*In science read the newest works, in literature read the oldest.*

*Edward G. Bulwer-Lytton*

**Bureau of Meteorology**

## Weather

### WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
23	Tues	13.8	25.9	0
24	Wed	13.0	18.6	2.0
25	Thurs	12.5	22.0	11.8
26	Fri	13.0	23.3	22.6
27	Sat	15.0	19.6	12.2
28	Sun	13.4	24.4	30.4
21	Mon	14.3	25.2	0

Rain this week	79mm
February rainfall	148.6mm
Rainfall YTD	191.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	304.8mm
Ave. rain to Mar.	290mm

*Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology*

## Have your say.....

### Congratulations

Guyra CWA members would like to congratulate the Guyra Show Society for staging a very successful 2021 Show.

To President Richard, the team at Gala, the stewards and the many, many volunteers that it takes to run a Show: Well Done.

In these uncertain times it took a lot of determination and planning to hold the Show but it was all worthwhile.

*Heather Starr*

### Malpas Dam

It is pleasing to note that the State Government through local State Member Adam Marshall is keeping the heat on the Armidale Regional Council to expedite the planning work for the raising of the Malpas Dam wall to more than double its capacity. The new area to be covered has already been gazetted when the dam was built in the late 60's. The dam supports both Armidale and Guyra water supply.

This proposal is to lift the wall by 6.5 metres and through that we can gain a doubling of the dam's capacity by an extra 16 or so gegalitres. At the moment the dam is just over 60% full and what is needed is a flood to lift the dam to the current full level. In September 2015 it was 90% full and so if we can get the wall increased as mentioned then one of those 10 year or so floods will really secure the future water for the Tablelands.

I am sure that all Guyra residents would support this NSW Government and ARC development.

*Alan St Clair*

### Proposed 'Rangoon' Wind Farm

The residents of Ben Lomond are facing and unprecedented infringement upon their community through the NSW State Government's determination to force on our community, their concept of Renewable Energy Zones, even despite that the Chief Scientist of Australia is on record as saying that there is nothing that Australia can do that could make any difference to the Global Temperatures.

The NSW Government is pushing through the initial planning processes, making the New England part of the State, their green renewable energy zone, as

announced by the Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall on 28th January 2021.

We in Ben Lomond ask:

• When did Mr Marshall ask the electorate whether this proposal is wanted in this region? References cite 'not on prime agricultural land and only where it is wanted!'

• When/Where did Mr Marshall hold meetings with locals from each of the proposed potential localities?

• When did Mr Marshall decide that only people living within reach of a transmission line could have access to drought mitigation by hosting renewables as suggested in the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap?

• Did Mr Marshall and the NSW Government stipulate components should be Australian made, and contracts awarded to Australian companies, as they could be, to support our Australian economy?

• Has Mr Marshall explained how renewables' waste will be disposed, given much is not recyclable?

Remember the proposed wind turbines at Ben Lomond will tower some 250 metres above the ground. That is about the same height as the Sydney Centre Point Tower Restaurant. There will be 25 of these 820 feet high Turbines towering over and around the village from surrounding ridges.

We are hearing about the impact on communities in Victoria when wind farms surround their homes, villages and localities. Residents in Victoria have provided details of their experiences of living close to these turbines. Some of the comments relating to the various farm residents are detailed here.

Dundonnell Wind Farm: They note the loss and destruction of the large birds of prey in the area with dead eagles on the ground and obliteration of brolgas in parts of the Moyne shire.

A participating neighbour [any person receiving any money from a wind farm] is precluded from lodging a complaint against the wind farm. A resident in receipt of a small amount of funding in compensation, had allowed 5 turbines near their residence but now find that they cannot sleep at night due to noise and vibrations.

Macarthur Wind Farm: Resi-

dents advised the loss of community and the devastation that a wind farm inflicts on the people left behind. Only three farmers benefited from the wind farm. Each have since moved away from the area to live in a Wind Turbine free locality - now work their farms remotely. (They are outcasts in the community, fitting the description of a 'rural slum' - the cashed up hosts leave; only others are left to live with the consequences.) Meetings have heard that people advise waking at night to the sound of the wind turbines which can appear to sound like a small aeroplane, always, about to land.

There are many more stories, some more local, so let's hasten to say that what is happening in Ben Lomond is only the start. It is understood that there are multiple proposals in the New England, for instance there are plans for the Doughboys, to the east near Wongwibinda to be subjected to 80 wind towers.

The beauty of the Northern Tablelands will be destroyed if this wanton vandalism of our beautiful landscape is allowed to continue. Concerned residents of Guyra, Glencoe and Ben Lomond should fight this incursion upon our right to the quiet enjoyment of the amenity - our land.

Contact our State Member the Hon Adam Marshall MP at Suite 1, 175 Rusden St Armidale NBSW 2350 or via email at [northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au) for some answers. While he may feel the process is robust through the NSW Department of Planning mechanisms, can he explain the full vision? Can he explain and justify why such an intrusion is acceptable and deemed so necessary to disrupt our small community of residents, rural business and school? How can only a few people be entitled to drought mitigation? Where will the jobs come from if projects are granted to overseas companies using imported components? What plans are there for disposal of components through incidental maintenance and especially at the end of life decommissioning? What impact does he anticipate for land valuations, sale prices (and therefore council rates)?

Ask now. Later may be too late.

*Beth White*



# Amos Vale goes back to back

Amos Vale Herefords has gone back to back winning Supreme Exhibits of Guyra Show in both 2020 and 2021. In 2020 they won with a bull and this year it was a heifer that got the win. Amazingly, they were both out of the same cow.

Amos Vale has congratulated Guyra for a wonderful Hereford Feature Show and a great cattle show overall. They said it was pleasing to see the huge numbers, especially Herefords and real quality.

Amos Vale 'Lioness Q026' (16 months old) was named the Junior Champion Hereford Heifer, Grand Champion Hereford Female, Interbreed Junior Heifer, Supreme Female of the Show and was the Supreme Exhibit of the Show.

Her stable mate 'Poddy' who was Junior Champion



Amos Vale 'Lioness Q026' was the Supreme Exhibit at the 2021 Guyra Show

in Glen Innes the previous week and was 2nd in her class to Lioness. 'Hi Flyer' was 3rd in his class. Amos Vale also took out Interbreed breeders group with

their team and Interbreed pair of females. Judging was done by Tom Nixon of Devon Court Herefords.

## \$1.3 million NE Highway upgrade begins

Motorists on the New England Highway will soon enjoy a smoother and safer journey when travelling north of Guyra, with work beginning on a \$1.3 million safety and drainage upgrade.

The project, being delivered under the NSW Government's Safer Roads Program, will improve a 1.3 kilometre stretch of the highway between Ryanda Creek Road and Stoke Farm Road.

Works include widening road shoulders, installing safety barriers, drainage improvements, pavement works, resurfacing and line marking.

The project will be carried out from 7am to 6pm on weekdays and 7am to 2pm on Saturdays, and is expected to be complete by May, weather permitting.

Traffic control and a reduced speed limit will be in place for the safety of workers and road users. Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions, and follow the directions of signs and traffic control."

For the latest traffic updates download the Live Traffic NSW App, visit [www.live-traffic.com](http://www.live-traffic.com) or call 132 701.





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### Guyra included in regional satellite sites for COVID-19 vaccines rollout

Guyra has been named in a list of five Northern Tablelands communities which will initially be involved with the regional rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine.

From March 15, satellite sites, working in tandem with the vaccine hub at Newcastle's John Hunter Hospital, will support the distribution which is initially focused on frontline healthcare and border workers.

The five major hubs, Newcastle Hospital, Wollongong Hospital, Wagga Wagga Base Hospital, Coffs Harbour Hospital and Dubbo Hospital, and their linked satellite sites will open progressively from 15 March through to April.

The vaccine, which needs specialised storage and handling, will be dispatched from the hubs to the satellite sites.

I'm delighted that many of our frontline workers and residents will be able to access the vaccine in their home towns, and I'll be keeping the community

informed with exact times and locations where the jab can be received once details are available.

This announcement is a huge milestone in the life of the pandemic and is one which will eventually be followed by a wider rollout of the vaccine to the general public through the GP network.

In preparation for receiving the vaccine, I encourage everyone to make sure their details are up to date with Medicare. Once you've had your vaccine, you'll be able to get an immunisation history statement to prove your vaccination status.

In the first week of the vaccine rollout, 10,333 jabs were administered in NSW, which puts us well on track to achieving the target of 33,500 in three weeks.

Other locations in the electorate listed as satellite sites include health services in Armidale, Bingara, Tingha and Wyallda.

### \$781,668 for major upgrades to amenities at Guyra Showground

I was pleased to be able to announce

at last month's Guyra Show, a \$781,668 State Government grant to continue the great work being done by the Land Managers to improve facilities at the Showground.

This major investment will see a new shower and toilet block built to replace amenities on the southern end of the ground, and demolish and replace the amenities at the back of the Community Hall.

The new Community Hall amenities will include disabled toilets and laundry, which will be available for use during events at the showground.

Since the start of the pandemic the State Government has provided \$910,771 in stimulus grants to support upgrades to the Showground and generate local jobs.

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## Obituary ~ Joyce McKemey

Joyce McKemey, who lived most of her 98 years in Guyra and Armidale, died peacefully at Armidale Private Hospital on the 27th January 2021. After a private family service at St James Anglican Church on the 3rd February, she was buried at the Guyra Cemetery.

Joyce was born at Backwater to Herbert and Caroline Arndell. In her early twenties she fell for the charms of Irishman, Jack (John) McKemey and they were married in 1944. Together for thirty-four years, they worked side-by-side and raised their children, Lorraine and John, primarily at Willow Park, where John and his family continue to live. Lorraine now lives in Mudgee.

Although Joyce did not seek social occasions or lots of friends, those who crossed her path or visited her home felt her warmth, sincerity and caring. Her six grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren all adored her and always found their favourite biscuits when they visited. She remained interested in all members of her family, never forgetting their names and what their interests were. Family and friends always found her available for conversation, a



joke, and when needed, comfort or a sympathetic ear.

Joyce's life was one of grace, loyalty and courage. Like others her age, she lived through many hardships including the Depression, World War II and recently COVID-19. She farewelled her husband, Jack; her parents, Herb and Carrie; sister, Marge; and great-grandchild, Charlotte. Through these times, she somehow always had the strength to support others and was able to find ways to make a difference.

Her life was full of joy and love and is one to be celebrated.

## Council adopts new Drought Management Plan

Armidale Regional Council has taken a critical step in securing the region's town water supply after it adopted its updated Drought Management Plan at the February 24 Council Meeting.

Armidale Regional Council General Manager James Roncon said the plan harmonises the previously separate Armidale and Guyra Drought Management Plans, and outlines strategies to minimise the impact of drought on town water users.

"By having a roadmap established, we hope to avoid a year like 2019 where nil inflows into Armidale and Guyra's dam storages meant emergency restrictions had to be introduced," said Mr Roncon.

"The plan is a way to ensure the community is informed about issues associated with drought management, and the role residents need to play during times of drought."

After seeking community input last year, Council has identified key short and long term actions that can be taken to preserve town water supply.

Strategies include new guidelines for when water restrictions are triggered and identifying when certain actions need to be taken.

"This trigger system will eliminate any uncertainty when it comes to implementing restrictions and deciding when the right time is to relax

or tighten rules around water use," said Mr Roncon.

"By having a clear roadmap, it will be easier to communicate to residents the value of water and how important it is to use it wisely in times of drought."

There are also a number of long term strategies, including increasing the capacity of Malpas Dam, utilising potential groundwater, and renewing the Puddledock transfer main under the NSW Government's Safe and Secure Funding programme.

"The plan also outlines ways to prepare for drought, including continuous monitoring of water sources, having data readily available, and closely monitoring climate outlooks," said Mr Roncon.

"We will continue to work closely with the community to ensure the Drought Management Plan accurately reflects the needs and capabilities of residents and businesses."

A recovery strategy is also in place to ensure the region bounces back from drought as quickly as possible.

"This plan is vital to the prosperity of our region and will ensure we are not put in a vulnerable position," said Mr Roncon.

The plan will be made available on the water restrictions page on Armidale Regional Council's website.

## Now is the time to act on Malpas Dam Wall

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall has used a speech on the floor of State Parliament to highlight the need for Armidale Regional Council to expedite planning work for the raising of the Malpas Dam wall, to more than double its capacity.

Mr Marshall said if any lesson had been learned from the drought, it is that immediate action was needed to ensure water security for Armidale, Guyra and surrounding com-

munities.

"We do not have to build a new dam, if we lift the existing dam wall by 6.5 metres, as some of the early scoping studies have shown, then we can gain an extra 16 or 17 gigalitres – more than doubling the existing 13 gigalitre capacity," Mr Marshall said.

"Recently, I met with Armidale Regional Council Mayor Ian Tiley and General Manager James Roncon to impress upon them the critical impor-

tance of this project in ensuring the economic and social viability of communities in the region.

"At the moment a yield study is being conducted by council and by the water division within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE).

"The State Government provided funds to council, which allowed it and DPIE, to establish the Malpas Dam upgrade road map. This outlines six

key steps, from last year to 2024, to achieve the augmentation or expansion of the dam.

"That said, we cannot afford to wait another four or five years – we must act now while momentum is with us. The issue of water security is far too important to drag our feet.

"A Malpas Dam with more than double its current capacity has to be the legacy we leave the next generation to withstand future droughts and allow the region to grow."



## Guyra's City to Soil use

An audit of Guyra residential bins was conducted in the week starting 11 May 2020 to determine levels of cross contamination between organic and landfill waste bins.

The audit found:

- On average, 41% of waste in Guyra red-lid bins was organic waste
- Only 26% of food waste is going into green-lid bins.
- 99% of collected waste was placed in the green bin
- There is an extra 2.4kg of organics waste that could be collected for each Guyra household.
- There is 9kg of organics waste in the green-lid bin each week
- Contamination in the green-lid bin is very low (1.4%)

**Did you know**  
41% of waste put in Guyra's red-lid bins could be put in the City to Soil bin?



## Become part of the solution

Please use your biobags and MaxAir bin for:

- any raw or cooked food
- tea bags
- coffee grounds
- fruit and vegetables
- peelings
- leftovers
- meat
- fish
- cooking oil (cool oil from a fry pan can just be soaked up in paper towel and then placed into the MaxAir Bin)
- used tissues
- paper towels

We cannot compost:

- bottle tops
- glass
- plastics
- metals
- medicines
- chemicals

**Do your bit for the environment and start using City to Soil today!**



Please use your City to Soil green lid wheelie bin for:

Kitchen waste in your compostable bags.

Clean, loose green waste such as leaves, branches, prunings and grass clippings.

Pizza boxes, soiled wet paper, pet manure and compostable kitty litter, paper and cardboard takeaway containers.

Please **DO NOT** use your City to Soil wheelie bin for:

Nappies, coffee pods and disposable cups, cigarette butts, glass, plastics, metals, gardening tools, treated timber, chemicals, fertilisers, insecticides, weed poisons, or any toxic or dangerous substances.



**For further information on Council's City to Soil organics program visit Council's website**

### New England grants for young people

ADFAS Armidale and the Armidale Central Rotary Club have announced funding opportunities for individual young people and not-for-profit organisations (up to 26 years of age) to support their involvement in the arts.

Visit the Armidale Central Rotary Club Facebook page for more information and how you can apply.

For enquiries please call Graeme Fordham on 0402 598 107.

## Councillor coffee catch-ups

The Mayor and Councillors are keen to work as a team and restore trust and confidence in the governing body.

Councillors will be available at Jojos Cafe in Guyra on Thursday 1 April to meet informally with the community. If you have a question, an issue or a great idea, or you just want to say hello, please visit Jojos Cafe between 10.30am and 11.30am to engage with your Councillors.

**Please note** - A date previously advertised for a coffee-catch-up in Guyra on 11 March has been cancelled.



### Are you in need of some Lucerne hay?

Council's Sewer Treatment Plant and Reuse Farm currently has 8x4x3 size bales available for sale! For information on prices or to place an order, contact Shaun Brennan on 6770 3835 or 0427 295 716.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 March 2021 at the Armidale Council Chambers, 135 Rusden St, from 4pm. Please see Council's website if you would like to register to attend.

### Stay connected

Armidale Regional Council is on Facebook - the page is named 'Armidale Regional Council'.



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



and on Instagram 'armidale regional council'



### PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 3 March 2021

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# Annual Blessing Mass



**Back l to r:** Archer Colvin, Alana Marshall, Lacey Cruickshank, Amber Writer, Isaac Hayes  
**Front:** Sophie Spradbrow, Tessa Jackson, Logan Mendes, Lily McFarlane, Dominic Nguyen, Ethan Wilson and Chase Beard

On Wednesday 24th February, St Mary of the Angels held our annual Blessing Mass. During this Mass we ask God's blessing for the school year, we also witness the induction of our new school leaders and the commissioning of staff for the new year.

This year we are very excited to introduce our fourteen Year 6 Leaders who will strive to model good behaviour and values to our younger students and to uphold the school motto of 'Strive Ever Higher'.

Congratulations to our 2021 School Leaders: Chase Beard, Archer Colvin, Lacey Cruickshank, Mavric Foster, Nayte Foster, Isaac Hayes, Tessa Jackson, Alana Marshall, Lily McFarlane, Logan Mendes, Dominic Nguyen, Sophie Spradbrow, Ethan Wilson and Amber Writer.

## Budding Artists

The students were very excited about the Guyra Show last weekend and also about their art entries.

Congratulations to Mikyla Patterson for First Prize with her Pollock inspired art and Lakia Cutmore for Second Prize for her "Day at the Beach" painting.

Also a big congratulations

to our 3-6 Class for their great effort in producing a class mural and receiving First Prize and also Grand Champion for Primary Group or Class Mural. Amber Hayes received Second Prize for her Year 6 Painting of a fish.

*Justine Eddy  
 (Relieving Principal)*



## Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**February 26th** - There was a greatly reduced penning of both sheep and lambs with just 2635 on offer last week.

The quality of the lambs to process was well below the previous sale. Lambs to suit restockers were well supplied. There was reduced processor competition, while restocker activity was

high.

There were varying trends through the young lambs to process. The light weights saw a firm to slightly cheaper market trend, however there was a larger percentage of 1st cross lambs penned with this affecting price change.

The heavier weights to re-

stockers saw a firm to slightly dearer trend with some of the better conditioned and heavier weights attracting processor competition as well. The well finished lambs to the trade sold firm to a shade dearer up to 26kg estimated dresses. The limited supply of heavier weights were cheaper with quality also

down.

The reduced competition and lower numbers impacted the sheep market. Trends were generally cheaper. There was some price change related to quality and condition. Once again there was good interest from restockers on ewe lines.

## Weekly Wool Sales

**Febuary 26th** - Small losses were experienced in the Northern region over both selling days this week with the Indicator dipping 7 cents on Tuesday followed by another 5 cents on Wednesday. Having led the charge up, the finer types gave back the most ground. The large national

offering combined with an Aussie dollar appreciating almost 3.3% against the US since last week's sale no doubt contributed to putting a dent in what so far had been a post Christmas return to confidence. 40,908 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed

in rate of 18.4%. Major buyers included Techwool, Fox & Lillie and Endeavour Wool. The Southern market selling in isolation on Thursday continued to see losses accelerate. With it came some fierce resistance as the passed in rate for the Merino fleece types jumped to almost 33% on the

final day. Gains in the Crossbred sector particularly in the Southern region prevented a greater fall in the overall market indicator. Forward market prices traded at slight premiums early in the week before stabilising at the physical close as far out as Spring.



# Meet this year's Guyra Central School Leaders



## Secondary Student Representative Council and Senior Students - Captains Olivia Little and Cooper Stanley

**Back l to r:** Braydon Wadley, Jordan Evans, Principal Mrs Michelle Nicholson, Jake Wilson **Second row:** Joseph Ashman, Harrison Dowden, Olivia Little (Captain), Claire Davidson, Cooper Stanley (Captain), Carter Atkin, Josh Hartas Berry, Cordelia Lloyd **Third row:** Jaimie Loeb, Tahmani Landsborough, Ben Stevens, Fletcher Richardson, Kelly Daly, Alice Flynn, Emma Gray, Kiarna Landsborough **Front:** Mrs Linley Ryan, Andrew Pearson, Michael Looker, Renae Vanderwolf, Naomi Hartas Berry, Millie Roberts, Savannah Kempton and Mr Terry Curran.



## Primary Student Representative Council

K-6 Captains; Rose Kliendienst and Will Hutton

**Back:** Principal Mrs Michelle Nicholson, Karleah Alefosio, Liam Hutton, Stevie McElroy, Shelby Heagney, Levi Vanderwolf, Aidan Brown **Middle:** William Vidler, Summer Tibbs, Elsa Kliendienst, Hayley Williams, Parker Campbell, Tommy Mitchell, Kayden Mulligan, Gwenisha Landsborough, Brazton Hutton, James Grills **Front:** Rose Kliendienst, Will Hutton, Brysen Bull, Alexia Towler and Jessica Fletcher

## Primary Swimming Champions



On Friday February 15th, students from Year 2-6 at Guyra Central School had their annual swimming carnival. The weather started off hot however as the day progressed it started to cool off. The winning house was Nincoola and the winning house for the chant competition was Chandler.

### Age Champions were:

**Senior** - Rose Kliendienst and Tynan Bull

**11 Years** - Shelby Heagney and

Eli McGinty

**Junior** - Ruby Soraghan and Tom Ward





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## FOR RENT

**MAIN STREET PREMISES** office/shop, waiting room, toilet, kitchen. Central position, staff parking. Phone David 0412 856 679

## POULTRY FOR SALE

**LAYER PULLETS**, all breeds, delivered to Guyra 12<sup>th</sup> March. Call Jim 0428 194 105

## PROPERTY WANTED

**CARETAKER** available for rural property within 20km of town. Can also do farm work. Ph. 0402 821 943

## POSITION VACANT

We are seeking expressions of interest from individuals looking to be part of our team. **IMMEDIATE START FOR THE RIGHT PERSON.** Open to apprentice, mature age or someone willing to learn. **Resume to Bestech/ Guyra Mowers & Chainsaws, 182 Falconer Street, Guyra.**

## CLAIM THE DATE

**SUNDAY, 28th MARCH:** Guyra Cup 1400m. \$30,000 prize money.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

4 March	Heather Marchant
5 March	Lyn & Richard Skinner
8 March	Guyra Lions Club
9 March	Pam Carter
10 March	Anne 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

**St. James' Anglican Church**  
9am Sunday. Places are limited,  
please arrive from 8.30am  
Contact: Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111

## MEETING ROOM FOR HIRE

### Conference/Meeting Room *available for hire*

- ✓ Reasonable rates
  - ✓ Smart Board or Data Projector
  - ✓ Catering arranged on request
  - ✓ Air Conditioned
  - ✓ Great for Functions and Meetings
  - ✓ **Zoom meetings** can be arranged
  - ✓ Covid-Safe set-up
  - ✓ Computer/IT Room also available
- Contact: The GALA Centre**  
136 Bradley Street, Guyra  
Ph: 6779 2132  
E: [admin@gala.org.au](mailto:admin@gala.org.au)

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**VINNIES SHOP** Opening hours:  
Tuesday 10am - 2pm  
Wednesday 1pm - 4pm  
Friday 10am - 4pm

## PROBUS NOTES

Our annual meeting will be held next Monday, 8th March at the Bowling Club at 10am. Any new members would be welcome to attend this meeting.

We have a guest speaker at 10am. Yearly subs of \$30 are now due and can be paid at the meeting.

After our last meeting we went to Graham Newton's and saw the many things he has made from iron and wire. These are very clever the way they are all put together and his garden was great also.

*Judy Jackson*

## FOOTY TIPPING



## Gazette Footy Tipping

**Welcome to the Gazette's 2021 Footy Tipping competition - Enter NOW!**

The footy season starts on 11<sup>th</sup> March, and the first round is published **today** for the first week of tipping.

We welcome locals who would like to participate and for you the prizes this year will be: First \$100.00, Second \$50.00 and the Wooden Spoon \$20.00.

Some of our **Celebrities** are returning, but we would heartily welcome more of our fabulous Guyra business owners/managers to join the fun. The prizes for our Celebrity winners are a half page ad for first place and quarter page ads for second and third.

Good luck and have some fun!

**Contact the Gazette on 6779 2132 or email: [advertising@gala.org.au](mailto:advertising@gala.org.au)**

## GARAGE SALES

**HUGE SeaChange Moving Sale - 8.30am-4pm**  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
1 Ollera Street, Guyra  
Furniture, Collectables, Electrical Goods, Clothing and much more. Some Antique and Vintage items.

## TRADES & SERVICES



**IVEY GRAVEL**  
White gravel for sale  
**Contact Rob Ivey**  
**0459 098 173**

**Saturdays**  
10am to 12noon



### Knitting and crochet group.

Come on down for a chat, bring your current project or start a new one at ...

**Blacksheep Wool 'n' Wares**  
118A Bradley Street, Guyra



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## Men's golf

On Sunday February 21, golfers played a 18 hole par which was taken out by Pat Grills with plus 2. Runner up was Chris Newberry and nearest to the pins were Ian Taylor on the 7th, Barry Simpson on the 10th and Steven Sole on the 18th . On Sunday they played an 18 hole stableford for a club trophy.

*The Albatross*

## Midweek Golf

Due to the storms less than half the players have handed a card in this week.

We have decided to carry everything over to next week.

This is how it will work – firstly if you haven't played and can play this week then please do so.

Next If you have played, you can either play again and take a higher score if you get one

OR choose not to play this week and your score from last week will be recorded.

Put your cards in the box as per usual.

*Middy*

## Junior Rugby League

Thank you to all who attended the Registration / BBQ night on Friday night. It was great to see so many new players and families coming to

Junior League.

Training has commenced for under 15's on a Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm. Under 13's will start this Thursday at 4:45pm at the Guyra Sporting Complex. All other teams will start in the next couple of weeks. Day and time of training will be in the paper and on our Facebook Page – Guyra Junior Rugby League Page.

*Anna Heagney*

## CRICKET SCOREBOARD February 20th, 2021 (February 27th washed out)

### 1st Grade Guyra defeated by Ex Services

#### Guyra Innings

Grant Ryan	14
Mitch Woods	17
Ben Jackson	5
Joey Ryan	7
Charlie White	11
Matt Simpson	0
Cody Patterson	1
Heath Dowsett	3
Jake Ellis	not out 1
Tyson Burey	1
Jim Lenehan	5
Extras	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>

**Overs:** 32.2

**Ex Services Innings**  
3/87 off 27.2 overs

**Guyra Bowling:**  
Cody Patterson 2/16,  
Joey Ryan 1/32,

### 3rd Grade Guyra defeated Easts

#### Guyra Innings

Jason Campbell	85
Jack Lockyer	14
Craig Lockyer	42
Corey Torrens	19
Taylor Brennan	4
Simon Brown	not out 24
Dominic Cutmore	0
Pete Ahoy	not out 5
Brendon Williams	dnb
Maurie Blair	dnb
Billy Youman	dnb
Extras	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>6/219(cc)</b>

**Overs:** 40.0

**Easts Innings**  
152 off 30.3 overs  
**Guyra Bowling:**

Maurie Blair 3/32, Taylor Brennan 1/19, Corey Torrens 1/19, Pete Ahoy 1/30, Brendon Williams 2/30, Simon Brown 1/6

### Under 15 Guyra defeated Uralla/Walcha

#### Uralla/Walcha Innings

75 off 21.0 overs  
**Guyra Bowling:**  
Lincoln Brown 3/13  
Jack Lockyer 4/14  
Ben Reinke 3/3

#### Guyra Innings

Cooper Wilson	0
Rave Brazier	11
Archie Dowden	2
Brodi Campbell	not out 42
Ben reinke	6
Jack Lockyer	not out 9
Tom Lockyer	dnb
Lincoln Brown	dnb
B Landsborough	dnb
Oscar Atkin	dnb
Harrison Brazier	dnb
Extras	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>4/80</b>

**Overs:** 16

### Under 11s Guyra 1 5/156 defeated Guyra 2 9/96

#### Guyra 2 Batting

Tommy Mitchell 12,  
Peyton Heagney 2,  
Charlie Drew 4,  
Thomas Bull 16,  
\*\*\*\*\* 15,  
Ryan Vidler 14,  
Jack Wesley 4,

#### Guyra 1 Bowling

Jack Watters 1\14,  
Tom Ward 1/9,  
Mavric Foster 4/8  
Archie Foster 1/11,

#### Guyra 1 Batting

Edward Grills 7,  
Archie Foster 5,  
Mavric Foster 22,  
Thomas Ward 11,  
Jack Watters 2,  
Nayte Foster 25,  
Billy Ryan 7,  
Tyler Cameron 9,

#### Guyra 2 Bowling

Jack Wesley 2/31,  
Thomas Bull 2/18,

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Our Celebrity Footy Tipsters will be announced next week.  
Good luck and have some fun!

**Name:** .....

**OR:** (Not for publication - if you wish)

**Nom de Plume:** .....  
(For publication in the Locals Leaderboard)

**Phone:** .....

### Locals Entry Form - Round 1

Tips must be submitted to the Gazette office  
by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

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

## Large fields for golf at Guyra

### Vets Golf

Last week a large field of 103 enjoyed the great weather and well prepared course to compete in the second round of the New England Pennants. Thanks to the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club for helping us to handle such a large field within COVID restrictions. Thanks also to the many helpers that were needed to run the day.

The ladies winner was Pip White with a score of 38 points closely followed by Meg Fisher from Armidale with 37. The A Grade men's was taken out by Craig Hulls from Glen Innes with a good score of 41. Runner up was our own Chris Newberry with 38.

B Grade men's winner with 38 points was Neil Paine followed by Owen Presnell from Walcha on 36. C Grade winners were all Guyra with Len Stanley on 40 and Wal Chapman 38.

Nearest the Pins went to Cheryl McDonald from Walcha on the 7th, Shirley Bruce from Glen Innes on the 9th, Glen Innes's Craig Hull the 10th as well as the 18th.

The final Club totals for the day were Guyra 266 points, Armidale 234, Walcha 229, Glen Innes 226, and Walcha 221 points.



Jenny Tierney and Pip White won the Guyra Ladies Open

That means Guyra are now leading the Competition point score totals on 511 with Walcha not far behind on 494,

then Glen Innes 450, followed by Armidale 449 and finally Uralla 409.

Our sponsors Costa's were

very generous with a supply of tomatoes again with most players went home with something.

This week we play our two-day Open competition with players from Goondiwindi, Newcastle, Sydney as well as most clubs in the New England.

*A Vet*

### Ladies' Golf

Last week the Guyra Ladies Open saw a field of 70 players. The winners were Pip White and Jenny Tierney.

The runners up for the 4BBB were Pam Youman and Nancy Prisk. The Scratch Winners were Cheryl McDonald and Donna Martin from Walcha.

The Front 9 winners were Liz O'Hara and Lyn Campbell from Armidale. The Back 9 winners were Debbie Hefferman and Wendy Jackson.

Thank you to all the ladies and volunteers for helping make a successful day. Thank you to the sponsors for the day. This week the ladies are playing a 4BBBAM.

Next week is a Flag Stroke Event along with the Goodwill Plate and 2nd Round of the Golf NSW Medal. The starter is Jenni Jackson.

*Birdie*

## Women's Bowls President's Day

On Tuesday February 23rd, we had a very successful Presidents Day. Twenty six teams attended from Delungra, Kootingal, Bendemeer, Armidale Ex Services, Glen Innes, Inverell, Uralla, Armidale City, Walcha and Guyra. Apologies came from Tingha, Bingara and Tennerfield

Guyra was represented by nine players. The day was very enjoyable with good Bowls, Lunch, Lots of lucky prizes, 100 club and a Raffle.

A big thank you to all players from all clubs for your support

*Jenny O'Neill*



**GUYRA BOWLERS - Back l to r:** Kerrie Pollard, Colleen Gooley, Jill McEwen, Leis Gordon, Wendy Lockyer, Jenny O'Neill  
**Front:** President Laurel Betts, Cheryl O'Neill, Dot Jackson, Bertha Reeves