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St Mary of the Angels Kindergarten
Above: Grayson Brettle, Elinor Hill, Lulu Cruickshank, Chloe Reeves, Penny McLennan and Layla Mendes
Inset: Mackenna Cleaver
Below: Fergus McFarlane, Billie Cox, Kayden Williams, Cooper Williams, Nathan Lane and Samuel Sauer **Inset:** Jack Newberry, Thomas Laing and Archie Floyd



New year, new faces



Guyra Central School Kindergarten
Back l to r: Alice Reed, Annabel Fletcher, Maddison Onslow **Middle:** Nicholas Hutton, Jack Sutton, Valentine Alefosio **Front:** Malakai Pixton

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Next generation of learners begin

The next generation of learners commenced their educational journey at Guyra Central School on Friday, 4th February 2022. All students had a positive start, engaging well with their peers and teachers. Mrs Sjaan Mitchell, Assistant Principal and Kindergarten 2022 classroom teacher, has been waiting for this day to arrive. Have a great year Kindy!

Starting high school is a big milestone, it is also an exciting time with many opportunities and a broader curriculum. Ms Tracey Condrick, Year 7 Year Advisor, is pleased with how well Year 7 is settling into their Secondary Schooling. Thank you Ms. Condrick and to Ms. Meagan Vidler, AP/HT Year 6-7 Transition and Mr. Stephen Alletsee for their care and support to ensure that our students enjoy a successful start to 2022. This week our Year 11 Peer Support team have been working with Year 7 students, discussing who can



Guyra Central School Year7 peer support group

support the students during their transition into high school, and what they are looking forward to and hoping to achieve during their Secondary education. Thank you to all members of Year 11 Peer Support Group for helping Year 7 adjust to the new routines and expectations of high

school.

This year our Transition to Kindergarten program will run for the whole of 2022. Students will attend on a Tuesday, commencing on Tuesday 8th February 2022. Thank you to the families who have elected to send their children along to this important play-based

learning and socialisation program. We currently have very few spaces left in the class. Please call Guyra Central School Office – (02) 67790844 if you would like to enrol your child into our 2022 Transition to Kindergarten program.

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Field day

Join us for a field day at the Ramsar listed Little Llangothlin Nature Reserve, an internationally recognised treasure in the backyard of the Northern Tablelands.

Saturday 26 February - 9:30am

Commencing 9.30am at the visitor area, be welcomed to country by Banbal Rangers, hear about the research completed by botanists and ecologists and the history of the RAMSAR site, and enjoy a walk with National Parks and Wildlife Service Ranger, Koen Dijkstra.

DIRECTIONS: Little Llangothlin Nature Reserve, Bagot Road off Tubbamura Road approx. 18km north of Guyra

SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE:

Tremane Paterson	Banbal Rangers
Dr Steve Debus	Adjunct Lecturer, School of Environmental and Rural Science
Adjunct Associate Professor John Hunter	Associate Professor, Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Environmental and Rural Science
Koen Dijkstra	NPWS

Project ecologists

A free morning tea will start the day!

For more informations
Please contact: GLENRAC on 6732 3443 Before 24th February 2022

What to bring:
Bring a camp chair, hat, walking shoes, and drinking water.

COVID rules apply!

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Date Wednesday 16th February, 11am
Venue Guyra Bowling Club
Inspection by appointment
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craig.waters@elders.com.au
Mark Atkin 0455 310 657
mark.atkin@elders.com.au
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\$27,954 for 'biggest and best ever' Show

After 114 years there's not many records left to break for Guyra Show Society but organisers are confident the 2022 event will be 'the biggest and best' ever. Their efforts have been boosted thanks to a \$27,954 State Government grant from the Country Shows Support Package.

It is the latest funding for the organisation who have received almost \$170,000 in stimulus funding from the State Government since 2019. The funding has been used for facility improvements at the Showground, and to support the operating costs of the annual show.

Guyra Show Society President Richard Post said he could not be more grateful for the positive outcomes the grant will deliver to the local community.

"The Country Shows Support Package has given us the confidence to plan for our biggest and best show ever," Mr Post said.

"The Guyra Show annually benefits hundreds within the community, injecting funds into the local economy at a time when other events may not be going ahead.

"Organisations like the Lions Club and Volunteer Rescue Association, which clean



Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall with Guyra Show Society Secretary Dorothy Lockyer, celebrating the \$27,954 funding windfall to help with the running of the upcoming Guyra Show.

the showgrounds during the event, will receive a donation from the grant for their efforts, helping with their endeavours throughout the year.

"With the schedule we have put together we are optimistic our 2022 show can break last year's attendance which was a record."

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said this funding was just reward for the hard work Guyra Show Society's committee has put in to keeping the show going throughout the drought and

COVID-19 pandemic.

"Despite the pandemic, attendance at the Guyra Show was at a record high last year and this is a target the society is set on beating again this year," Mr Marshall said.

"This grant sets Guyra Show Society up for the future. By having fewer costs this year the money made through gate takings and entries essentially becomes profit, to be spent making future shows the best they can possibly be.

"In particular, I am excited about the inclusion of the first

ever long lunch on the Saturday, aimed at getting new people through the gates. Funds will be put towards the hiring of a large marquee and equipment for this event."

The grant has enabled the Show Society to engage artists, including local favourites 'Crooked Tree' and Charlie Fittler, to perform at the show. It has also been used to subsidise the cost of Saturday night's fireworks, the printing of schedules and the purchase of ribbons for winning exhibits.



Classroom Teacher – 0.4FTE Bald Blair Public School - Guyra

Expressions of interest are invited from suitable candidates who are interested in a part-time position providing RFF across three classes. The position will commence as soon as possible and continue until the end of 2022.

The successful applicant will work collaboratively with classroom teachers and the principal to provide high quality and personalised learning opportunities for all students.

For further information or to obtain an Expression of Interest Information Package, contact Ros Edwards, Principal on 6779 1578 or email: roslyn.edwards9@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications close
Wednesday, 23 February 2022.

The logo for Costa Well Grown, featuring the word "costa" in a stylized font with a sun icon above it, and "well grown" below it.

Employment opportunities

We are looking for enthusiastic people who are interested in working in a variety of roles in our glasshouse operations in Guyra.

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A circular logo with the text "PICK ADVENTURE WITH COSTA" around a central green leaf icon.A photograph of a person wearing a white lab coat and a blue hairnet, standing in a glasshouse and looking up at a plant. The glasshouse has a green frame and is filled with plants.

What's HOT

GUYRA SHOW Friday & Saturday 18th & 19th February

MEMORIAL AVENUE of trees in Apex Park

LOVELY neighbours who mow the verge

What's NOT

ALMOST wintry weather in February

TEMPORARY "topping" on the main street is breaking up

QUOTE of the week

He who knows nothing is closer to the truth than he whose mind is filled with falsehoods and errors. Thomas Jefferson

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
1	Tues	13.5	25.1	0
2	Wed	17.0	20.2	4.6
3	Thurs	15.1	16.3	12.0
4	Fri	9.5	17.0	13.6
5	Sat	6.8	16.1	1.4
6	Sun	8.1	16.5	0
7	Mon	8.8	18.0	3.8

Rain this week	35.4mm
Feb rainfall	35.4 mm
Rainfall YTD	160.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	64.6mm
Ave. rain to Feb.	221.3mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Have your say.....

New England REZ

The declaration of the New England REZ is applauded by the developer of Oven Mountain Pumped hydro Storage "taking advantage of government grants available since the creation of the New England Renewable Energy Zone" p8 27/01/2022 'The Land'.

The map is drawn, the politicians back-slap; the proponents' scouts hit the farm gates; its open slather for the funding opportunities. The intention is clear p6 (The Land 27/01/2022) "we will develop the project and then on-sell it to a company who will manage the life span of the project" (who will on-sell it further even to a \$2 company with no assets.)

That is the Circus the Ringmasters create in the renewables sector. The Circus tent is up and the ringmasters are cracking the whips, extracting performances from rural and regional communities who are expected to entertain the crowd of those protected from any inconvenience or imposition by the likes of "The Regional Cities Report" and the regulation that no public land (like TSRs and

National Parks) can be re-sources to Electricity Generating Works.

When a proponent assured the community it doesn't matter if 40 or 50 people lose their property rights because it is for "the greater good," it becomes clear why a strict set of prerequisites need to be in place before the developers descend to show their muscle in the regions.

If the map was well drawn before the declaration, why the circus of 'every site will do unless the community can mount a sufficient case in its defence, against it.' Again and again, witness the relentless energy, resources and time spent trying to extract "truth in labelling" of the Scoping Reports, the submissions and reporting to Department of Planning in the form of the required EIS.

Ahead of the game in the declaration of the REZ why is there not a moratorium on development - until:-

• There are guarantees for host land owners with regard to future insurability of their asset, the implications of transaction taxes at a point of sale of their land, their right to speak

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about contractual processes, failures of management and their risk of being left with a stranded asset.

• A guarantee of an Australian clean food productivity status with an exemption of quality, food producing land until there is certainty of components as 'free from contaminants and leakage'. Research into impact to yield, thrift and reproduction in exposed animals.

• Defined security bonds as applicable in the coal industry - especially when by self-admission, the project is to collect the cash subsidy, develop and on sell with no guarantees for either future maintenance or to facilitate removal of all exhausted packing and components.

• Alternatives are properly examined and exhausted. This is not how it is since the sale of poles and wires:- we are at the mercy foreign states and administrations.

• Guarantees are secured that component procurements are compliant to the conditions of The Modern Slavery Act 2018.

Beth White

Probus welcomes new member



Welcome to new member Cheryl Law who was inducted into the club by President Don Williams. Our next meeting is next Monday February 14th at the Bowling Club starting at 10 am. Anyone wishing to join us would be welcome.

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\$78,794 lighting upgrade for Guyra tennis club



Liz Brown, Emily Jackson, Judy Jackson, Sally Purvis, Isabella Purvis, Noreen Williams, Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall, Tennis Club President Robert Jackson, Stuart Broad, Thelma Tibbs, Rita Williams, Rebecca Smith and Laurie Smith

The Guyra Tennis Club they are about to power up, thanks to a \$78,794 State Government grant to improve lighting on the courts and around the clubhouse. With most people only able to play tennis in the evening after work, Guyra Tennis Club's limited court lighting means match play is somewhat restricted.

With a focus on improving

safety and increasing female participation at the club, this grant will allow the installation of new LED lights on all tennis courts at the facility.

Currently, women mainly play social tennis on a Thursday morning, however with improved night playing conditions the club hopes to be able to get the numbers to establish a women's evening

competition.

Additionally new security lighting will be added around the clubhouse and in the toilets assisting to make the facility safe and more secure after hours.

For Guyra's up-and-coming juniors who can't get to Monday afternoon training sessions with the pro, these changes will allow night coaching and

squad training. This will remove the need to travel to Armidale for sessions and night competitions.

Coupled with the fact the new LED lights are cheaper to run, these modest improvements will definitely improve the club's viability by encouraging new players and giving the community greater flexibility on when they can have a

New Students, New Bike Track, New Paths, New Year!

It is lovely to see our students back at school with such enthusiasm, and ready to face the new learning year.

Welcome three new students: Tremane Patterson, Lucas Alexander and Arwyn Sampson.

We also welcome two new transition students Cooper Turnham and Elijah Sampson. Our great transition to kindergarten program runs every Friday all year.

After School Activities and Homework Centre are running again this term. Soccer, hockey, and netball are on offer on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week.

Over the holidays a bike track and new paths were constructed, providing new activities for students at lunch time and improving our gardens and path access.

Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal



Black Mountain students were excited to see the new bike track when they returned to school

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

- Feb 10 Jim & Joyce Betts
- Feb 11 Golf Club Ladies
- Feb 14 Anne Hulbert
- Feb 15 Pam Carter
- Feb 16 Narelle Leven

Street Stalls

- February 24 Hospital Aux.
- March 3,4,5 Lions

Church Notices

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Mass 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. Weekday Mass Monday – Friday 9am
Contact: 6779 1036

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

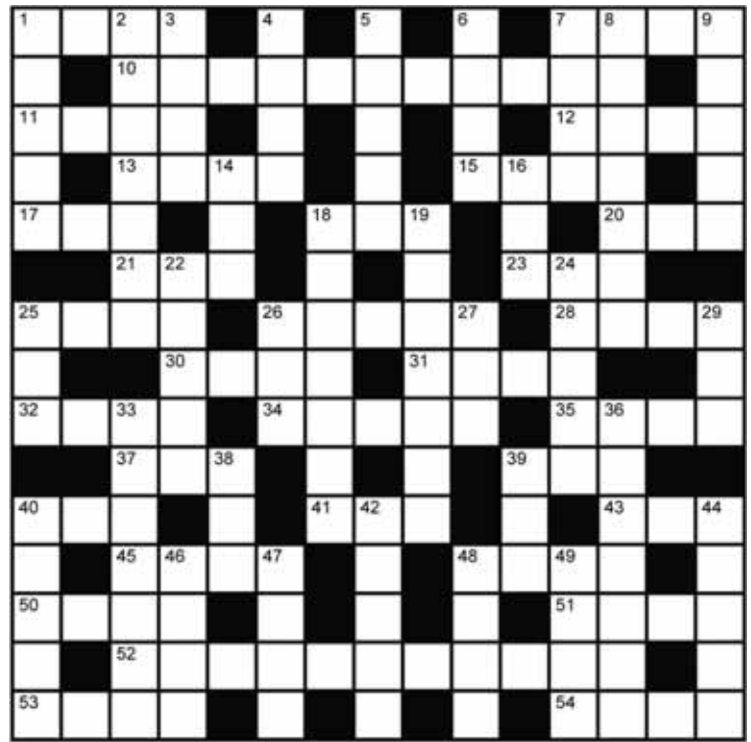
LIONS CLUB dinner meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Geoff Reeves 6779 1257

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

CROSSWORD

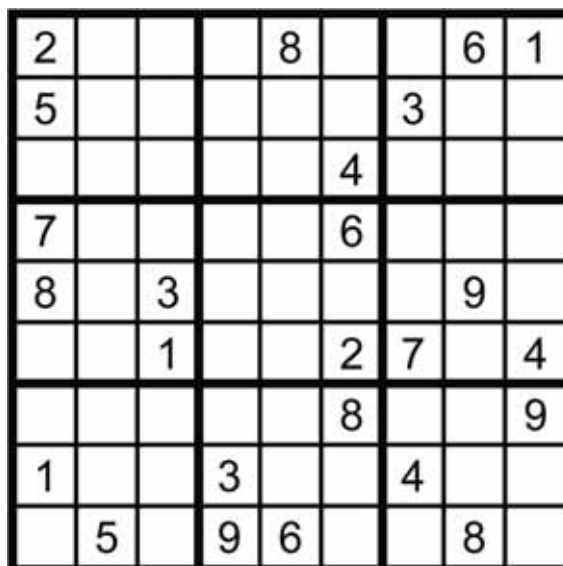
Across:

- Multiple-birth child
 - Flowing volcano rock
 - Plane's touch-down equipment (7,4)
 - For all eternity, ____ after
 - Desperate position, ____ straits
 - Property sales rep, ____ estate agent
 - Fellows
 - Set alight
 - Male people
 - His, hers & ____
 - The self
 - Insane, ____ compos mentis
 - Unbutton
 - Engine booster
 - Repulsive
 - Iridescent gem
 - Spot of ink
 - Spheres
 - Fearful
 - Facts
 - Danger colour
 - Seed vessel
 - Animal exhibition
 - Prevent from speaking
 - Function
 - Beaten by tennis serve
 - Girl's toy
 - Nodule
 - Lessen
 - Beautification
 - Posted (mail)
 - Cult
- Down:**
- Subdue riot
 - Tipped off
 - Be brave enough
 - Stone God
 - Garden ornament
 - Highly curious
 - Woman
 - Coming up
 - Aids illegally
 - Now, without further ____
 - Hot drink dispenser
 - Attacking savagely
 - Catching in the act
 - Gander's partner
 - Surpass
 - One, numero ____
 - Tit for ____
 - Elderly
 - ____ or nay
 - Expand (one's horizons)
 - Flatter to excess
 - Scheduled to arrive
 - Full-time golfer
 - Designates (region)
 - Shocked, taken
 - Incident
 - Part of dollar
 - Pull
 - Rounded roof
 - Camera glass



Across: 1. Quad 7, Lava 10, Landing gear 11, Ever 12, Dire 13, Real 15, Guys 17, Lit 18, Men 20, Its 21, Ego 23, Non 25, Undo 26, Turbo 28, Ugly 30, Opal 31, Blot 32, Orbs 34, Timid 35, Data 37, Red 39, Pod 40, Zoo 41, Gag 43, Use 45, Aced 48, Doll 50, Node 51, Ease 52, Enhancement 53, Sent 54, Sect
Down: 1. Quell 2. Alerted 3. Dare 4. Idol 5. Gnome 6. Aged 7. Lady 8. Arising 9. Abets 14. Ado 16. Urn 18. Mauling 19. Nabbing 22. Goose 24, Outdo 25, Uno 26, Tat 27, Old 29, Yea 33, Broaden 36, Adulate 38, Due 39, Pro 40, Zones 42, Aback 44, Event 46, Cent 47, Drag 48, Dome 49, Lens

Sudoku - Hard



What to Watch

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

Netflix - Movies

Knives Out, The Guest, Sniper Legacy, Mr Church, Single all the Way, Love me Instead, Hard Tagget, Brazil

Netflix - Series

The Stranger, The Gulf

ABC Iview

Trust the Man

Beamafilm **9 Now**
Route Irish Rise



Rural roads grading and re-sheeting program - February

At Council we are doing our best to maintain road infrastructure in the current conditions. NSW continues to be experiencing above average rainfall, which is typical during a La Nina event. This may cause delays to schedules and impact our road conditions.

The February program includes the following roads across the local government area.

Eastern Area

- Old Ebor Road
- Pound Road

- Majors Point Road
- Round Mountain Road
- Point Lookout Road

Northern Area

- Waverley Road
- Glassers Road
- Kookabookra Road
- Pinkett Road

Western Area

- Baldersleigh Road
- Boorolong Road
- Toms Gully Road
- Old Armidale Road
- Elder Lane
- Thorpes Lane

Drainage and maintenance work

- Junction Road
- Moredun Dams Road
- Culvert installation -

Springcamp road Gravel re-sheeting

- Dangar Falls Road
- Argyle Mining Vale Road
- Mt Pleasant Road

Heavy patching

- Aberfoyle Road
- Boorolong Road
- Chandler Road
- Castledoyle Road
- Platform Road
- Beardy Street
- Barney Street
- Long Swamp Road

Bitumen maintenance

- Routine maintenance along Waterfall Way
- Pot hole repairs will continue throughout the LGA.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 February in Armidale from 4pm. Attendees should ensure they adhere to the Public Health Order when attending a Council meeting.

The public are welcome to watch the live streaming over YouTube, Council's website or Facebook page.



Work at Council

Armidale Regional Council is looking for committed and passionate people to join our team. We are a diverse workforce and have a number of opportunities available across various areas of our organisation. Take a look at the following opportunities and work where you can make a difference to the community.

- Communications Officer
- General Hand - Parks and Open Spaces
- Mechanic/Fitter
- Preschool Educator
- Project Manager - Capital Works
- Systems Accountant

Visit Council's website for more information and to apply!



Stay connected

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



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



and on Instagram
'armidaleregionalcouncil'



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Your guide to what's

Friday Events

Junior Judging
All Breeds Heifer Show
Quick Shears
Pavilion
Charlie Fittler Band
Scarecrows
Farm Waste to Art
Ring Events
Show Jumping



Guyra Shearers Team Time Challenge

Friday night - 18th February

Anyone can enter (must be 18+ years)

4 people to a team

Entries taken on the night

Entry fee \$20 per team

Winning team takes all

Maximum of 10 teams

Your challenge is to:

- Shear a sheep
- Drink a beer
- Eat a (cold) meat pie
- Eat a dry Weetbix

Pavilion Entries

COOKING, JAMES & PRESERVES:

Entries to be at the Pavilion between 2-4pm on Thursday 17th or 8-9am Friday 18th February.

CRAFTS:

All entries to be at the Pavilion by 9am on Thursday, 17th February. No late entries.

FINE ARTS & FLOWERS:

Entries to the Pavilion by 9am Friday, 18th February.

NEEDLEWORK:

Entries to the Pavilion by 11am on Thursday 17th February. No late entries. *(Note change of time.)*

SCHOOL ARTS & CRAFTS:

Entries to the Pavilion by 5.30pm Tuesday 15th February. No late entries. Judging Wednesday 16th February.

VEGETABLES & FRUITS:

Entries to the Pavilion by 9am Friday 18th February.

WOOL:

All fleeces to be at the Pavilion by 3pm Wednesday 16th February. No late entries. Judging from 8am Thursday 17th.

All entries can be left at the Show Secretary's office at Guyra Showground from Monday, 14th February. Show Schedules are available from The GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street, Guyra
For more information, call: 6779 2132

FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

PERFORMANCE BY
CHARLIE FITTLER BAND

FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2022

Guyra Show Society 114th Annual Show

FLEA CIRCUS

TENT PEGGING

on at the Guyra Show

Bull Calcutta

At the Cattle Complex, Guyra Showground
prior to the ShortHorn judging Saturday 19th February 2022
Half the proceeds go to the
Westpac Helicopter

Saturday Events

- Aussie FMX Bikes
- Caged Birds
- Poultry
- Bull Calcutta
- Cattle Show
- Shearing
- Wood Chop
- Crooked Tree Band
- Fireworks
- Demolition Derby

Show Schedules

Now available at
The GALA Centre
136 Bradley Street, Guyra

Ph: 6779 2132
admin@guyrashow.guyra.net

AUSSIE FMX

DEMOLITION DERBY

"LOLLY CANNON"

Saturday
Entertainment

PERFORMANCES BY THE CROOKED TREE BAND

WOOD CHOP

fireworks

Saturday 19th February 2022
114th Annual Guyra Show

Scarecrow Competition

Scarecrows must be ready for judging by
11:00am Friday 18th February

This job isn't for everyone.
But, HAY, it's in my JEANS.

Pilot project to bolster the region's aquatic centres

The future is looking brighter for aquatic centres across the Armidale region thanks to an ambitious new project between Armidale Regional Council and the Y NSW.

The two entities have entered into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a pilot project to enrich the strategic and operational aspects of Council's pools in Armidale and Guyra.

The Y NSW has been engaged to provide expertise in reviewing and enhancing recreational programs, services and customer experiences to grow the aquatic centres and increase patronage, maximise operational capability, minimise operating costs and create a vision for a broader wellness precinct.

Armidale Regional Council General Manager James Roncon said Council is committed to sustainably improving and expanding its aquatic facilities and services to the community.

"With a history of success in consultancy work in the management of local government owned aquatic centres, we look forward to working with the Y NSW to provide a road map for an improved service delivery at our aquatic facilities," he said

"The Y will work closely with Council and the community to ensure the potential of the existing aquatic centres is re-



Changes could be in store for the Guyra Swimming Pool

alised and that all stakeholders have input into the improvement of our facilities."

Over the course of the next year, the Y NSW will:

- Conduct forums and surveys to determine the desired programs and services that could be delivered at Moncton Aquatic Centre or Guyra Swimming Pool

- Outline a proposal to Armidale Regional Council on an efficient operating model for the two existing centres that will maximise participation and improve operational efficiency

- Complete a rigorous feasibility assessment and make recommendations on the conceptual opportunities that will enhance the Council's aquatic centres, ensuring that these recommendations align with the Council's strategic plan

- Partner with Armidale Re-

gional Council to deliver a leisure and aquatic centre master plan.

The Y NSW Head of Growth and Business Development Shane Simmons said the organisation was excited to be partnering with Armidale Regional Council on the pilot project.

"We're looking forward to working with Council and the local community to explore how we can arrive at a proof of concept that realises a vision for the future of the region," he said.

The Y successfully operates integrated fitness, aquatic, recreation and wellness centres across NSW and the ACT and are part of a global network.

"We take the time to understand the communities we serve; we're a purpose-led organisation with strong values

that matter to Australians – we're honest, we care, we want to inspire people to be healthy."

The Y NSW will soon start a consultation process to ensure the community can share their input on the programs and services they want to see delivered at the Armidale and Guyra aquatic facilities.

"We are incredibly keen to hear from representatives across the community and our first step in the discovery process for this project will be to conduct community consultation forums and undertake a community survey," Mr Simmons said.

Take action with the Y
• You can view the Y NSW's Armidale Discovery Plan online at <https://www.ymcansw.org.au/armidale/>

- To take the Y NSW community survey, go to <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6712266/Y-NSW-Armidale-Survey>.

The survey will close on 20 February 2022 and results will be communicated in the Y's community forums and via the Y NSW Facebook page

- Anyone interested in participating in the community consultation forums can register their interest before 20 February 2022 <https://www.ymcansw.org.au/form/armidale/>

New \$500 before and after school care vouchers available

Parents and carers of children enrolled in our region's primary schools will benefit from a new \$155 million State Government program for Before and After School Care (BASC) services.

The new \$500 voucher, per child, will assist families who use BASC services by covering the parent gap fee component of their session fees.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said it has been challenging for families with school-aged

children and that many have had to juggle the demands of supervising their kids' education while working remotely.

Service providers and parents and carers can register and apply online for the voucher via a MyServiceNSW account, in the app, or by visiting their nearest Service Centre 13 77 88.

Vouchers are available for families from 28 February and must be claimed before 30 September this year

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Congratulations to Dean Rumbel and Thomas Ward, Year 5 2022 Guyra Central School students. Dean and Thomas, along with other GCS students, participated in the Aurora Year 5 Opportunity Class examination in the final weeks of 2021.

Dean and Thomas have been selected to join other Rural and Remote students, from across NSW, in the Year 5 Aurora Opportunity Virtual Classroom. Aurora provides a mix of online and residential school classes. Students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons through a virtual learning environ-

ment, which comprises web conferencing software, a learning management system, and a range of cutting-edge online communication and collaboration tools.

The school also operates one of the state's first fully digital school libraries. Good luck and thank you to all students who put their hand up for this great opportunity. Guyra Central School has partnered with Aurora College for a few years now and we currently also have a Year 8 and Year 11 student undertaking a blended learning pathway with Guyra/Aurora College.

*Principal
Michelle Nicholson*

New memorial plaque unveiled by Lions Club



Above I to r: Bob Furze, Tom Mabbott, Bob Ramage, Athol Heagney, Jim Betts, Geoff Reeves, with Cooper, Kayden, Rita, Liam and David Williams

The Lions Club of Guyra last week unveiled a plaque in honour of former member Harry Williams.

All Lions members passing are remembered with a

brass plaque mounted on one of the stones in the grounds of Lions Guyra Park.

Lion Harry was a member of long standing who passed

away in October last year.

Guyra Lions had the privilege of unveiling the plaque with all Harry's immediate family.

Past and current members

of Guyra Lions Inc. and Lions Ladies were present for the occasion, prior to a dinner held at the Guyra Bowling Club.

Making farms safer, one click at a time

A new 'one-stop-shop' website will make it easier to improve on-farm safety. The NSW Farmers Association has partnered with SafeWork NSW on the Farm Safety Advisory Program, which aims to reduce injuries in an essential industry.

NSW Farmers CEO Pete Arkle said on-farm safety was an important issue, and encouraged everyone working in or around the sector to refresh their knowledge of the risks involved in agriculture.

"Farming can be a dangerous profession with heavy machinery, remote workplaces and often poor phone and internet connectivity," Mr Arkle said.

"NSW Farmers has a keen commitment to helping agricultural businesses improve their safety, because growing the country's food and fibre should not come at the cost of human safety.

"This is a great new website that provides a central location for valuable resources, as well as links and updates for important events."



Farmer Chris Groves with Farm Safety Advisor Charles Laverty

With new workplace, health and safety information and resources becoming available relatively frequently, it's important farmers stay abreast of the changes. Mr Arkle said this one-stop shop made it easier than ever to stay up-to-date on safety.

"The website provides access to dedicated farm safety advisors, a free service delivered by NSW Farmers," Mr Arkle said.

"NSW Farmers has been

able to expand its offering to farming businesses through the Farm Safety Advisory Program, made possible by funding from the NSW Government.

"The advisory program enables NSW Farmers to provide tailored advice and a centralised portal for farming businesses' WHS needs."

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Guyra Innings

Grant Ryan	10
Ossie Kinnear	9
Joey Ryan	21
Charlie White	24
Mick Purvis	not out 17
Matt Simpson	not out 6
Jake Ellis	dnb
Tyson Burey	dnb
Kyle Mongta	dnb
Andrew Pearson	dnb
Heath Dowsett	dnb
Extras	26
Total	4/111

Overs: 31.2

2nd Grade
Guyra
 defeated TAS

Guyra Innings

B Landsborough	83
Lucas Tait	43
Tom Smith	not out 78
Cooper Collins	5
Jim Lenehan	14
Cody Patterson	4
Tremane Patterson	1
Pete Ahoy	2
Al Boney	not out 46
Pete Collins	dnb
Cody Campbell	dnb
Extras	41
Total	7/317(cc)

Overs: 45

TAS Innings
 246 off 42.3 overs

Guyra Bowling:
 Cody Patterson 2/45,
 Pete Ahoy 2/28, Brandon
 Landsborough 4/46, Tom Smith
 1/7, Cody Campbell 1/1

Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale

February 2nd - There were increased yarding with 6380 Lambs and 1250 sheep yarded, an increase of 3880 on the previous sale. Lamb numbers were boosted by an influx of light weight young lambs.

The quality of the offering was generally good, however the condition and weight varied greatly. There were limited supplies of lambs carrying sufficient condition to suit processor requirements. All usual processors were in attendance and there were quite a few restocker orders in place.

Comparing the market to the previous sale two weeks ago, the lighter end of the restocker lambs sold to a slightly cheaper trend. The large increase in supply was a contributing factor. The better restocker lambs carrying more weight and a little more condition saw trends firm to slightly cheaper.

The limited supply of well finished lambs to processors also sold to cheaper trends. The downward trend only slight.

There were dearer trends for the most part in the sheep market, where the increased supply increased competition. The well finished lines attracted strong processor competition. Weight and condition also showed improvement. The plainer condition Merino ewes carrying a bit of a skin gained strong restocker competition.

Armidale Cattle Sale

February 3rd - Numbers more than doubled to 365 head, with all categories represented. The quality of the offering was fair to good. There was a good percentage of the offering carrying strong condition. The increased supply brought with it a larger gallery of buyers.

Strong demand from restockers saw the vealer steers to the paddock sell to a dearer trend. The

medium and heavy weight yearling steers to restock and feed averaged cheaper for quality. The market trend however was firm to dearer. The trends through the yearling heifers were also dearer with increased supply bringing some quality related price change.

Heavy weight grown steers were in reasonable supply with the majority going to feed. No market comparison available. The increased processor competition resulted in dearer trends for the well finished grown heifers. This trend carried through to the cow and bull markets with both categories showing significant improvement.

Weekly Wool Sales

The market recorded its fourth consecutive week of gains. Wednesday's opening was dearer from the outset with the Northern region Indicator climbing 27 cents. This was followed up with a further 15 cent rise on Thursday.

Weekly increases ranged from

almost 5% for Merino Cardings with the balance adding between 2 to 4%. The 18 to 20 micron indicators have closed the week at a seasonal high and are trading at levels not seen since June last year. The 21 and 22 micron indicators closed the week at their highest levels since April 2020. 37,715 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 6.9%.

Major buyers included PJ Morris, Techwool & Endeavour Wool. The rise in the market has led to an increase in next week's expected national offering to in excess of 48,000 bales. This may have been the catalyst for a slight pull back in prices in Fremantle late on Thursday with the Western region selling after the East Coast has closed. AWTA test data released on Monday shows a drop in the volume of wool tested in January with the weight of wool tested for the season to date showing an 11.2% increase.



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A substantial reward will be given to the person for the safe return or information leading to the return of my Big Bertha golf driver and my Nickent 5 Wood. Both were stolen out of my shed 23/24th January, leaving the two stick covers on top of my shed.

Meg Simpson

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Mate versus Mate

The Guyra Aboriginal Lands Council, in conjunction with the Guyra Cricket Club, will be hosting a reconciliation Twenty/20 cricket match at the Guyra Turf (Ted Mulligan Oval) on Friday February 11th. This will be the third attempt to hold the game which had to be cancelled due to rain on the first attempt and then fell victim to COVID-19 second time around.

The Mate versus Mate Trophy is up for grabs as team mates become opponents. The game will kick off at 4.30pm and will feature all local cricketers.

Hopefully it will be third time lucky for the cricketers and the scene is set for some entertaining cricket.

Spectators are welcome and everyone in the community is invited to come along to witness the action.

A sausage sizzle will operate with proceeds going to a nominated charity.

Ladies' Golf

No golf results to report for last Wednesday, because of the wet conditions. This week is the first round of the Ladies' Championships. The second round is to be played on Saturday 12th February.

The final round is on Wednesday 16th February, with Vicki Reeves as the starter. Here's hoping the weather is kind and good luck to all.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

Two games of open singles were played on Saturday, in game one John McIlwain defeated Cameron Peardon 31-13 in 28 ends in a one sided affair, the other game was much closer with David Wilcox defeating Ian Jacobs 31-30 after 37 ends.

This Saturday the 12th February at 12 pm four games of open singles are set down. Col Stanley will play Wayne Reeves with David Wilcox to mark. Robert Moore will play Mallie Walls with Andrew Sparke to mark. Roger Cox will play

Robert Walls with Barry Presnell to mark and Dan Kennedy will do battle with Barry Walls while Anthony Bull marks.

Jack

Men's Golf

With the championships at the half way mark the Club Champion for 2022 is still not a certainty. Mick Purvis has a one shot lead over Adam Brennan with eight players within 8 shots. Ian Taylor has a 9 shot lead over Steven Sole in B Grade and Harry Purvis has an 18 shot lead over Pat Grills in C Grade.

Saturdays Country Fresh Bakery round 1 was won by Harry Purvis with 70 nett from Richard Burey runner up. Nearest to the pins were Mal Gaukroger on the 7th and 18th with Richard Burey claiming the 10th

Sunday's Fourways Service Centre second round was won by the up and coming Peter Collins, who also claimed the Monthly Mug on a count back from Ian Taylor. Nearest to the pins were Adam Brennan on the 7th, Brock Reeves on the 10th

and Barry Simpson on the 18th.

The championships will conclude this weekend with the final two rounds sponsored by Guyra Smash Repairs, Kirks IGA and Guyra Fuels.

The Albatross.

Vets Golf

Thirteen players competed in the Reg Taylor shield last week. It was good to see a Yamba visitor, Dennis Blackburn, playing with us.

The Stroke winner was Neil Paine with a score of 89. This score could have been a lot better if not for some difficulty on the 11th. The nett winner with nett 71 was Wal Chapman on a countback from Phil Devlin.

The best putter was Neil Paine with 25 putts but only 9 on the front nine. Nearest the pins went to our visitor Dennis Blackburn on the 10th and Don Campbell the 18th.

This coming Friday we will be traveling back up to Glen Innes for their Highland Classic.

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Greater Northern Tigers reps

Four Guyra players represented the Greater Northern Tigers on the weekend, in their clash against North Coast Bulldogs at Wauchope.

Billy Youman played in the under 18s side, while Oscar Atkin, Archie Dowden and Brodie Campbell represented in the under 16s.

The under 18s side were beaten 32-28 by North Coast. The Tigers led 24-16 at half time and were in front 28-22 in the second half, before two late tries snatched the win for the Bulldogs. Billy was denied a late try that might have grabbed a win for the Tigers, after a last pass was ruled forward.

Oscar, Archie and Brodie played for the Tigers' under-16 side who defeated the Bulldogs. Oscar was the



first Tigers tryscorer for the new season, scoring in the fifth minute. The side took a 14-6 lead into the half-time break and went on to win 24-18.

Above l to r:
Oscar Atkin, Archie Dowden and Brodie Campbell

Right:
Billy Youman



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