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Time's up on RFS career

Steve Mepham has seen a lot of changes and experienced some challenging and demanding times during his time working with the NSW Rural Fire Service. Last week he handed in his badge for the last time, retiring as New England Zone Manager following 20 years with the service.

Steve's association with the organisation goes back even further and began as a volunteer and captain of the Llangothlin Brigade, which was later amalgamated with Guyra.

"In the early days I was employed by council and it was a very different fire service that was run from a desk in a corner of the council office," Steve said.

"Our volunteers didn't have any personal protective equipment and were expected to cart tanker trailers behind farm utes when they went to fight a fire."

"What we have now is very different to what it was 20 years ago and it has been an absolute pleasure to work with so many volunteers and serve my community," he said.

"I am lucky to have served during what has been a golden era of the development of the rural fire service where we embarked on buying trucks, upgrading



equipment and building stations."

Steve describes the last few years as challenging and demanding both personally and professionally. During that time, the service was faced with a series of horrendous fire seasons, which included the Tingha fire early in 2019, followed by a series of fires around the area that burnt

for a total of 132 days later in the year.

"This was a demanding time and something I never really expected to see. We were used to seeing an unusual season every third year, but I never expected to see the day that fires from the west of us would go from here to the coast.

Steve said that he felt now was the right time to step aside and he is looking forward to working for himself and being in control of his own time and destiny. His heart is still with the community and he will now have more time to devote to things he is involved with including the Chamber of Commerce, Lamb and Potato Festival, and the Business Economic Advisory Panel of council. Now that COVID restrictions have been relaxed, he also plans to revive his sound and stage business that he has been running for 20 years.

"I came out of the community, to serve the community and to me that was special," Steve said. "It has been a team effort from the start and I am honoured to have been able to be able to work with some wonderful volunteers, and to have had great support from my senior management team."



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Waste services guide in the mail

Armidale Regional Council has entered a new era of waste services, with a new waste services guide delivered to residents. Armidale Regional Council's General Manager James Roncon says the new guide will give residents more clarity when using our world-class waste and recycling system.

"This guide is an easy way for residents to gain an understanding of how our waste services work, and what can and can't go in each bin," said Mr Roncon.

"Residents can stick the easy-to-read brochure on the fridge and leave it there as a quick reference guide for when in doubt."

The guide includes detailed information about what can be recycled, what is considered organic waste, and what needs to be put in the red lid bin. There is also information about how often waste is collected and

what residents need to do when leaving bins out for collection.

With the launch of the new waste services guide also comes a renewed focus on the environment and sustainability. Protecting native animals and their habitats is a core message Council hopes to communicate through the new guide.

New signage using images of

native Australian animals has also been put on two Clean-away garbage collection trucks to emphasise the important environmental message Council is trying to convey.

"A major chunk of the guide is dedicated to educating residents about the City to Soil program and our world-class recycling system," said Mr Ron-

con.

"By increasing uptake of these programs we are diverting waste from landfill, which is a vital step in minimising the region's carbon footprint."

The hard copy guide is printed on 100% recycled paper and is being distributed via post to residents.

New process for issuing penalty infringement notices

Armidale Regional Council has recently changed the way penalty infringement notices are issued in a bid to increase consistency and remove customer confusion. All penalty infringement notices will now be served by Revenue NSW in an electronic or hard-copy format that will be standardised and recognised across the whole state.

Armidale Regional Council's General Manager James Roncon said this will make

the penalty infringement process more streamlined and will remove any customer confusion.

"This change will be most noticeable for parking related fines as those breaching time limit restrictions will no longer receive a physical parking ticket on their windscreen," said Mr Roncon.

"The paper parking tickets were often removed by unknown parties, which lead to people being unaware they

were fined at all, so this new process removes any of the uncertainty and confusion people have faced in the past."

It's also expected the new system will create a safer work environment for Council staff who risked receiving abuse from people when issuing physical parking tickets.

If you have any questions about an infringement notice you have received, contact Revenue NSW.



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ANZAC DAY

It has now been more than a century since the guns fell silent on the First World War. With Anzac Day fast approaching, across Australia our communities will gather together to commemorate over a century of service and sacrifice, and the privilege we have of living in peace and freedom.

 To learn more about the Anzacs, please visit anzacportal.dva.gov.au



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NBN upgrade supports local industry

Local industry in Guyra is set to benefit from a \$520,018 boost to its NBN network and telecommunication services funded by the Federal Coalition Government's Regional Connectivity Program (RCP).

Member for New England Barnaby Joyce said the new project will provide support to Guyra's Costa Group hydroponic tomato glasshouse facility in its transition from Sky Muster Satellite to Fibre to the Premises (FTTP).

The extra NBN services along Elm Street and the New England Highway, will support Costa's expanding operations including administration, research and horticultural production in Guyra.

"Costa's tomato farm plays a pivotal role in backing local employment and investment in Guyra and this upgrade will support that," Mr Joyce said.

"It will help keep our businesses connected, our families in touch and means we can better access health, education and online services on the go.

"We need specifically targeted technology updates like this, in areas of demand, to ensure communities of Guyra and the wider New England, can continue to grow."

The \$90 million Regional Connectivity Program is delivering 81 place-based digital connectivity solutions in regional Australia through a range of mobile and broadband services.

The program is a key component of the Government's response to the 2018 Regional Telecommunications Review, and the delivery of successful projects under the program will begin in the coming weeks with projects expected to be completed by June 2022.



Member for New England Barnaby Joyce

Fee rebate comes at a good time

A new rebate scheme is now available which will help tens of thousands of small businesses, sole traders, farmers and not-for-profits cover costs they pay to their local council and State Government.

The \$1,500 rebate is available for small businesses with total wages below the \$1.2 million payroll tax threshold, and a turnover of at least \$75,000 a year.

A few examples of things that can be claimed back include, Liquor licences; Food authority licences; Council rates; and Outdoor seating fees.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said that small businesses and farmers are the backbone of country communities and this rebate is all about making it easier for people to run their businesses.

The NSW Farmers Association had commended the NSW Government on its delivery of the rebate scheme and they

are urging farmers to register for the \$1500 rebate.

NSW Farmers President James Jackson said primary producers should utilise schemes such as this, which are designed to bolster small businesses in the wake of the COVID-induced economic downturn.

"Farmers across the state have faced a series of setbacks, from prolonged drought and bushfires, to a global pandemic and flooding. This rebate has come at a good time for local food and fibre producers."

The rebate will be available until 30 June 2022. To apply and for more information, visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/small-business-fees-and-charges-rebate

For more information, and to apply, head to <http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/small-business-fees-and...> or call Service NSW on 13 77 88.



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ANZAC DAY

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QUOTE of the week

The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one.

Elbert Hubbard

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
13	Tues	-0.1	17.7	0
14	Wed	4.6	18.1	0
15	Thurs	7.9	20.1	0
16	Fri	6.8	19.6	0
17	Sat	8.9	11.6	2.4
18	Sun	2.2	12.1	15.4
19	Mon	1.5	16.7	0

Rain this week	17.8mm
April rainfall	19.2mm
Rainfall YTD	393mm
Rainfall last YTD	428.6mm
Ave. rain to Apr.	341.8mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology



The weekend saw the Lions Form It Up at Kolora. A small group of Lions constructed the forms for a garden shed. The shed will be built once the building arrives.

If you would like to help or

are considering joining The Lions, join the Lions every 1st and 3rd Wednesday 6:30 pm for and 7pm dinner at the Guyra Bowling Club.

Paul Hinkley

Above: Bob Furze, Geoff Reeves, and Jim Betts
Absent: Paul Hinkley

Picnic for Earth Day 2021

The 'Restore our Earth' community event and picnic aims to renew focus, action and fun for Earth Day 2021

With floods following fire and pandemic, it has never been more vital to take care of the planet we live on, and the New England community will have the chance to renew focus and learn more about what they can do at an event being planned around this year's Earth Day in late April.

'Restore our Earth' is a fitting theme for Earth Day 2021, and the community event in Armidale aims to provide opportunities for entertainment and family fun as well as finding out ways we can live more sustainably and care for our world.

'Restore our Earth' will take place on Saturday, 24th April, at Civic Park in Armidale from 11am to 2pm. This is to coin-

cide with other Earth Day events being held around the world, including the US Biden administration's convening of a global climate summit on the actual Earth Day, Thursday, April 22nd. Earth Day 2021 is also the 5th Anniversary of the signing of the Paris Agreement.

The event will invite reflection on the Earth's needs as well as its gifts, utilizing the Civic Park Labyrinth and creating a Deep Time Spiral Walk around the park. The spiral walk, commencing at 12 noon, will lead participants through the billions of years evolution of our planet. It will narrate the immensity of the Earth's journey giving perspective to the emergence of humanity and the challenges we currently face.

A community circle dance with folk music is planned

after the walk, and the vintage and original earth cabaret band Treeloss Lantana are reforming for the occasion. There will be opportunities for climate action and education, and the event will be family friendly with activities for children and young people.

Everyone is invited to get together, bring a picnic lunch and enjoy Civic Park's spacious atmosphere. A small number of food and coffee and sustainable goods stalls will be available. The event will be plastic bottle free with water stations provided and will aim to minimize waste.

This event is organised by Climate Action Armidale in conjunction with Sustainable Living Armidale, more information can be obtained by emailing Carrol Gregory at carrol.gregory@hotmail.com

VRA looking for new recruits

Guyra Volunteer Rescue Association is about to commence our bi-annual round of recruitment for VRA members to join our organisation here in Guyra.

The NSW VRA has over 50 Rescue Squads all over NSW serving their communities in General Land Rescue with a number of specialist Squads who deliver Alpine and Cave Rescue.

The traditional role of an accredited General Land Rescue Operator has the individual qualified in a number of facets of general land based rescue activities. While primarily the VRA is known for attending Motor Vehicle Accidents to release trapped persons this is only a small portion of our community related role.

In addition to pursuing community minded members who are willing to take on the commitment that is required to be a General Land Rescue (GLR) Operator we are moving forward with a new campaign to recruit members to undertake different duties that do not relate to the ugliness of road trauma and domestic and industrial rescue.

Our intention is to recruit new members to be trained for Land Search operations.

In recent times we have had three separate Land Search operations in the New England for missing persons that required attendance by the VRA and other volunteer organisations in the NSW SES and NSW RFS.

These search related activations can be anything from an overdue bushwalker, a property owner that has failed to return home, lost or missing children or a search for evidence to assist Police.

The VRA will provide to successful participants both a Safety and Volunteer Induction course, an accredited First Aid Course every 3 years and a basic Land Search awareness course that will include Map reading, Search Techniques, and Communications all at a basic introductory level only. You will be provided with a single VRA search uniform, boots and a back pack. If available to attend a search incident you will attend along with accredited VRA GLR operators.

So if you have a fair level of fitness, are a community minded person who enjoys the outdoors and prepared to attend a minimum of 2 of the 4 half day Search related training events to be conducted each year in close proximity to Guyra to maintain your basic skill set you may be just the person we are looking for.

It should be noted, as these incidents don't always require a rapid response and you may be provided with up to 12 hours notice of a search, so you don't need to live in close proximity to Guyra.

If you would like further information contact the Guyra VRA Squad Trainer on 0428792425.

New tanker delivered for Tingha RFS

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall has handed over the keys to a brand new \$380,000 Category 1 tanker to members of Tingha NSW Rural Fire Service Brigade.

The tanker replaces the former Tingha appliance which was significantly damaged in a rollover incident in January 2019.

The Tingha RFS brigade currently has four vehicles at its disposal, including the new Category 1 tanker, two Category 7 tankers and a Category 9 tanker.

"For such a small community Tingha has a strong RFS contingent with 64 members, 25 of those available to attend fires, while the remainder are involved in support, reserve or administration roles," Mr Marshall said.

"I thank Tingha RFS Captain Lawrie Horlyck, Senior Deputy Captain Andrew Conn and all brigade members for their service and hope the Cat 1 will go a long way to assisting their efforts to protect property and lives."

Earlier this year Tingha Citizens Association Chair



Tingha NSW RFS Brigade takes receipt of its new Category 1 tanker with Senior Deputy Captain Andrew Conn behind the wheel, Ingram Williams, behind, NSW RFS Clarence Manager Stuart Watts, left, volunteers Tyson Conn, Stuart Dick, Chris Hannam, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, Corey Livermore and NSW RFS Acting Manager for Northern Tablelands Inspector Liz Ferris.

Colleen Graham raised concerns with Mr Marshall about the age and quality of the resources available to the Tingha RFS to protect the community.

"I immediately sought con-

firmation from the NSW Rural Fire Service that Tingha would not be forgotten and their new Cat 1 tanker would be delivered, as promised," he said.

"The Tingha Brigade has

done a mighty job and on behalf of the community, I wanted to ensure they had the best equipment to continue doing their job supporting and protecting locals."

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

April 22 Sue Adams
 April 23 Steve Adams
 April 26 Narelle Leven
 April 27 Pam Hart
 April 28 D & B Mayled

Street Stalls

April 22 CWA
 April 23, 24, 29 Rotary
 April 30 Masonic Lodge
 May 1 Masonic Lodge

Church Notices

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Mass 6pm Saturday and 9am Tuesday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am
 Contact: 6779 1667

St. James' Anglican Church

9am Sunday. Doors open from 8:30am. We have plenty of space, all welcome!
 Contact: Rev. Tim Stevens 6779 1111

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

Service Clubs

LIONS CLUB dinner meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257

ROTARY CLUB dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6pm for 6.30pm at Guyra Cafe Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

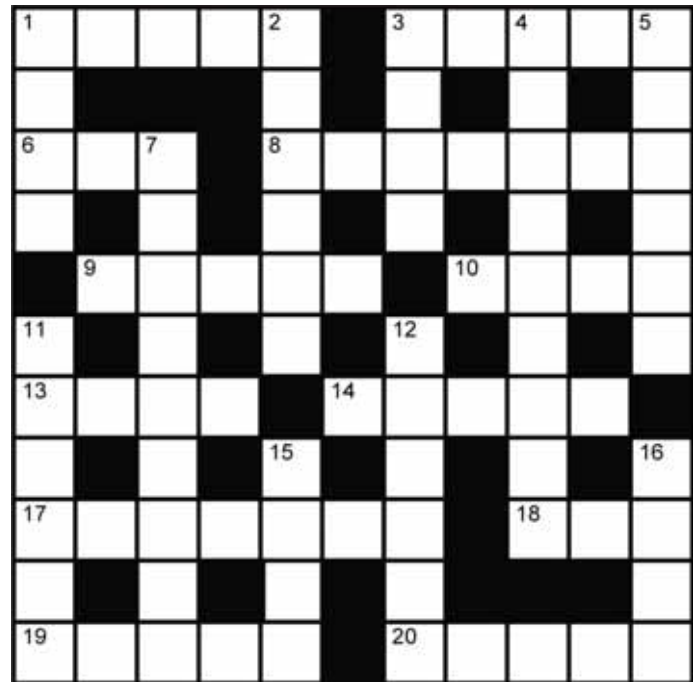
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- Animal food for browsing or grazing
- To use a brush
- Bolt surround
- It's a thing one may expect to read in the newspaper or magazine
- Visible mark left by the passage of a person or animal (as a footprint)
- Meeting with hounds
- Grocery or a wish
- Honesty
- Process of developing, often by getting bigger, increasing
- Tear/cut
- Yesterday's tomorrow
- Time between days

Down:

- A factor of heredity
- Deficient in quantity or number
- Something to browse
- A casual meeting
- A full supply
- A strip of wood or stone forming the bottom of a doorway
- Act of fleeing
- The point or place where something begins
- Urban community
- A round mark

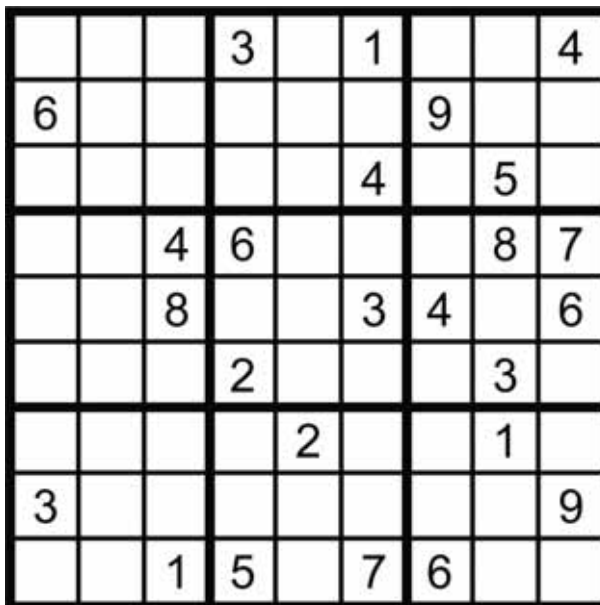
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What we do at The Hub

The Hub at Guyra is a community based Advocacy & Support, and an Information & Referral service. They provide support to anyone that has a need in the community to access services and support and can refer on to other services if need be.

When you walk through the door, you can expect respect, confidentiality, dignity and help to find your solutions to the questions and or concerns you have.

- Housing with local real estates and Homes North, plus emergency advocacy with Link2Home.

- Transport through HACC and or support if needed to access service.

- Financial support either emergency support and or re-

ferral to local supports such as Vinnie's and or ADRA

- Support to talk with providers of overdue bills, electricity or gas and go on line to query or set up better payment options or plans.

- Personal assistance can be provided, with forms and access to government services such as Centrelink, Medicare and Service NSW.

- Support to access services such as My Aged Care; set up a plan, update your plan and or find providers of services you may already have in your plan.

- Provide a safe and supportive space for you to meet, have a cuppa, catch up, have appointments, and also come to required appointments such as Employment Services.

- We have a number of Services outreaching in our community from Armidale, Tamworth or further afield, with more services enquiring about room hire and the support they can provide to our community each week.

- Disability services and NDIS providers

- New England North West Legal.

- Employment Services, for jobseekers, disability, parents and youth

- Reconnect and Youth Services to provide youth activities

- Corrections for meetings to do with parole etc.

- Health and wellbeing – massage therapy etc.

- TFSS and GFSS - Family Support Service to support families with young children

We expect to have the Community Garden up and functional by the end of 2021. This too will be a safe and comfortable place for people to “grow stuff and pick stuff”, to meet with others and to be supported by The Hub at Guyra.

In time we will be looking for Volunteers to provide that support and comfort, to help the youth and or others that may just need an outside space to sit for a while and enjoy our beautiful garden!!.

We are always looking for membership to the Hub at Guyra, this provides you with enjoyable meetings and getting to know exactly what we do in our community.

*Sarah Hunt
Manager*

ANZAC Day Services

On Sunday, 25th April, the Guyra RSL sub-Branch will hold services to commemorate ANZAC Day: Council's roadworks as part of the main street upgrade have been rescheduled to the following week to ensure the march can proceed.

5.45am – Dawn Service, followed by a light breakfast at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

9.00am – Service at the MPS

10.00am – Form up at Four Ways for the March

10.30am – March down Bradley Street

11.00am – Main Service at the Soldier's Memorial Hall

The ANZAC Day Address will be given by The Hon. Adam Marshall, MP our member for Northern Tablelands and Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales.

After the official wreath-laying, anyone wishing to lay

a memorial tribute is invited to do so.

There will be a 'bucket brigade' circulating amongst the crowd to raise much needed funds for the Guyra sub-Branch of the RSL so that the RSL can continue to support veterans and their families.

RSL members and guests can continue the camaraderie over lunch at the Bowling Club from 12.30pm onwards. Members and guests can order from the menu – for more details contact Martha Weiderman on 6779 2347 or Hans Hietbrink on 0402 044 891.

The Guyra RSL sub-Branch encourages main street businesses to join in commemorating ANZAC Day by doing a window display of memorabilia.

**Hans Hietbrink
President,
Guyra RSL sub-Branch**

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

April 14th - There was an increased penning of 1450 sheep and 3200 lambs at last week's Guyra sale. The quality of the lamb offering was mostly good, with restockers and processors well supplied. Restockers taking on some heavier weights than previously.

There was increased processor competition in both the sheep and the lamb markets. There was an increased number of restocker orders in the lamb market, this had little effect on the market trend. Demand was solid with all grades showing little change in

the market. There was some quality related price change in places.

Despite increased processor competition, demand was weaker for all weight ranges where there was no restocker participation. Trends were cheaper through out with the heaviest weight classes experiencing the greatest reduction.

The increased processor competition, combined with an improvement in quality resulted in dearer trends through the sheep market. Restockers were active on Woolly Merino ewes and plainer condition shorn Merino wethers.

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CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR
Alyssa and Cody Patterson



Life Membership for Ron Lansley was accepted by Malcolm, Margaret and Kevin Lansley

*PHOTOS:
Cricket Club
Presentations*



Life Membership for William Youman was accepted by wife Deidre, and children Scott, Andrew and Petra



Back: Graham Cameron and Troy Wesley
Front: Nayte Foster, Max Schaefer and Mavric Foster



Aiden Brown, Jason Mowbray, Angus Dullaway and Sam Surawski



Jack Lockyer, Craig Lockyer and Lincoln Brown



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping



Good Guess of the Locals made the best guesses this week, with the highest score of 14 points to bring him a few places up the Leaderboard.

Nightwatchman is still top of the Locals on 74 points, followed by The Red V on 72 and Eel-be-Right is displaying a steady performance in 3rd place on 68.

Next we have three on 66 and three on 64 points, with the rest of the field nicely strung out until we come to Farmer Joe

who seems to have stopped to smell the roses!

Harry and Cody are now the joint leaders of the Celebrities on 70 points, followed by Soley on 68.

The girls are having a meeting - Sue, Georgie and the Gazette are equal on 64 points. Georgie and the Gazette achieved the lowest score of 6 points.

Vu and B&L are resting at the end of the field on 56 points.

Sue's Tips

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



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Soley's Tips

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



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B-&-L's Tips

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- Bulldogs
- Raiders
- Tigers
- Roosters
- Storm



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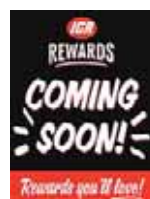


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Score: 56

Harry's Tips

- Panthers
- Rabbitohs
- Eels
- Sharks
- Raiders
- Sea Eagles
- Roosters
- Storm



**We are closed this
Sunday for ANZAC Day**

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Score: 70

Cody's Tips

- Panthers
- Titans
- Broncos
- Sharks
- Raiders
- Tigers
- Dragons
- Storm



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Score: 70

Vu's Tips

- Panthers
- Rabbitohs
- Eels
- Sharks
- Cowboys
- Tigers
- Dragons
- Storm



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Gazette's Tips

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



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6779 2132 **Score: 64**

Georgie's Tips

- Panthers
- Rabbitohs
- Eels
- Sharks
- Raiders
- Sea Eagles
- Roosters
- Storm



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Score: 64

Men's Golf

Last Sunday the Regional Australia Bank district championships were played. The district champion for 2021 is Tim Murray from Armidale with Michael Jackson runner up. Scott Mendes is the Nett champion, runner up was Bob Constance.

The A grade scratch winner was Mick Purvis with Matt Jackson runner up. A grade Nett went to Reg Walls with Darrin Towells runner up

The B grade scratch winner was Steven Sole with Mick Shiner runner up. The Nett went to Bruce Coppock with Allan Collins runner up .

C grade scratch winner was John Stansfield with B Julian runner up. The Nett winner was Pat Grills and Len Stanley runner up.

Nearest to the pins were Scott Mendes on the 7th, Dick Heaney on the 10th and Mick Purvis on the 18th. Next Sunday will be an 18 hole stableford for the Spar Express trophy.

The Albatross

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the Vets played an Individual Stableford counting putts. As the course dries out, golf becomes more enjoyable especially with the very pleasant Autumn weather.

Both Len Stanley and Wal Chapman scored 31 points but Wal came out on top by only one point on a countback.

The best putter on the day was Doug Archibald with only 26 putts ahead of Mick Shiner

with 28. Nearest the pins were scarce with Chris Newberry on the 18th being the only one.

Also last week, on Thursday 18 players travelled to Uralla for the next round of the New England Pennants. We went in with a slight margin of 4 points, but unfortunately finished the day square with Walcha, both on 947 points. This will make for an exciting final game to be played at Glen Innes on May 13th.

Armidale won the day with 243 points closely followed by Uralla with 242, then Walcha 237, Guyra 233, and finally Glen Innes 229.

The totals at this stage are: Guyra 947, Walcha 947, Armidale 924, Glen Innes 880 and Uralla 821. Please, all Vets, consider planning to play at Glen Innes on Thursday 13th May. We need a strong team to bring the Pennants home.

A Vet

Ladies' Golf

Last week the ladies played a Stableford.

The winner was Kerry Bull with 32 points winning on a countback from Donna White.

Nearest the pin winners were Donna White on the 9th and 18th holes.

Shona Mulligan on the 10th hole

This week several ladies are playing in the 3-day NEDGA tournament up at Glen Innes.

Next week is a Stroke and putting competition.

Shona Mulligan is the starter and sponsor.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

The bowls set down for Saturday April 17th was a washout however arrangements were made to play Sunday April 18th. We kicked off with a Major Singles game played between Scott Campbell and Robert Moore. Both players started slowly feeling each other out, Robert managed to grasp the feel of the green first and opened a lead but not to be out done Scott clawed his way back and by end 18 had drawn to within one shot of Robert only to see Robert draw away again. Scott found something and drew even again by end 30. Again Robert gained the ascendancy and went on to win the game 31 shots to 27 shots over 34 ends.

In Minor Singles Mick Rusden played Robert Goodchild, in this game Mick showed his experience but by no means was Robert to be out done as he pushed Mick all the way and with a little more experience will test the patience of more bowlers. Mick went on to take the win 31 shots to 19 shots over 31 ends.

No doubt the match of the day was between Dan Kennedy and Cameron Pearson. This was a Handicap Singles game with Dan giving Cameron an 8 shot start. Cameron made the best of his start and by end 29 held a very healthy lead 22 shots to 11 shots. Dan at this point called on all his experience to

endeavour to close the gap, this he managed to do but Cameron was not finished yet and again stretched the lead to 8 shots, Dan again fought back only to see Cameron extend his advantage by end 42 only wanting one shot to win but getting this elusive one shot was to prove Cameron's undoing as he saw his lead diminish and ultimately disappear. Dan eventually fell over the line in a marathon chase winning 31 shots to 30 shots over 46 ends.

Club Championships set down for this weekend.

Saturday April 24th: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: David Wilcox

Open Singles: David Wilcox to play John McIlwain marker Geoff Reeves.

Barry Campbell to play Mick Rusden marker Roger Cox

Sunday April 25th: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: Scott Campbell

Major Singles: Robert Moore to play Andrew Sparke marker Scott Campbell

Major/Minor Pairs: Col Stanley and Corby Kliendienst to play Mallie Walls and Logan Beechey

Steven Sole and Robert Walls to play Barry Presnell and Michael Jackson

The Bowls Bandit

Gazette Footy Tipping

Nightwatchman	74	Old Chook	62
The Red V	72	Smooch	62
Eel-be-Right	68	Good Guess	62
Red Devils	66	The Intern	60
The Star	66	The 3 Stooges	60
4nonga	66	Hazel	58
Bulldog	64	GG	58
Lucy's Choice	64	Elva Brazier	58
The Iggman	64	The Swimmer	54
The 3 Bunnies	62	Farmer Joe	40

Locals Entry Form - Round 8

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 28th April**

Name:

Phone:

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



SOCIAL CLUB

Guyra Social Club

Friday, 23rd April meeting at 12noon
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BEN LOMOND RFS AGM 12th May,
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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2pm. Enquiries: 6779 2132.

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Wednesday 28th April
8.30am - 4.30pm
Cost: \$160

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136 Bradley Street, Guyra
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FISHING CLUB RAFFLE



Fishing Club Raffle

Friday 30th April
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• \$400 meat trays from
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Drawn 7pm

All Welcome

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Great start to the season for Caspers

It only seemed like yesterday that we were cheering on 3rd grade in their grand final victory and we welcome 2021 to see what this brings. Second grade welcomed back some wonderful players this season and one new player took a step in the right direction with signing up. Nick Burey and BJ Kliendienst were the two returned players and Braith Kliendienst started his first full year with Guyra United. We also welcomed back Col Stanley as our coach.

It was a typical first game of the year. The weather was not in our corner, and we had a few players playing out of position, yet with these issues a great team shone through and we came away with a hard fought win and bought home 3 points.

First goal came off the boot of 2020 Golden Boot winner, Normie, who slotted one past the Norths United keeper after a mistake off a goal kick. Guyra

seemed to slow down a bit and Norths capitalised with a counter attack and snuck one into the back of the net to take the score to 1-1 at half time.

After oranges, we came out with a more settled persona about ourselves. This showed as our ball work and passing kicked up a level and the team started to look like we had been playing for years in these positions. Tyson was the next on the scoreboard after he picked his spot in the bottom right back corner of the opposition's net and absolutely pulverised the cover off the ball to get it there. Guyra, 2-1.

An uncontested corner let Norths back into the game with 20 minutes to go. Guyra stepped up another gear after this and had the majority of the ball for the rest of the game. A superb passage of play, which almost went through every player on the field, led up to Normie slot-

ting home the winner. Guyra came home victorious 3-2.

Jake Ellis came away with the 3 points after a solid game in the midfield, Jason Reed received 2 points with a tough game in the centre back role and Luke Brazier bought the 1 point home after shutting down bucket loads of runs down the wing.

Third Grade also had a great start to the season winning 5 - 3 over Armidale city west side. Rexly Tasso scored four of these goals with Robert Sisson scoring 1.

The new under 35s Caspers began their first game for the season against Westside Armidale in Armidale on Saturday. The game was played in tough conditions with the rain falling constantly for the majority of the match.

The Caspers opened the scoring with Bobby Blair finding space behind the defence and calmly putting the ball past the

Westside keeper. The Caspers were denied at least three goals with some fine keeping from the Westside keeper and were punished with two two quickfire goals giving the Westside team a 2-1 lead at half time.

The boys were enjoying the break and came out with new vigour and it wasn't long before the scores were equalled after good pressure saw the Westside defence score an own goal to make the score 2-2. The boys had some good chances but the score remained level at full time with everybody enjoying their first hit out for the year.

No points for this game but special mention and a welcome to the club for Adam Litherland and Jason Siddell. Oh, and extra special mention for Commando Rocks Roll during the match.

As a club, we warmly welcome all supporters this coming Saturday to come and watch our first home game of 2021.

Caspers

LAUNCHING Wednesday 28th April

Kirks IGA is pleased to announce we are launching IGA rewards for our loyal and local customers.

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By signing up with only your name, mobile number and email you are given a Rewards card to scan each time you shop! Your card gives you access to an additional 300 lines of specials.

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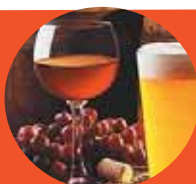
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