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Christmas Spirit shared

St Mary's students created cardboard snowflakes and Christmas baubles which are now on display at Kirks

The Christmas spirit is alive and well at St Mary of the Angels primary school and they are sharing it with the rest of the community. Using materials donated to the school by Kirks IGA, the Year 5 and 6 students have used their talents to create decorations that are now on display in the window of the Bradley Street supermarket.

Kirks IGA manager Harry

Kirk has extended his thanks to the students and their teacher Tiffany Martin for the wonderful decorations. He commended them for doing such a great job resulting in lots of positive comments and feedback from all the community.

Miss Martin said that they were grateful for the donation of materials and the students had a lot of fun creating the decora-

tions.

"When Harry got in touch and said he was looking to get the school involved, I was only too happy to help," she said. "The kids and I brainstormed some ideas and then they got to work and whipped up some crafty Christmas creations.

"They really enjoyed it and there was a lot of excitement in the classroom while they

worked. It was such a fun way to finish off a year which has been challenging for all of us."

"It was a great project to work on with the community, to help share the spirit and feel a little bit of Christmas cheer. Building positive relationships in the community from a young age is vital St Mary's appreciated the opportunity to get involved."

**'SHOP LOCAL' in December
and go into our Christmas give-away**

1st prize: Step Ladder (valued at \$185.00)

2nd prize: CAT Vest (valued at \$124.00)

**Dasha, Tania & staff wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
We thank you for shopping locally and
for your support of our business during 2021**

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& Building Supplies**

Our Christmas trading hours will be:

Friday	24 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
Christmas Day	25 December	CLOSED
Sunday	26 December	CLOSED
Monday	27 December	CLOSED
Tuesday	28 December	CLOSED
Wednesday	29 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
Thursday	30 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
Friday	31 December	7.00am – 5.30pm
New Year's Day	1 January	CLOSED
Sunday	2 January	CLOSED
Monday	3 January	CLOSED

**61 Ollera Street, Guyra
Phone: 6779 2444**

Welcome fundraising boost for community groups

Regional Australia Bank would like to say a big congratulations to all our Community Partnership Program recipients on another successful year as members of this great initiative.

We are proud to announce that this year's program has reached another new milestone, with more than \$2 million dollars in donations going to our registered organisations.

Guyra managed to impress again this year, raising a total of \$56,073.46 in donations for local groups.

Sadly, due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, Regional Australia Bank was once again unable to host its Community Partnership Program presentation events. Regional Australia Bank CEO, David Heine, congratulated all recipients virtually via a video message.

"We're incredibly proud of this program and to see such a substantial amount go towards so many organisations who work tirelessly to support our regional communities," he said.

"Leading these organisations are people who give up their time to ensure that our towns and cities have the services and support to thrive. It's so important to give them the



Celebrating a cash splash for local groups
Cath Richardson, Alysha Clark, Kay Hutton and Shona Mulligan

recognition they deserve and a platform to profile their great work."

Now in its 13th year, the Community Partnership Program helps thousands of community groups across regional Australia to fundraise. This has never been more important than right now, with ongoing restrictions meaning many organisations are unable to hold events to raise funds for the important work that they do.

From sporting clubs, environmental groups right through to health services, Regional Australia Bank is proud to support 1,600 registered

groups and causes through this program.

"We share the same values as these organisations and that's really important to us. To know that we're working with people that share the same ideals and values and supporting communities throughout regional Australia like we do is one of the great aspects of our partnership together," said Mr Heine.

"Thank you to our organisations and our wonderful customers who continue to support them through this initiative. I look forward to another successful year."

Volunteer Grants

Volunteers and their organisations in New England will receive part of the Federal Government's \$20 million Volunteer Grants round, to support the crucial role that they play within our community as Australia moves forward out of the pandemic.

Among the successful recipients is the Guyra & District Historical Society Inc who will receive \$5,000 to update their security and internet systems.

Deputy Prime Minister and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce announced more than \$122,000 in funding for 32 community organisations in New England.

"As your local member, I have seen the impact of volunteering here in New England and how the hard work of local volunteers continues to strengthen our community," the Deputy Prime Minister said.

"I'm proud of the work undertaken by community organisations in New England, supporting businesses and families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery".

Volunteers are integral to many Australian organisations, with more than 8.7 million volunteers across the country giving their time freely to support their communities.



Australian Government

OFFICIAL ADVICE

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is easy at one of more than 10,000 locations in Australia.

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Authorised by the Australian Government, Canberra.

January Festival back in business

The Guyra Lamb & Potato Festival Committee is more than just a little bit excited to be back to the business of putting on a wonderful Festival for visitors and the community. Festival dates have been set for January 12th to 23rd, coinciding with the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Festival President Steve Mepham said that after two years of COVID lockdowns, and a modified one-day event last year, the committee are really looking forward to getting back to the normal format.

“This Festival we have the added excitement of opening our brand new building which is only days away from being finished,” Steve said. “The building will house a permanent stage where our guest artists and bands can come and entertain.

“It will also be a place where visitors can sit back and enjoy the entertainment while they



Steve Mepham receiving the keys to the new building which will host the entertainment line up at this year's Lamb & Potato Festival

tuck into some great food from the Gazebo.

“The new building is one bay longer than the tent used to be so we have a little more room to accommodate the crowd, particularly when that afternoon storm or shower comes blowing in.”

“We have been in touch with stall holders and so far we are close to a full house with a few new ones coming for the first time. We do need a couple of stalls for children because there will be no tattoo's now that Derek has retired.

“The Car Show and Shine

has had some strong enquiries from some new clubs and promises to be as big as ever, while the Antique Machinery, Rail Trike, Model Trains are all happening as per usual.

“There will be some additional events happening at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame ranging from Poet's Breakfast to evening performances with a Bush Band for a good old village Bush Dance.”

New stallholders are still welcome contact Steve Mepham 0404 48 5585 or Mark Werts 0407 583 170.

Musicians looking to fill a spot can contact Ian Russell 0478 111 873 and organisations interested in doing a shift in the Gazebo to raise funds for their group please talk to Julie Gittoes - we would love to have you on board.

Last, but not least, don't forget to dress up our shop windows and draw people into our wonderfully full main street.



ARMIDALE

Regional Council

Christmas/New Year closedown

<p>Armidale and Guyra Civic Administration Buildings Closed from Monday 20 December reopening on Tuesday 4 January 2022. Phone 1300 136 833 for emergency requests</p> <p>Development Applications lodged through the NSW Planning Portal will not be assessed after 20 December 2021 until planning staff return on 4 January 2022. Building Inspections will be occurring up to Friday 24 December 2022. Book an inspection via the council website or through the City Watch app available through the council website. Inspections will recommence on 4 January 2022.</p> <p>Armidale and Guyra Waste Management Facilities Closed Christmas Day only. Wollomombi WTS closed Christmas Day. Monday - Friday, 7.30am - 5pm (no entry after 4.45pm) Weekends & Public Holidays 12 noon - 5pm (no entry after 4.45pm)</p> <p>Kerbside collections services will operate as normal during the Christmas New Year period.</p> <p>Armidale and Guyra Libraries Closed from Thursday 23 December, reopening on Tuesday 4 January 2022. Online services available at www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/libraries</p> <p>Armidale Folk Museum The museum will be closed from Saturday 25</p>	<p>December and will re-open on Friday 7 January 2022. Open daily 11am - 2pm</p> <p>Hillgrove Museum Closed from Monday 20 December through to Thursday 6 January, reopening Friday 7 January 2022. Frid - Mon 11am - 2pm</p> <p>Armidale Visitor Information Centre Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day Open during the holidays Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm Saturday 9am - 3pm Sunday 9am - 1pm</p> <p>Guyra Pre-School Closed from Thursday 23 December and reopens on Thursday 6 January 2022.</p> <p>Guyra Home Support Service Nicholl House 162 Bradley Street Guyra will close at 4pm Thursday 16 December 2021 and reopen 9am Tuesday 4 January 2022.</p> <p>Armidale Volunteer Referral Service Closed from 4.30pm on Thursday 16 December and reopen at 9.30am on Tuesday 4 January 2022.</p> <p>New England Regional Companion Animal Shelter Closed to the public from Monday 20 December. Reopening Tuesday 4 January 2022. On-call Ranger available for emergencies. Call 1300 136 833</p>
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Happy holidays!

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Venue Guyra Bowling Club
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Mark Atkin 0455 310 657
mark.atkin@elders.com.au
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What's HOT

A very BIG thank you to the young boy who handed my sons wallet in to a local business, we appreciate your honesty.

Mowing your neighbour's verge. Thank you!

Relaxing and fun Christmas party in the bush.

The heart-shaped pothole in Ryanda Street.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

On Thursday, 25th November 2021 we held our NAIDOC Celebrations. We all participated in literacy activities and created our own symbol stories that were engraved on dice. We then enjoyed decorating very colourful boomerangs. We collected natural materials from around the school gardens to make our own special KUKRA, to represent our school values. We had a barbeque lunch which our student leaders and Mrs Roller prepared and then enjoyed cutting our NAIDOC cake. It was a great day of activities and wonderful food.

*Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*



What's NOT

The Aberfoyle Rd deteriorating everyday and our school bus full of children having to travel on it.

QUOTE of the week

At
Christmas,
all roads
lead home

Bureau of Meteorology Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
7	Tues	12.7	20.6	0
8	Wed	10.0	22.4	21.0
9	Thurs	9.5	21.6	16.2
10	Fri	7.1	18.3	12.0
11	Sat	6.3	20.2	0
12	Sun	9.2	21.0	0
13	Mon	9.5	21.4	0

Rain this week	49.2 mm
Dec. rainfall	111.4mm
Rainfall YTD	1168.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	847.2mm
Ave. rain to Dec.	898.8mm

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



Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

Dec. 16th	Narelle Leven
Dec. 17th	Ann Williams
Dec 20th	NEM Staff
Dec 21st	Lesley Credland
Dec 22nd	H. Marchant
Dec. 23rd	D & B Mayled
Dec 24th	Narelle Leven
Dec. 27th	Toni Kirkman
Dec. 28th	Narelle Leven
Dec. 29th	Noreen Williams
Dec. 30th	Sue Adams
Dec. 31st	Steve Adams
Jan. 3rd	Judy Broad
Jan. 4th	Stuart Broad
Jan. 5th	Wendy Lockyer
Jan. 6th	H. Marchant
Jan. 7th	L & R Skinner
Jan. 10th	Lions Club
Jan. 11th	IGA Staff
Jan. 12th	Narelle Leven

Street Stalls

Dec. 16th	Masonic Lodge
Dec. 17th, 18th & 23rd	Rotary



Positively different radio station

There is a new radio station in town called Faith FM. Faith FM is the Seventh-day Adventist radio station, which is played all around Australia. The network provides “positively different” lifestyle and spiritual radio programs to benefit, enhance and uplift. You can listen on 88.0 FM here in Guyra and on 87.6FM in Armidale and Glen Innes.

Pastor of the Guyra Seventh-day Adventist Church Luke Reeves recently got together a group of teens from across the Northern Tablelands and North Coast to start their own weekly program.

“The idea came out of our evangelism outreach and we decided to record a Bible study program called Tableland Explorers for Faith FM,” Pastor Reeves said. “We called it Tableland Explorers because we are in the Northern Tablelands, and we are exploring the teachings of the Bible.

“With the help of my co-host James we got 10 teens involved and they come from Guyra,



BEHIND THE MICROPHONE: James Pontil, Zed Jones, Zari Jones, and Luke Reeves

Armidale, Glen Innes, Macksville, and Coffs Coast Seventh-day Adventist Churches.

“They were paired up and they had to go through the study and come up with their own thoughts. When they were finished they came into the studio here in Guyra to record it.”

“Our first of many bible study series is called the Faith of Doss.

The studies are based on Desmond Doss a World War two medic who went to war and did not carry a gun.”

“He saved countless lives and ended up receiving the medal of honour. During these 12 studies we will discover what teachings from the Bible gave Doss the faith and courage to be the hero of Hacksaw ridge.”

The first study aired on the 30th of October 2021 and Tableland Explorers airs every Saturdays at 5:30pm. You can go to faithfm.com.au for more information on programs and locations or download the Faith FM Australia App.

For more information, you can contact us at tablelandexplorers@gmail.com



New England Community College thanks the community for the ongoing support throughout 2021 and we wish everyone a *Happy Christmas and a Safe New Year.*

The offices at Guyra, Armidale and Glen Innes will be closed from:
Wednesday, 22nd December
and will re-open on:
Tuesday, 4th January 2022

Call us to discuss your training requirements with our friendly staff.
We offer short courses and certificate courses.
Check our webpage for all upcoming courses in 2022.



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6779 2132

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year*
to all our valued clients
from all at
Schute Bell Eggert & Co

First sales for 2022:

5th January
Guyra sheep & lamb sale

6th January
Armidale cattle sale



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	Adam Nordstrom	0491 837 947	
guyra@schutebell.com		www.schutebell.com.au	

Church Notices

St Bartholomew's Church
(Ollera Station)
Max Handebo will conduct
a non-denominational
Christmas Eve Service at
6pm Everyone welcome!

**St. Mary of the Angels
Catholic Church**
Mass 6pm Saturday and
9am Sunday. Weekday
Mass Monday – Friday 9am
CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Friday Dec. 24th 6pm
Saturday Dec. 25th 9am
Sunday Dec. 26th 9am
Contact: 6779 1036

St. James' Anglican Church
9am Sunday. Doors open
from 8:30am. We have
plenty of space, all wel-
come! Contact: Rev. Tim
Stevens 6779 1111

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

Brockley Church
**Community Christmas
Service 19th DECEMBER,
2021 at 2pm**
Rev. Andrew Campbell will
conduct our annual service
this year. All denomina-
tions welcome. Afternoon
tea will
be served after the serv-
ice.

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
Serv ice: 9.30am Contact:
Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

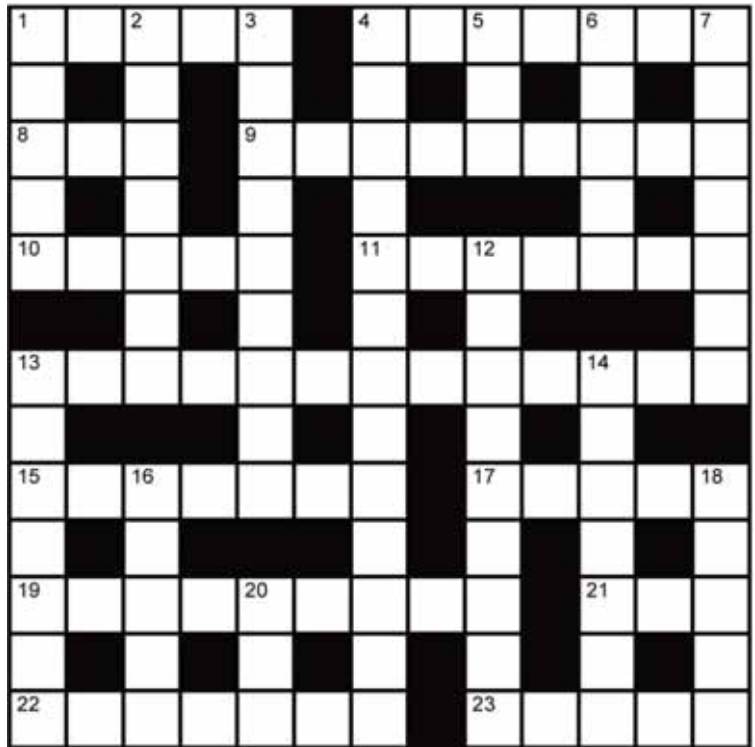
CROSSWORD

Across:

1. Prices
4. Filled sack used to protect
against flood water
8. Atmosphere
9. Extravagant theatrical piece
10. Begin
11. Dims
13. Transformation of larva into
an adult
15. Goddess of retribution
17. Expect
19. Sends from one place to an-
other
21. Ms Braun, Hitler's mistress
22. Part of a barrier or fence
23. Inventories

Down:

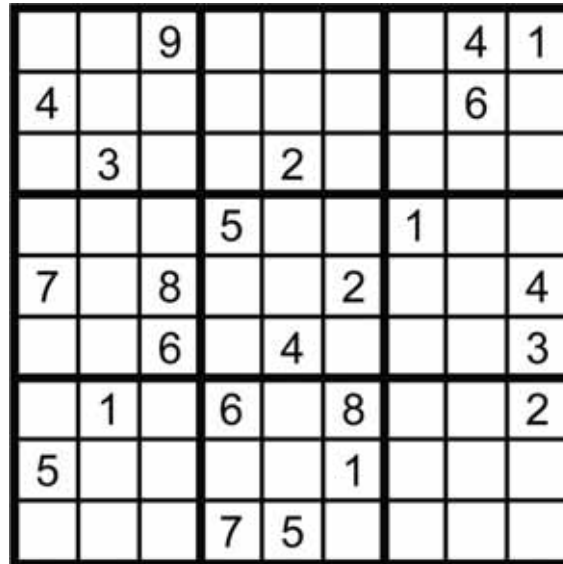
1. Bedlam
2. Who works at someone's home
often doing lowly tasks
3. Occasionally
4. Savoury accompaniment such
as vinaigrette or mayonnaise (5,8)
5. _____ Kelly, Australian
bushranger
6. Lacking enthusiasm or concern
7. Spectacles
12. Practice



13. Watch
14. Ability to walk steadily on the
deck of a ship (3,4)
16. Florida resort city
18. Salvors
20. Glide over snow

Across: 1. Costs 4. Sandbags 8. Air 9.
Melodrama 10. Start 11. Darkens 13.
Metamorphosis 15. Nemesis 17. Await
19. Transmits 21. Eva 22. Railing 23. Lists
Down: 1. Chaos 2. Servant 3. Sometimes
4. Salad dressing 5. Ned 6. Blase 7.
Glasses 12. Rehearsal 13. Monitor 14.
Sea legs 16. Miami 18. Trays 20. Ski

Sudoku - Medium



What to Watch

Our armchair critic has new
recommendations every
week. Happy viewing!

Netflix - Movies

Red Notice, Cold Pursuit,
Official Secrets, The Starling,
American Sniper,
The Stronghold,
The Place Beyond the Pine

Netflix - Series

The Chestnut Man
The Story of Diana

ABC Iview

Spirited

9Now

Manifest
Allegiance





**Season's Greetings to all
this Christmas from Tania,
Robyn, Gemma & Rebecca**

Thank you for your support in 2021
and we look forward to a prosperous 2022



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CLOSED from December 23, re-opening January 17

Community brainstorms 62 ideas and creates Mother of Ducks Landcare Group

Twenty-eight community members gathered in Guyra on a very wet afternoon on Wednesday 1st December, to focus on a special place in our Northern Tablelands landscape.

Southern New England Landcare's Executive Officer and the event organiser, Karen Zirkler said, "Mother of Ducks Lagoon is special because she is an upland wetland, underlain by peat, and depended upon by a myriad of native plants and animals – a rare kind of ecosystem indeed."

Deb Bower is a Senior Lecturer in Ecology and Zoology at UNE and Chief Investigator for the environmental trust funded Dynamic Lagoons Project led by UNE. .

Deb explained the reasons why Mother of Ducks Lagoon, and others like it in our region, are so special ecologically.

"These upland wetlands are important because of the unique habitat they form, supporting all kinds of plants and animals that rely on shallow wetland habitat," said Deb.

Mother of Ducks is a threatened ecological community, like a threatened species but with protection for the whole habitat.

Deb noted that Mother of Ducks Lagoon is not listed as a RAMSAR site because representatives of each wetland type are listed, and Little Llangothlin Lagoon was chosen for upland wetlands.



62 ideas were brainstormed by participants at the event.
Photo courtesy Karen Zirkler

Participants at the event were welcomed to country by Darrell Ahoy from NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS), who noted that the lagoon sits on the border of both Banbai and Anaiwan traditional lands, an area of great significance to both communities.

Darrell also talked about some of the history of the area from an indigenous perspective, sparking a significant number of interesting questions from participants.

Various modifications to the

lagoon began in the 1960s and have included drains, levees and overflow pipes, which have significantly altered the natural values of the lagoon.

Douglas Smith (aka Smurf) from NSW NPWS presented some of this history in his presentation.

The final part of the event saw participants get involved in an interactive brainstorm led by Karen Zirkler around the focus question: 'How can we help Mother of Ducks Lagoon to Flourish into the future?'

"We wanted the community

to suggest what kinds of activities might attract participation in a new Landcare group if one were to form," said Karen.

"We also wanted to know what community members would like to see such a group doing or achieving in relation to the Lagoon," she said.

In a matter of just 15 minutes, 62 ideas were generated in an enthusiastic response.

"We were very pleasantly surprised by the number of ideas – clearly participants were motivated by our presenters and the information they shared," said Karen.

When asked if formation of a group around caring for Mother of Ducks Lagoon is something the community would like to see happen, the overwhelming positive response was 'yes'.

World Wetland Day on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 has been flagged as the date for a second community gathering lagoon-side to hear from another guest and to take next steps in forming the group.

Anyone interested in being involved should become a member of Southern New England Landcare (free) at <https://snelandcare.org.au/membership/become-a-member.html> so they receive regular eNews updates about coming events.

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Guyra CWA President's report 2021

This year has been another year of cancelled meetings and events for CWA, but when looking back over the year we have still been able to achieve quite a deal. We had a stall at the Peony Festival in November 2020 and two other street stalls, which were all successful. We supported the local schools with prizes for their end of year presentation awards.

In March, on a very wet afternoon, we entertained the State CWA President Mrs Stephanie Stanhope to afternoon tea. We hosted the March council meeting and the Group Handcraft and Cookery Day.

Social events have included a Christmas Party at the Hotel, a morning tea for the local branch of Can Assist, and our 89th Birthday Lunch also at the Hotel.

At the April meeting, Sarah Hunt and Sonia Shipman from The Hub spoke to us about services they provide to the community at the Neighbourhood Centre. We supported the Trout Festival by promoting the shop window displays and the Yarn Bombing event, and also judging these displays.

We were concerned for Leigh during her illness and we express our sympathy to Dorothy and Del on the loss of

John and Graham.

I extend my gratitude to all the office bearers. To De, I thank you for doing your job under difficult circumstances this year. To Leigh, thank you for your work as Treasurer and as our Handcraft officer. Thank you to Trish for helping us learn more about Equador and now Malaysia.

To Deidre who I think is fighting a losing battle to try to get some members to participate in the Land Cookery Competition – well done for trying. To Bev our Cultural Officer thank you for broadening our knowledge with your quizzes. To Monica, our Ag &

Environment officer who has now moved away from Guyra, thank you for your efforts and we all wish you well in the future.

I would like to say a special thank you to Nola for your input to our meetings. You always have some interesting article or information to share with us. To each and every other member thank you for your support of our organisation for the year.

And now we look forward to our 90th year.

**Heather Starr
President**

\$180 raised for Kolora from Christmas photos

On Saturday morning last, family photos taken for Christmas at the Australian Poetry Hall of Fame by Donna Davidson was quite well patronised.

The Magnificent backdrop was designed and painted by our local well known artist Kay Smith.

Many thanks for those who supported us and some really great family photos will be Christmas presents this year. A donation was made for Kolora by each family.

Dot Vickery

Ex Guyra resident Tony Williams (left) made the trip up from Armidale with a friend to have his Christmas photo taken



NEW ENGLAND LIVESTOCK AGENTS

*would like to wish all our clients
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

FIRST SALE DATES 2022

5th January: Guyra sheep & lamb sale

6th January: Armidale cattle sale

An advertisement for a "COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT" event. The background features a cup of coffee and a slice of cake. The text reads: "GET TOGETHER FOR COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT", "Join us for a BBQ in the Community Garden Everyone is invited for lunch", "Wednesday December 15th, 11am to 12pm", "160 Bradley St, GUYRA", and "the hub at guyra". At the bottom, it says "Advocacy and Support Service to all members of the Guyra community".

Restrictions ease in time for Christmas

COVID-19 restrictions in NSW are set to ease further from Wednesday, December 15th. From that date, the same rules will apply to all people, regardless of whether they are vaccinated against COVID or not, in most settings.

Density limits will no longer apply and COVID-safe plans will be optional for businesses. Masks will no longer be required in all public indoor settings; instead, people will only need them on public transport and planes, and at airports.

Front-of-house hospitality staff who are not fully vaccinated will also need to wear a mask while working.

However, masks are still strongly encouraged where people cannot maintain social distancing.

People will have to check-in at Hospitals, Aged and disability care facilities, Gyms, Places of worship, Funerals or memorial services, Personal services (including sex services), Pubs, small bars and registered clubs, nightclubs, and strip clubs and Indoor music festivals with over 1000 people

Non-critical retail will open to everyone and there will be no person limit applied to personal services, such as hair-

dressers, beauty salons, tattoo parlours and spas.

Singing and dancing indoors and outdoors at pubs and clubs, will be allowed. There will be no limit to the number of people allowed in hospitality venues, and patrons can drink standing or sitting, indoors and outdoors.

There will be no limit to the number of visitors allowed in homes. All visitors are allowed at aged and disability care facilities, in line with their policies.

No limits will apply in gyms, indoor recreation and sporting

facilities. Community sports will open to everyone and indoor swimming pools will reopen. There will be no limits on outdoor gatherings.

Travel between Greater Sydney and regional NSW reopens for everyone on Wednesday.

There will be no limit on the number of people allowed at entertainment and major recreation facilities - such as cinemas, racecourses and stadiums - subject to 100 per cent of their fixed seat capacity.

There will also be no limit to patrons allowed into libraries, museums and art galleries,

nor attendees at outdoor events. However, music festivals will remain capped at 20,000 people. Amusement and play centres will reopen to everyone.

But indoor music festivals with over 1000 attendees and cruises with more than 100 passengers will require proof of vaccination.

Weddings and funerals will have no limits on the number of people allowed to attend. Eating and drinking will be allowed while standing and seating, and singing and dancing will also be permitted.

Free 2022 diaries available for seniors

Seniors living in the Northern Tablelands electorate can now claim a free diary that alerts them of the latest scams, elder abuse, funeral information, and pensions.

Demand is always high for the Legal Topics for Older People diary, which will be distributed from Northern Tablelands electorate offices in Armidale and Moree.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said that Legal Aid NSW produces this informative and easy-to-read diary each year to help demystify legal issues

that are of special interest to older people.

"This handy diary brings together important phone numbers and information about everything from helping your family financially, to updating a will and understanding your rights when moving into a retirement village," Mr Marshall

"The diary is well known for covering the tough topics and 2022 is no exception, addressing the issue of elder abuse and how victims and families can identify and report physical, financial or

emotional abuse so it is dealt with immediately.

"You'll also find tips to help you get the most from life, with information about Seniors Cards and allowances for which you may be eligible."

To order a free copy of the 2022 Legal Topics for Older People Diary, please visit www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/publications/order-a-publication and search for 'Diary'.

Seniors can also contact Mr Marshall's Armidale electoral office on 6772 5552 to reserve a copy.

Ron, Gary, Pat & Ann of

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Olive McFarlane, Tessa Jackson and
Alana Marshall



Above, from left:
Domic Nguyen, Archer Colvin
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St Mary's Awards

Congratulations to the following students at St Mary of the Angels who received these awards in recognition of their outstanding work and commitment this year.

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Archer Colvin

ADIG Mathematics Award

Olive McFarlane

CWL Pastoral Care Award

Tessa Jackson

Sportsperson Award

Olive McFarlane

U Goose Technology Award

Isaac Hayes

Dux

Alana Marshall,

Dominic Nguyen

Molly McKervey

Creative Arts

Alana Marshall

St Vincent de Paul Social Justice Award

Camilla Grills

Armidale Regional Council Citizenship Award

Lily McFarlane

Costa Leadership Award

Noah Brennan

Costa Junior Leadership

Darcie Campbell

Cath Lockyer

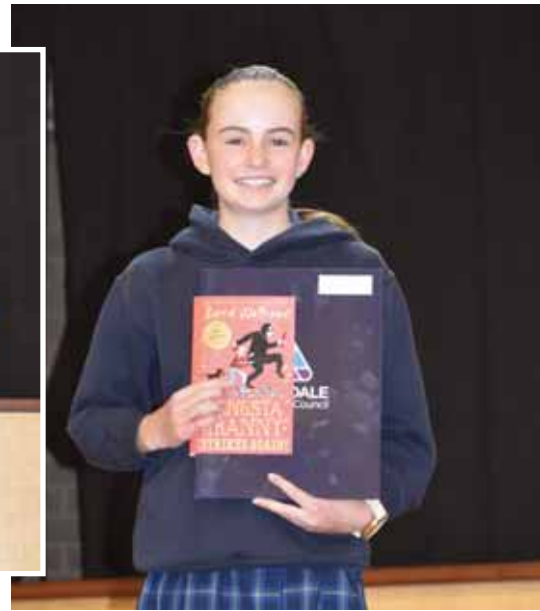
Literacy Award

Isabell Brazier-Kraan

Sharon Wittig All Round

Performance Award

Logan Mendes



Above, from left:
Cordelia Lloyd, Harrison Dowden
and Summer Tibbs



Above, from left:
Ashton Hutton, Jacob Jones
and Cooper Stanley

Guyra Central Awards

Guyra Central would like to thank all the businesses for their donations towards our Primary Celebration Day and Secondary Presentation Day. Thank you to our families for the continued and support during 2021.

Secondary Awards

Dux of Year 12 - Ruben F Scarf
ADF Future Innovators Award, Armidale Regional Council - **Citizenship Award**, Secondary - Cordelia Lloyd
University of New England Award for High Academic Excellence and Outstanding Improvement in all areas of school - Claire Davidson
University of Newcastle Award for Academic Excellence - Harrison Dowden
Excellence in Cultural Pursuits Stage 6 - Alice Flynn
Caltex Best All - Rounder Award and ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award - Cooper Stanley

SBAT Achievement Award

- Michael Looker
VET Student of the Year - Ashley Donnelly
Sportsman of the Year - Archie Dowden
UNE: Spirit of Sport Award - Brodi Campbell
Ngamilali Bulanyagai award Secondary - Georgina Griffiths
Excellence in Agriculture Award Stage 4 - Annabelle Collins
Excellence in Agriculture Award Stage 5 - Ellie Mitchell
ADF Future Innovators Award - Ashley Donnelly

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St Vincent De Paul – Awareness of Social Justice “Walking Beside Someone in Need” – Millie Roberts
Hub – Positive Behaviour for Learning Award – Lincoln Brown
UNE Ooralla Aboriginal Centre - Jorja Bull, Jordan Banville, Fletcher Richardson
School Blue - CROSS COUNTRY - Archie Dowden, Jack Soraghan
School Blue – TOUCH - Archie Dowden, Oscar Atkin, Brodi Campbell
Big Picture 1 Achievement - Ryan Saunders
Big Picture 1 Consistent Effort - Georgina Griffiths
Big Picture 2 Achievement - Ingrid Chilcott-Geere
Big Picture 2 Consistent Effort - Jorja Bull
Big Picture 3 Achievement - Dante Lloyd
Dux of Year 7 - Darcey Heagney, 2nd Place Year 7 - Emma Looker, 3rd Year 7 - Archie Jackson, Year 7 Encouragement - Emma Looker, Year 7 Citizenship - Emily Bull
Dux of Year 8 - Annabelle

Collins, 2nd Year 8 - Lincoln Brown, 3rd Year 8 – Jake Tibbs, Year 8 Encouragement – Ethan Tribe, Year 8 Citizenship - Toby Handebo
Dux of Year 9 - Max Raper, 2nd Year 9 - Jada Alefoso, 3rd Year 9 - Cooper Wilson, Year 9 Encouragement - Jorja Bull, Year 9 Citizenship - Jada Alefoso
Dux of Year 10 - Kye Raper, 2nd Year 10 - Ashley Donnelly, 3rd Year 10 - Ellie Mitchell, Year 10 Encouragement - Nioka Levy, Year 10 Citizenship - Harris Dullaway
Dux of Year 11 - Millie Roberts, 2nd Year 11 - Benjamin Stevens, 3rd Year 11 - Renae Vanderwolf, Year 11 Encouragement - Braydon Wadley, Year 11 Citizenship - Fletcher Richardson
Primary Celebration Day Awards
Sportsperson of the year – Tynan Bull
Premier Sporting Challenge Award – Liam Hutton
Ngamilmali Bulanyagai Award Primary - Sierra Lansley-Irving
Guyra Lamb & Potato Community & School Award - Dylan Bull
Public Speaking Award - Dean Rumbel
Armidale Regional Council-

Citizenship Award, Primary – Summer Tibbs
UNE Ooralla Aboriginal Centre - Jaylee Burns, Jacob Jones, Savannah Lansley-Irving
School Blue - CROSS COUNTRY - Lincoln Atkin
Early Stage 1 Rainbow Consistent Academic Achievement - Charles Gordon, Most Improved - Khaysen Thompson, William Stevens, Citizenship Award - Paisley Towler, Harrison Tooth, Most Consistent - Laura Jackson, Alayah Colley
Stage 1 Mint Most Consistent - Aoife Collins, Most Improved - Zachary Fereday, Citizenship Award - Violet Strudwick
Year 1 Consistent Academic Achievement - Hugh Kliendienst
Stage 1 Lime Most Consistent - Harry Watters, Most Improved - Samuel Ashman, Citizenship Award - Indica Hoiland
Year 2 Consistent Academic Achievement – Sophie Rumbel
Stage 2 Rose Most Improved, Stage 2 Academic Achievement – Year 3 – Rose Gordon
Stage 2 Rose Citizenship Award - Clee Beechey, Most Consistent - Manatu Ashman

Stage 2 Academic Achievement -year 4 - Thomas Ward, Zac Raper
Stage 2 Crimson Most Improved - Poppy Post, Citizenship Award - Brax Hutton, Most Consistent Effort - Billy Ryan
Stage 3 Academic Achievement- Year 5 - Nick Youll
Stage 3 Platinum Most Improved - Tarell Byrne, Citizenship Award - Emily Graham, Most Consistent Effort - Bethany Small, Nathaniel Morrow
Stage 3 Academic Achievement- Year 6 - Summer Tibbs
Stage 3 Navy Most Improved - Gwenisha Landsborough, Billy Lockyer, Citizenship Award - Will Hutton, Most consistent effort - Aidan Brown, Rose Kliendienst
K-2 Personal Best - Freddie Post
3-6 Personal Best - Edward Collins
Junior Creative Arts Award - Elsie Post
Stage 2 Creative Arts Award - Tiara Youll
Stage 3 Creative Arts Award - Christina Cornish
S1 Spelling Bee Champion - Sophie Rumbel
S2 Spelling Bee Champion - Thomas Ward
S3 Spelling Bee Champion - Hayley Williams

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

December 8th - Lamb numbers remained steady at 2150 with sheep supplies increasing to 2270 up 880 on the previous sale. The quality of the lambs was quite mixed with light weight young lambs well supplied and there were limited supplies of well finished young lambs suitable to processors. Merino lambs were in fair supply with condition and weight varying considerably. There was a limited supply of heavy and extra heavy weight old lambs. The usual processors were in attendance.

Light weight young lambs attracted keen demand from restockers with strong competition to see dearer trends in all weight classes. Medium weight trade lambs sold to a slightly cheaper trend. The few heavy weight young lambs were dearer under strong processor competition.

Merino lambs to restockers sold to a slightly dearer trend. The plainer condition lots to process saw demand weaker. The well finished heavier

weight Merino lambs to process sold to a dearer trend. Medium and heavy weight old lambs sold to a dearer trend for the most part.

Merino wethers were well supplied with most carrying an early spring shorn skin. There was restocker competition on the plainer condition wethers, while the usual processors competed strongly on the well finished lines. Market trends were dearer through all classes with skin values contributing to some of the improvement.

Armidale Cattle Sale

December 9th - There was an increase penning with all categories represented. The overall quality of the offering was quite mixed. The condition of the cattle was fair to very good. The usual processors were in attendance with one showing an increased participation. There was reduced feedlot competition, while restocker demand was again high.

Market trends were generally cheaper through the young cattle with

both breed and quality having a major impact on price change. Lightweight vealers steers remained firm for the few available. The yearling steers saw a large correction with breed a strong reason. The medium and heavy weight feeder steers saw breed and the reduced competition impact prices. There was an isolated dearer sale in steers to restockers. A very mixed quality penning of yearling heifers followed similar trends.

There were a few well finished heavy weight grown steers penned. Increased processor competition saw them sell to a dearer trend. The well finished grown heifers followed a similar trend with improvements in the older lines. There was little change in the cow market. Demand high and processor competition strong in the heavy weight bull market. This resulted in a dearer trend.

Weekly Wool Market

The market gained ground for the fourth consecutive week. A 7 cent rise in the Northern Region Indicator on

the first day of sales was followed by a further 7 cent rise on the final day. 18.5 micron and finer types gained around 25-30 cents for the week whilst the rest of the market added between 5 - 15 cents.

This week's national offering fell 4,000 bales short of what was expected. 33,649 bales were sold for the week with the passed in rate of 6.7% falling well below the current seasonal average.

Major buyers included Tianyu, Techwool and PJ Morris. The 46 cent rise in the Northern Region Indicator over the past 4 weeks still leaves the market range bound since returning from the July recess. The trading range has been so tight during this period that this week's closing level is only 11 cents above the average and yet just 23 cents away from its high point.

Next week's sale is the last before the annual three week Christmas recess and with the market performing solidly it has pushed the expected national offering above 42,000 bales. Sales will resume the week commencing the 10th of January.

Why Lights, Lollies and Presents?

You can always tell Christmas is coming because things start to look different. As soon as the Christmas lights, the candy canes, and the gifts appear, it becomes evident that something is up. Though we often forget that these things materialise at this time of year to remind us why Christmas is worth celebrating.

For example, take Christmas lights. They are bright and look nice. Because of this, this year at the Anglican church, we have even put some in our trees! Though, why do we put up lights at Christmas time? Far from just being pretty, Christmas lights are supposed to remind us of the bright shining star that guided the wise men to Jesus in Bethlehem.

What about candy canes? They're sweet and great as a treat, though they invite us to remember why Christmas is worth celebrating. Well, candy canes remind us of God's amazing grace. The red swirl reminds us of Jesus' blood, which took the punishment for our sin. The minty white bit reminds us that forgiveness is on offer to everyone. Candy canes are also in the shape of a 'J', which is an undeniable reminder of what's going.

Finally, what about gifts? Who doesn't love getting presents? We give and receive gifts at Christmas to remind us that Jesus is God's great gift to us. Just like we love to receive presents, the Christmas story invites us to accept God's gift of forgiveness, which we do by trusting in Jesus.

All of this means that the lights, lollies and presents that appear during this season are really important because they point us to the reason for Christmas. If you'd like to know more about Jesus, we'd love to see you as we celebrate Christmas at 9 am on Christmas morning at St James'.

Rev. Tim Stevens
St James Anglican Church

'And there were shepherds ...'

Ground zero, the rocky hills outside Bethlehem, year dot. 'And there were shepherds ...' the Bible says, warming their hands on a fire, yarning.

The price of fat lambs. The wool market. Whether the storm last week meant a

good pick at the far end of the valley. And grumbling about the government ordering everyone around.

Stupid census mandate.

So real. So down-to-earth. So timeless. So ordinary.

But. A flash of light. An angel. A choir of angels! The momentous News of a Saviour, peace, God's favour. Grace. A kid born in a shed that will save the world.

Now that news didn't come first to the Roman conquerors; nor the religious priests. It didn't come to the high and mighty, or the rich and good, but to these ordinary blokes, out in the bush, working for a living.

Which is what the incarnation is all about. What Christmas is all about. God becoming a human being. A real, ordinary baby. And a 'silent night?' No. We all know what babies do for a living.

And that baby grew to become a working man, a tradesman, a tradie.

This Christmas, read the story from the Old Book. Matthew and Luke. Attend a church and find out more.

So real. So down-to earth. So timeless. So ordinary.

Which means our God is not out there watching from a distance. Bette Midler's god. But God who cares, God who understands. God who knows about your world, God who cares. Yes, life, as it is lived. Weddings and funerals, family and work.

Disappointments. Struggles. 'Droughts and flooding rains.'

Rev. Andrew Campbell
St Columba's
Presbyterian Church

Celebration of thanksgiving

For many people Christmas is a happy time of family, fellowship, food, and gift giving. Most Christians observe this as a time of added celebration and thanksgiving for the greatest gift ever given, the Lord Jesus Christ, "God with us".

For others, Christmas is just the exact opposite. It can be a reminder of lost loved ones or that they have no close family to celebrate with. Instead of feeling joy, many people feel overwhelming, anxiety and depression. Christmas can potentially be a time of hopelessness and loneliness.

Jesus came in the flesh as a little baby that first Christmas so that He could bear our punishment at the Cross, and then

conquer death by rising from the dead. The first man Adam brought death, suffering, and the Curse into the world through his sin, but the last Adam, Jesus Christ, will do away with those things. Someday we can dwell with Him eternally in a place where "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away".

Loneliness and depression will be done away with forever. What a hope to eagerly look forward to! Jesus' Incarnation, death, and Resurrection also brings believers into God's family. This is the true meaning of Christmas.

Those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as their Saviour will spend eternity with the entire family of God in His very presence! If you have repented and trusted in Christ, then you will be there too! Surely that is the best reason to smile and have a merry Christmas filled with His hope this year. He gave you this gift because you are so loved!

Pastors Linden
& Kerrie Pollard
The Chapel

God's greatest gift

Christmas is a time when people get to have holidays from work and get together with friends and family, they share meals and gifts with each other. It is a time of giving, so when you are giving gifts to your loved ones think of the gift God gave humanity, God gave us Jesus, Christmas reminds us that Jesus came to earth as a baby, He lived, and he died for you and me.

So remember the greatest gift God gave us was not put under a tree but put on a tree. Jesus died on a cross outside the city of Jerusalem so you and I could be on the inside of the new Jerusalem, Jesus wore a crown of thorns so you and I could wear a golden crown. Jesus died in our place so you and I can have eternal life with Him in a world with no more pain, suffering and death. This Christmas remember that God so loved you that he gave his one and only Son that you would not perish but have everlasting life. He has given you this gift of eternal life what are you going to do with it?

Pastor Luke Reeves
Guyra Seventh-day Adventist
Church



PUBLIC NOTICES

LAST LAGOON EVENT for the year this Saturday, 18th December, 5pm to 8pm. Santa will visit. Burgers and sausages available to purchase. The Yella Jeep coffee. Chris, Bean Travelin Looking for a **QUOTE TO MOW** a vacant block in Claret Ash Drive, Guyra on an ongoing basis when required. Phone: 0420 420 911. Email: patsy.morris2487@gmail.com

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM is open this Saturday 10am-2pm. Call 6779 2132 during business hours.

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Mark is a teacher and support worker, and is establishing a business and setting down roots in Guyra. He and Ruby have had no luck securing a shed for their van, to make their home, while they prepare to build here in Guyra.

'Guyra is such a lovely place. The locals are friendly and genuine country folk. It's like my home town of 50yrs ago.'

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SUNDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 2021 at 2pm: **BROCKLEY CHURCH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICE.** Rev Andrew Campbell will conduct our annual service this year. All denominations welcome. Afternoon tea will be served.

SATURDAY 2nd APRIL, 2022 Bald Blair Public School Centenary Celebrations

DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

LOCKYER, BARRY REGINALD

11th December 2021

Aged 77 years.

Late of Worra Street, Guyra and formerly of "Pinegrove", Ben Lomond. Dearly loved partner, father, father-in-law, pop, great pop, brother, uncle and friend.

Relatives and friends are respectfully informed that a funeral service will be held for Barry at the Uniting Church, Guyra, commencing at 2:30pm, Monday 20th December, followed by private cremation at the Sapphire City Crematorium, Inverell.

Covid-19 restrictions subject to Government updates.

Horner Family Funerals

Glen Innes - phone: 6732 5911
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KNOX; KELVIN "MICK"

6th DECEMBER 2021

At Autumn Lodge, Armidale. Formerly of Ollera Street, Guyra.

Dearly loved husband of Marjorie (dec'd) and previously Enid. Loved father & father-in-law of Robyn (dec'd), Cheryl & Larry Jones, Rodney & Dianna. Loved grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather of their families.

In his 88th Year

Funeral Service was held at St James Anglican Church on Tuesday, 14th December 2021 and Interment followed in the Guyra Lawn Cemetery.



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RETURN THANKS

BARRY LOCKYER

18.3.1944 - 11.12.2021

The families of the late Barry Lockyer would like to thank Dr. Jey, the nurses and staff of the Guyra MPS for the wonderful care given to Barry over the last 12 months.

We would also like to personally thank Barry's many friends who have supported him during his illness.

A special thank you to John and Michelle Simpson for your support, kindness and friendship you have given Barry and his family.

Thank you to all!

CHRISTMAS CLOSING

VINNIES will close on Friday 17th December, re-opening on Tuesday, 11th January. **Care & Support** opens on 12th January.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

BROCKLEY CHURCH Community Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, 19th December at 2pm.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, Ollera Station Christmas Eve Service at 6pm. Everyone welcome!



Your invitation to Christmas services ...

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CHRISTMAS DAY

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Rugby League

The Super Spuds will be holding their Christmas party and awards presentations this Saturday, but after that the focus will shift to 2022.

Applications to coach the men's and women's teams close on December 31, as do expressions of interest in being a uniform sponsor for the centenary season.

Would-be coaches should apply in writing by that date.

Sponsors are also asked to submit a letter to the club.

In such an important and historic year in the sport's history in Guyra, positions on the centenary jerseys and shorts should be in high demand.

All applications and expressions of interest can be emailed to guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com or provided to a member of the committee.

All 2021 players, sponsors and volunteers are welcome to attend the presentation from 1pm at the ground this Saturday.

Barbecue lunch is provided. Drinks will be available for purchase or BYO.

Midweek Golf

Update on our current status for midweek. Obviously, due to the weather not everyone has played BUT we have 25 out of 60 score cards in. If, before Christmas another 15 people, who haven't played, can get their nine holes played and a score card in then we will be able to count these points. So, if you can organise to play then please have a go.

Otherwise we start afresh on Monday 17th January, ready and rearing to go. Happy Christmas and a safe New Year to everyone.

Middy

Ladies' Golf

No golf was played last week because of the rain and wet course. This week is the the Ladies Presentation Night. The lady golfers would like to thank all the sponsors and trophy donors for their ongoing support this year.

Next week is an American Foursomes with Kerry Bull as the starter and sponsor. This will depend on the condition of the course.

Birdie

Vets Golf

Last week was another wet week with very little golf able to be played. Nevertheless seven Vets attempted to get a game in.

Four managed to get 12 holes in at the Guyra course until the rain finally won the day, but 3 players travelled to Armidale and played in their Vets Christmas Special Ambrose. Armidale was not interrupted with the rain and their day was a great success with 70 players enjoying the Christmas cheer. Guyra's Herb Wilson won the Best Dressed for the day.

This week we played our Christmas Special 4 Ball playing for hams and other prizes sponsored by David Wilcox and NSWVGA with their Grass Roots Prize Scheme. Thanks David.



Phil Devlin, Herb Wilson and Col Walls enjoyed the Armidale Vets Christmas Special Ambrose

Janelle & Martha
of the Guyra Gazette

Guyra Gazette

*would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy 2022*

A special thanks to all those who have supported the
Guyra Gazette in our 5th year of publication,
especially all our advertisers and contributors.

CLOSED from 15th December REOPENING: Monday 10th January

New lawnmower keeps fairways looking good

The NSW Government has provided a \$86,230 grant to the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club through the NSW Government's 2021 Community Building Partnership Program for the purchase of a new top-of-the-line Toro Groundmaster 4010-D lawnmower.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said the Club's former mower was long overdue for a trade-in after clocking up hundreds of hours of work.

"With a wet summer ex-

pected, keeping on top of the mowing on the golf course will be a full-time job," Mr Marshall said.

"The club's former mower was about 10 years old and spent as much time out of action due to overheating as at work keeping the fairways and roughs maintained.

"This new machine has a special Smart Power feature, which prevents the machine from bogging down in heavy cutting conditions and keeps the blade speed at optimum cutting pace

in any grass length – which will be very handy this summer.

"Keeping a club operational and presentable is no small task and I thank each of the members and those on the board who play their part to keep the doors open on this important community facility."

Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club President David Wilcox said the new mower would improve the facility for a large cross-section of the community, both in a sporting and social context.

"The Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club is an important part of our community and it is important the grounds look their best when visitors and patrons come on site," Mr Wilcox

said.

"We are very thankful for this grant as it will allow us to raise the standard of our golf course, which we hope will in turn attract more of our community members back to using the facility on a regular basis.

"The Toro will ensure we also meet our WHS obligations and keep up with workplace practices.

"Knowing we have the best equipment may also encourage current members to increase their volunteering at the facility.

"I thank Adam and the State Government for this generous funding and those from the club who put time into the successful application."



Fresh Food Specials

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Peaches	\$ 3.90 kg
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Peters 4L ice cream	\$ 4.70
Fantastic Crackers	\$ 1.00 pkt

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Great Nthn Mid cans 30 pack	\$51
Heineken stubbies 24 pack	\$48
Dimple 12 y/o Scotch 700mls	\$45
Baileys 1L	\$40
Taku Sav Blanc 700mls - 2 for	\$25

Christmas Trading Hours

Friday	24 December	7.00am - 6.30pm
Saturday	25 December	Closed
Sunday	26 December	Closed
Monday	27 December	8.00am - 1.00pm
Tuesday	28 December	8.00am - 1.00pm
Wednesday	29 December	7.00am - 6.30pm
Thursday	30 December	7.00am - 6.30pm
Friday	31 December	7.00am - 6.30pm
Saturday	1 January	Closed
Sunday	2 January	8.00am - 1.00pm
Monday	3 January	8.00am - 1.00pm
Tuesday	4 January	7.00am - 6.30pm

The Kirk family and our staff thank everyone for their support and understanding in such a challenging year.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all our customers!



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Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club President David Wilcox, left, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, club volunteers Ann and Michael Shipman and club Secretary Manager Ken Law standing proudly with the club's brand new Toro lawnmower

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