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Fork in the road for region's future

Armidale Regional Council's (ARC) annual Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documents, including the proposed 2022-23 Budget, Fees and Charges and Resourcing Strategy, are now on Public Exhibition for community feedback.

Since elected in December last year the new council has run on an agenda of bold action for growth and renewal to turn around the fortunes of the Armidale region. While the new council wants to be a progressive and expanding council, it has been left a legacy by previous councils to fix what has not been done in the past and get back to basics, increase efficiency, recover asset costs and deliver greater levels of service to the community.

ARC Mayor Sam Coupland said council is stuck between a rock and a hard place and have two options – grow our way out or manage the decline.

“From a councillor perspective it's not an easy job, but not having rates appropriately set by the councils before us has led to the revenue issues we face today,” said Mayor Coupland

“We have a multi-million-dollar shortfall in asset maintenance and that backlog is swamping us – particularly our roads network. Growing our way out will ease the burden for all when our population increases, but it is going to take time. Managing a decline will see the vulnerable in our community suffer the most

as the services and amenities they use will be reduced. Growth is our only option.

The Draft Operational Plan and Budget for 2022-23 outlines a roadmap for the future. The roadmap is outlined in the Delivery Program 2022-26 which includes a proposed Special Rate Variation of 50 percent over three years and is based on a plan to spend the next two years focused on restoring the council's financial viability and then using the improved financial position to invest in infrastructure and quality community services.

“No-one wants to pay more in rates – but the lack of action by past councils has forced our hand,” said Mayor Coupland

“In the coming financial year council will go into deficit and dip into reserves. Any meaningful rate increase won't come into effect until midway through 2023 when we will see our financials turn around and we can build a stronger and resilient region.”

During the last six weeks councillors, senior executive and staff have analysed countless scenarios, reviewed every budget item line by line and have presented the most feasible options for public exhibition in the draft strategic direction documents, which include:

- Draft Advancing our Region Community Plan – 2022-2023
- Draft Delivery Program 2022 – 2026
- Draft Resourcing Strategy

- Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2022-2023

- Draft Revenue Policy 2022 – 2023
- Draft Fees and Charges 2022 – 2023

“The Community Strategic Plan tells us where we want to be, the Delivery Program tells us how we will get there and the Resourcing Strategy tells us what resources we have available. The Operational Plan supports the Delivery Program and includes the annual budget allocations to support the activities to be undertaken,” said Mayor Coupland

“While Council is very open to hear all of the needs and priorities of the community during the engagement process, at some point decisions have to be made about where council's limited resources are directed.”

The draft IP&R and Budget 2022-23 documents are on public exhibition until Wednesday 8 June and the community are encouraged to review the documents in detail and provide feedback. Visit yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au to review the documents, fact sheets and summaries and review the engagement opportunities to provide feedback through face-to-face meetings, online webinars, a formal submission or just send council a letter.

If you are not online, hard copies of the suite of documents are available at the Armidale and Guyra Customer Service Centres.



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Call me today on 0431 224 412 or email kyle@proarmidale.com.au for an obligation-free chat over a cup of coffee.

I look forward to talking to you, Kyle

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Armidale

Busy time for local dancers

Australian Dance Enterprises (ADE) has had a busy few months with two very special events “Dancing with the Stars” and “Fleece to Fashion Gala Awards”.

ADE students and teachers were involved with choreography and performances for the successful night of Dancing with the Stars (DWS) held at the Armidale Ex-Services Club on Saturday the 2nd of April. DWS is a Cancer Council fundraiser and this year ADE along with eight local “Stars” helped to raise over \$76,000. All money raised will

remain in our local area for cancer patients to access. ADE provided their time freely to help prepare five Stars and taught them a dance routine over a 10 week period that was performed on the night. Our senior dance troupe entertained the audience with various performances throughout the evening. Local Guyra students Maddi Collins, Shanae Wark and Molly Brazier were back-up dancers for two of the Stars as well as performing in our senior troupe dances.

ADE was also invited to choreograph the opening number and

perform at “Fleece to Fashion Gala Awards” on Friday the 6th and Saturday the 7th of May. Fleece to Fashion promotes our local woolgrowers and Australian Wool Industry by providing a competition for innovative wool design and is open to anyone and any age all over Australia.

More than 350 people attended the black-tie event at the iconic Deeargee Woolshed at Gostwyck near Uralla. ADE senior troupe performed the spectacular opening number choreographed by ADE dance teacher Breanna McFadyen. They performed “All

That Jazz” which set the tone for an exciting night of glitz and glamour. Local Guyra students Reeghan Woods, Shanae Wark & Molly Brazier were selected to dance along with four other ADE Armidale students. Molly Brazier was also selected as a model and wore a number of lovely garments on the night including a beautiful purple wool dress designed by Samantha Stolhand from Young, the winning design under the category “Roberts and Morrow Race Wear”.

Colette Brazier



Above left:
Reeghan Woods, Shanae Wark & Molly Brazier performed in the opening dance at “Fleece to Fashion”.

Above right:
Maddi Collins & Shanae Wark at Dancing with the Stars with 2AD Star Charlotte Williams.

Left:
Molly wearing “Tinker Pool” design in the category “Wearable Art Disney” designed by Lexie Rose and made out of a recyclable pool table cover.

Right:
Molly Brazier in purple wearing the winning design in the “Roberts and Morrow Race Wear” category



Joyce promises \$3 million for Early Learning Centre

Member for New England and Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce has made a pre-election promise to provide \$3 million towards a \$4.2 million project for the proposed Guyra Early Learning Centre.

Mr Joyce made the announcement in Armidale on Friday as the 2022 election campaign draws to a close. In a media statement he said that *'the Coalition Government will provide \$3 million towards a \$4.2 million project for the Guyra Early Learning Centre to re-locate to a new, fit-for-purpose centre'* and that *'only the Coalition will deliver for the residents of Guyra and this announcement is part of our plan to build a strong economy and a stronger future'*.

The proposed early learning

centre is still in the planning stages and work has stalled due to lack of funds. Plans were first unveiled in May 2020, with a joint announcement from Armidale Regional Council and Mr Joyce. At that time, it was described as a \$1.5m project with \$613,000 from the federal government and a proposed council input of \$900,000.

Mr Joyce said the local families and staff of the Guyra Early Childhood Learning Centre will benefit greatly from the revamped centre.

"Childcare in regional Australia and especially in my electorate of New England is a top priority, that's why the Coalition Government is committing \$3 million to improve those services in Guyra," the Deputy Prime Minister said.

"This new facility will double childcare spaces, equating to an additional 29 spaces per day for children six years and under, also including thirty out of school hours care or holiday care spaces.

"The proposed location for the new centre will create a one-stop community and learning precinct, which will soon become part of the fabric of the Guyra CBD and community."

Armidale Regional Council anticipates this project to have a significant impact on the Guyra community through increased employment opportunities, greater access to learning and study environments and the ability to meet higher quality childcare standards.



Barnaby Joyce (file photo)

Guyra home searched by Federal Police

A 38-year-old man appeared in Armidale Local Court on May 4th, 2022, charged with allegedly possessing child abuse material online.

On 13 April 2022, officers from the AFP Eastern Command Child Protection Operations team arrested and charged the man, following a search of his Guyra home.

The man was investigated as part of Operation Molto, which commenced in 2019 when the AFP-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE) received intelligence from New Zealand Te Tari Taiwhenua Department of Internal Affairs showing thousands of offenders were using a cloud storage platform to share abhorrent child abuse material online.

The offender's account was identified via an email address, which was also the subject of a report from the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) in the US.

Investigators allegedly linked the man to the email addresses associated with the account.

The man was arrested and charged with two counts of possess or control child abuse material accessed or obtained using a carriage service, contrary to section 474.22A of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth).

Detective Acting Sergeant



Federal Police arrested the man after searching the Guyra home in April

Adam Barcham said this arrest was another reminder of the commitment undertaken by the AFP and its partners to protect children and identify and prosecute anyone who seeks to exploit and harm them.

"Anyone who produces or shares child abuse material is part of the problem, it is they who create the market for child abuse material online, which causes further harm to our community's most vulnerable - our children," Detective Acting Sergeant Barcham said.

The ACCCE is committed to stopping child exploitation and abuse and is at the centre of a collaborative national approach to combatting organised child abuse.

The Centre brings together specialist expertise and skills in a central hub, supporting investigations into child sexual abuse and developing prevention strategies focused on creating a safer online environment.

Members of the public who have any information about people involved in child abuse and exploitation are urged to call

Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or www.acce.gov.au/report.

If you or someone you know are impacted by child sexual abuse and online exploitation there are www.acce.gov.au/support.

Advice and support for parents and carers about how they can help protection children online can be found at www.ThinkUKnow.org.au an AFP-led education program designed to prevent online child sexual exploitation.

What's HOT

ICE SKATING open until May 29

FOGGY mornings and misty days

SOUP & sandwiches in the Community Garden every Tuesday

REMEMBER to vote this weekend

RETURNING your shopping trolleys

What's NOT

COVID, flu and the common cold hitting as winter approaches

QUOTE of the week

Every election is determined by the people who show up

Bureau of Meteorology Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
10	Tues	5.3	12.1	0
11	Wed	9.2	12.2	2.0
12	Thurs	10.0	14.9	5.8
13	Fri	11.0	17.1	20.0
14	Sat	10.8	17.9	0.8
15	Sun	11.2	19.5	0
16	Mon	10.4	17.7	2.0

Rain this week	30.6mm
May rainfall	56.6mm
Rainfall YTD	495.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	436.0mm
Ave. rain to May	397.4mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Relieving Deputy Principal joins team

Janette Holmes has joined Guyra Central School as relieving Deputy Principal during Term 2 and Term 3. Janette is joining Guyra Central School from Armidale Secondary College and is very excited about working in a small school where she will be able to get to know students and their families. Janette has already met many wonderful students and families at the school and is feeling very welcomed by the community.

Janette grew up in Armidale, attending Armidale High School for her Secondary education followed by tertiary studies at UNE. Janette's first teaching appointment was at Guyra Central School, but it was only for a short time until she moved to Oxley High School in Tamworth. Since



working at Oxley High School Janette has taught across the state, working in Broken Hill, Quirindi, Uralla and Armidale. Janette is passionate about education and

knows that education can change lives.

Janette and her husband have a small rural property in the region. They run Black Angus cattle and Merino sheep. Between farming and teaching Janette enjoys quieter pursuits, like cryptic crosswords and cooking.

Janette is extremely proud of her family. Janette has adult children and six (soon to be eight) grandchildren who enjoy school, gymnastics and soccer. You could see Janette on the side of a soccer field any Saturday.

Janette is enjoying her time at Guyra Central School and looks forward to meeting many more members of the community over the coming weeks.

Grip Leadership Conference

On Monday, 16th May 2022 the 3-6 students from Black Mountain Public School travelled to Armidale to attend the Grip Leadership Conference at the Armidale Ex Services Club.

The sessions included a main presentation, interactive activities, discussions, leadership games and entertainment. The topics for the day were Stepping up in Leadership, Stepping up Integrity and a New Standard of Ideas. The students all had a great day meeting other future leaders and participating in the fun activities. A big thankyou to Mrs Tombs who accompanied the students in my absence.

*Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*



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National Simultaneous Storytime Wednesday 25 May 2022

Have your say Integrated Planning and Reporting and Budget

At the Extraordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 10 May 2022 Council endorsed the draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents for public exhibition for a period of 28 days from Wednesday 11 May 2022 to Wednesday 8 June 2022.

These include:

- Draft Advancing our Region Community Plan
- Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026
- Draft Resourcing Strategy 202-2026
- Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2022-2023
- Draft Revenue Policy 2022-2023
- Draft Fees and Charges 2022-2023

To review these documents visit yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au or visit Council's Customer Service Offices in Guyra or Armidale.

COUNCIL MEETINGS
The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 May in Guyra from 4pm. Visit Council's website for more information.

10.45am
Book reading by
Armidale Regional
Council General
Manager James
Roncon

Drawing
competition for
children aged 4
to Year 2. Entry
forms available
from the library
and due by 20
May

All ages
welcome.
Bookings by
20 May

Guyra LT Starr Memorial Library
158 Bradley Street, Guyra
(02) 6770 7123 or gsclibrary@armidale.nsw.gov.au

Ice-skating in the Armidale region

Grab your family and friends to share the winter wonderland experience of ice-skating in Curtis Park, Armidale.

Sessions are now open until 29 May and all ages and abilities are catered for, including 'quiet' sessions and disability access.

Sessions run daily from 10am-8pm.

Quiet sessions are held from 11am- 12 noon on Monday, Tuesday and

Wednesday.

We recommend pre-booking your tickets prior to arrival, however, tickets may still be available at the door and payment must be through EFTPOS. Visit www.bigchill.com.au for tickets.

Book now using your NSW Discover and NSW Parents vouchers.



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



and on Instagram
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Community Noticeboard



Meals on Wheels

No Meals on Wheels for drivers to deliver until further notice

Street Stalls

May 26 Hospital Auxiliary
May 27, 28 Rotary
June 2,3,4 Rotary

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: Di Burey 0428 791 742

Church of Freedom

Sunday worship: 10am. Prayer meeting Tuesday 6.30pm. Bible discussion Wednesday 6.30pm. Pastors Jeff & Sharon Ritchie 0421 847 973. Chaplaincy services Dave Brown 0419 539 372, Dan McGinty 0409 399 270.

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: Hans Hietbrink 0402 044 891

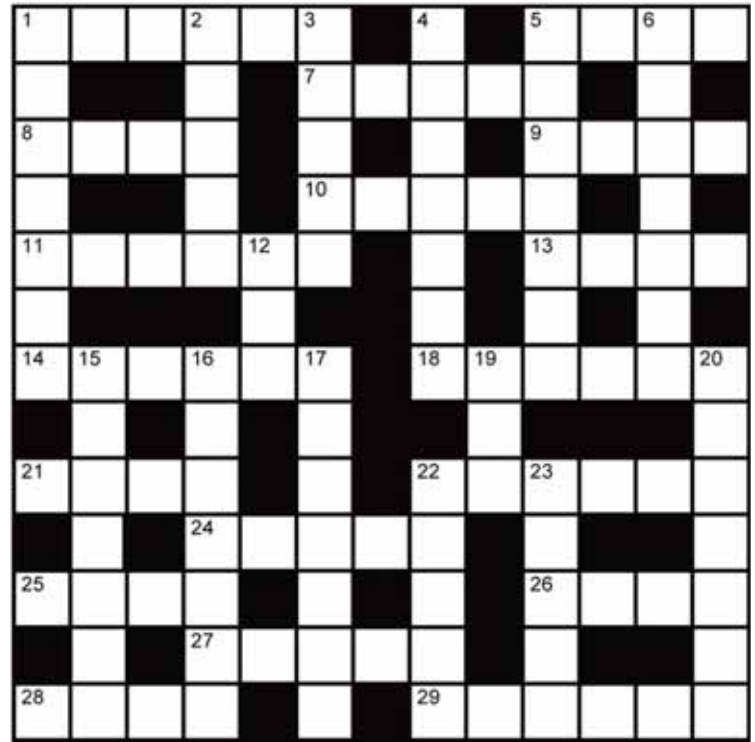
CROSSWORD

Across:

1. Money pouches
5. Swimming area
7. Short-lived fashion
8. Roman garment
9. Annoys constantly
10. Flare (out)
11. Medieval
13. Kinswoman
14. Speared
18. Disconnect
21. Swirl
22. Swirl
22. Castrated (horse)
24. Banish
25. Prayer ending
26. Brass instrument
27. Din
28. Poker stake
29. Run fast

Down:

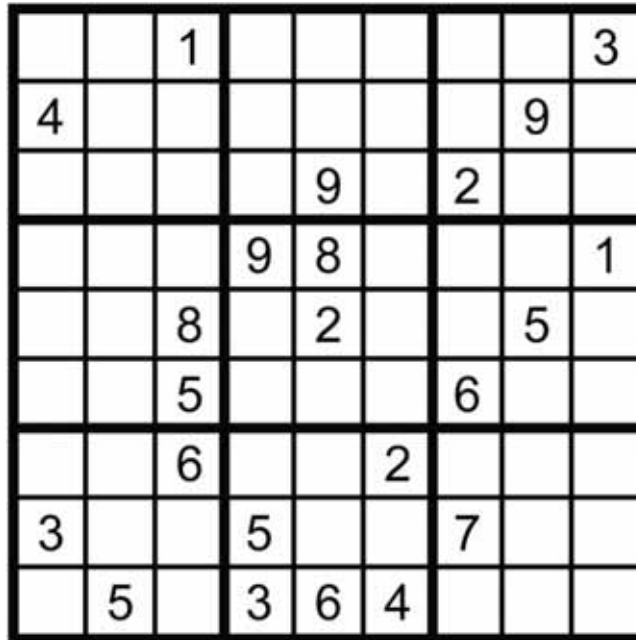
1. Woeful
2. Remain on feet
3. Hostile frown
4. Touched with hand
5. Triangular flag
6. Natural (of food)
12. Alcoholic brew
15. Stomach



16. Red pepper sauce
17. Shortfall
19. Night before
20. Water-main outlet
22. Chromosome units
23. Subsequently

Across: 1. Purses 5. Pool 7. Craze 8. Toga 9. Nags 10. Widen 11. Feudal 13. Aunt 14. Lanced 18. Detach 21. Eddy 22. Swirl 23. Horse 24. Exile 25. Amen 26. Tuba 27. Noise 28. Ante 29. Spirit
Down: 1. Pitiful 2. Stand 3. Scowl 4. Han-died 5. Pennant 6. Organic 12. Ale 15. Ab-domen 16. Cayenne 17. Deficit 19. Eve 20. Hydrant 22. Genes 23. Later

Sudoku - Medium



Just for Fun - Voting

Voting: Where choosing whom to vote for is like choosing which brand of shoe kicks you in the balls

Q: What did the corrupt senator order on election day?
A: Stuffed ballots.

Q: What do you call an argument between a politician and

one of his donors?

A: A conflict of interest.

Q: What sport did the politician want to learn?

A: How to Ballot Box

Q: What's the biggest problem with political jokes?

A: Too many of them get elected.

What to Watch

Our armchair critic has new recommendations every week. All movies have ratings of M and over - happy viewing!

Netflix Movies

Black and Blue, Danger Close, The International, Enough, Bombshell, Windfall

Netflix Series

Manhunter, Get Even

9Now

Manhunter, Get Even

ABC Iview

Accused, Grandchester



Support St Marys students fundraising for excursion



St Mary of the Angels will have many fundraising activities throughout the year for our year 5/6 excursion to Canberra in 2023, please keep an eye out over

the coming months.

Please support our school and community to make this a great success for all students.

A 100 Club was recently held

with all proceeds going towards the excursion. 1st Prize – Sharon Bokeyar 2nd Prize – James Stewart 3rd Prize – Gayle Moses

Thank you to Sharon Bokeyar

and Gayle Moses who donated their winnings back to the Excursion fund.

How do I vote if I catch COVID during election week?

Emergency telephone voting has been introduced for voters forced to isolate with COVID. It is something the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has been working on after the law was changed in February to allow people to vote over the phone.

You will need to provide proof of a positive COVID test from either a PCR test or a rapid antigen test (RAT). Tests must also be registered with your state or territory health authority. Voters will need to provide proof of the date and time of their positive PCR result, or the serial number of their RAT.

The AEC says voters will have to go through a few steps to access telephone voting. You will need to register on the AEC web-

site.

Once there, you will need to provide evidence of being COVID positive and make a declaration about your eligibility. You will then be matched to the electoral roll.

Checks will also be made to confirm that you have not already voted by telephone or another method.

The AEC says the service will be available to those who are required to be in COVID isolation for three days up to and including election day. That's Thursday May 19, Friday May 20 and Election Day, on Saturday May 21.

These days come right after the final date to register for a postal vote, which is Wednesday May 18.

Out with the roundabout, in with a Give Way sign

The roundabout at the intersection of Bradley and Mackenzie Streets will be removed following a recommendation by the traffic committee of Armidale Regional Council (ARC).

The committee recommended the removal of the roundabout and that the intersection revert to a standard tee intersection.

They said that the traffic counts are considered low and not significant to warrant management with a roundabout.

The roundabout was installed on a trial basis by Guyra Shire Council (GSC) in 2009. At the time GSC said it was 'a pro-active measure to improve the safety for all motorists, in particular to provide a safe and legal u-turn facility for car and

utilities'.

Following a 28 day public exhibition period, 11 submissions were received opposing the proposal based on public safety, traffic conditions and maintenance concerns.

The recommendation was resolved to approve the works and will commence when the planned bitumen resealing and asphalt works commence. Replacing the roundabout will be a 'Give Way' sign with the appropriate marking.

Motorists can still undertake legal u-turns within Bradley Street. Alternatively, motorists can travel a short distance around the block in order to re-enter Bradley Street.

No improvement for telecommunications

Despite years of discussion and a review of regional telecommunications in 2018, there appears to be very little improvement in mobile coverage and internet services for the residents of New England.

Laura Hughes, Labor Candidate for New England said that she is finding it hard to see positive outcomes in our connectivity, despite the vast financial investment announced by the local member Barnaby Joyce over many years.

“Mr Joyce spruiks that he has worked hard to deliver new and upgraded mobile base stations in the New England to improve mobile coverage under the \$220 million Mobile Black Spot Program, but where is the improvement?”

“People from all over the electorate are fed up with the poor mobile and internet services that we currently have.”

“The LNP government themselves say good quality

telecommunications underpins economic growth, social connection, employment opportunities, education and health services and yet, in a time when we need stable and secure internet services more than ever, we have to ‘make do’.”

A Labor government will:

- Boost NBN speeds on NBN Fixed wireless
- Increase NBN Satellite data allowances
- Expand world-class fibre access in the regions currently relying on copper wire
- Conduct a national audit of mobile coverage
- Boost mobile coverage on roads on black spots in regional communities
- Solve local connectivity problems to meet community needs
- Boost on farm connectivity so farmers can take advantage of connected machinery and sensor technology.

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Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

May 11th - There was a reduced penning of 2940 lambs, with 2779 sheep yarded, down slightly. The quality of the lambs was fair to good, as was condition. There was a good supply of well finished lambs to suit processors, along with a good selection for restockers. The usual buyers were in attendance.

There were varying trends in the market for lambs to restockers. Demand was a little weaker for the plainer condition light weights with the market trend firm to cheaper. The heavier weights carrying more condition sold to a dearer trend. Well finished lambs to processors in all weight classes sold to dearer trends.

There was plenty of skin value on offer in the sheep yarding. Spring shorn Merino ewes well supplied. Condition was fair to good. Strong processor demand for all classes, little in the way of restocker activity on the light

weight sheep. A strong market with trends dearer. There were significant gains posted in many cases.

Armidale Cattle Sale

May 12th - The numbers increased by more than double with a total yarding of 988. There was a fair supply of young cattle, however grown cattle and cows made up the bulk of the penning. The quality of the offering was fair to good with some well bred lines of young cattle available. There was plenty of condition on offer, particularly through the older steers, heifers and cows. The increased supply brought with it an increase in buyers who operated throughout. The big rain in the North putting pressure on supply brought about the return of 2 major processors after a long absence.

There were varying trends through the young cattle with restocker activity high on the lighter end of the vealer steers selling to a dearer trend, while

the heavier weights were cheaper. The increased competition saw medium and heavy weight yearling steers sell to dearer trends. A very mixed quality penning of yearling heifers sold to cheaper trends, some significant falls shown.

Heavy weight grown steers attracted competition from processors and also bullock fatteners. Market trends were dearer as a result. Well finished grown heifers sold to cheaper trends despite extra competition. The cow market also experienced a cheaper trend,. The increased competition however was reflected in the bull market where demand was high. The market for heavy weight bulls was significantly dearer.

Weekly Wool Market

May 13th - The market lifted for the third consecutive week. A 22 cent jump in the Northern region indicator on the first day of sales was followed up with a further 10 cent increase on the final day. The finer types con-

tinue to lead the overall market higher with the 18 and 18.5 micron indicators closing the week at their seasonal high points.

The rise in the market corresponded with the continuation of the fall in the Aussie dollar against the US. The exchange rate briefly fell below 69 cents on Thursday - its lowest level since June 2020. This resulted in a final market quote that was actually minus 3 cents in US dollars.

This week's closing level has dragged the market to within 20 cents of its seasonal highpoint and is the third highest end of week closing level for the current season. 37,594 bales were sold nationally with a passed in rate of 9%.

Major buyers included Techwool, Tianyu and Meliwa with strong support evident from most of the trade. Next week's national offering is expected to be around 4,800 bales larger with total bales offered for the season to date 10% or 145,000 bales greater than last season.



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping



It was a somewhat difficult week for tipping with 12 points being the highest achieved by Celebrity Soley and The Raider, Mother and Dip Stick of the Locals.

The Locals Leaderboard had quite a shake-up this week with many changing places.

Garden Gurus slipped from 2nd to 4th place thanks to scoring only 6 points. Our Soldier remains in 2nd place on 110 points but Angel is right behind him on 108.

The Red Devils are still in the top spot on 112 points, but have had the lead reduced to just 2 points.

Sarah has been toppled from the top of the Celebrity Leaderboard and is now in 2nd place on 104 points along with Sue, Soley and the Gazette.

The lads at Fourways have taken the lead on 108 points, Cody and HD are on 96 points and Vu, who had a real shocker, increased his score by just 2 points to 94.

Sue's Tips

- Broncos
- Tigers
- Eels
- Warriors
- Storm
- Panthers
- Rabbitohs
- Sharks



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Score: 104

Soley's Tips

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



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Specialists

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Score: 104

B-&-L's Tips

- Broncos
- Bulldogs
- Eels
- Warriors
- Storm
- Panthers
- Rabbitohs
- Sharks



Fourways Service Centre

Maxxis Tyres & other leading brands
Mechanical repairs
Log book servicing
Rego inspections



87-89 Bradley Street
6779 1284

Score: 108

HD's Tips

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



This week's Specials:

- Avocados - **\$1.20/ea**
- Boned & rolled Pork Leg
Roast - **\$8.75/kg**
- Great Northern Super Crisp
24pk - **\$45**

94 Bradley Street, Guyra
6779 1555



Score: 96

Cody's Tips

- Broncos
- Bulldogs
- Eels
- Warriors
- Cowboys
- Panthers
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State Budget has to kick-start reforms for regional health

NORTHERN Tablelands MP Adam Marshall has used a speech on the floor of State Parliament to double down on his calls for a complete overhaul of the rural and regional health care system, declaring there is no better opportunity than the upcoming State Budget to start reforming the sector.

Mr Marshall said the current funding models and management structures within NSW Health showed contempt for the people who live outside of Newcastle, Sydney and Wollongong.

“Change is such a simple word, but one which strikes fear into the hearts of many policy makers and public servants, particularly those in NSW Health,” Mr Marshall said.

“I renew my call for the Government to implement all 44 recommendations from the recent Upper House inquiry and to make a start on it right now.

“We must scrap the failed visiting medical officer system in regional areas, employ doctors directly in our district hospitals and reempower local communities.

“If we keep doing what we have always done, we will keep getting what we have always got.

“The State Parliament, and this Government, now have a document that unequivocally shines a light on the policy and structural issues that are plaguing our rural and regional healthcare system, and that constructively provides a stepbystep road map to address them.”

Mr Marshall also reconfirmed

his position there needs to be greater accountability for Local Health Districts (LHDs) and improvements made to workplace culture for staff.

“The level of transparency and accountability that the LHDs have to the communities, which fund them, and in some cases to their own Minister, is completely nonexistent,” he said.

“Once again I say how pleased I am with the recommendations for reforms targeting our health district structures.

“Many people who work within the healthcare system are clearly terrified to speak out and be honest about what is going on – that has to end.

“I have been one of the most adamant and loudest critics of the senior management, particularly Michael DiRienzo, the CEO of Hunter New England Health. He has to go, as far as I and my communities are concerned.

“The recommendation for an independent health administration ombudsman to review concerns around the administration of LHDs is critical.

“So too is the revival of the local health advisory committees and health advisory committees that have teeth and that have local people from local communities holding the health service managers and health district CEOs to account.

“In terms of health care in the bush, it is a bloody raw deal. It has to change. We have the road map and we should not delay implementing it.”

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Thanks Volunteers Making Communities ‘Better Together’

As Australia celebrates National Volunteer Week (May 16-22), the regions Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service is acknowledging the valuable contribution of its dedicated volunteers in making Northern NSW communities ‘Better Together’ – the theme of this year’s National Volunteer Week.

The Service has over 900 loyal volunteers, scattered across Northern NSW towns in over 40 Volunteer Support Groups and six (6) Op Shops, undertaking a variety of fundraising initiatives from raffles to BBQ’s and major events.

“Our volunteers have long made a vital contribution to our fundraising efforts to assist the Westpac Rescue Helicopter to service the communities of Northern NSW,” Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service CEO Richard Jones OAM said.

“Through the provision of our world class aeromedical service from our three Bases in Tamworth, Lismore and Belmont and the support of our fantastic volunteers in Volunteer Support Groups right across our service area, we are making the communities we service ‘Better Together’,” Jones continued.

“Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities

and creates a better society for everyone. During COVID lockdowns, many of our volunteers were unfortunately restricted from the formal structures of face to face volunteering but we were heartened to know that so many kept their close contacts and friendships and our wonderful volunteers found new ways to support our operations and their local communities.”

“National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of not only our own volunteers but all who selflessly give of their time in their local community. Importantly though, in the wake of COVID, I’d like to take the opportunity to welcome our volunteers back to their Support Groups and say thank you for their continued support and dedication to helping others through their efforts,” Jones said.

“On behalf of our staff, the Board and Regional Advisory Committees, I would like to thank every person who has or continues to volunteer for the Service, especially in the wake of the challenges faced during COVID and more recently the devastating floods on the Northern Rivers,” Jones concluded.



Gazette Footy Tipping

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Shiba inu Soldier	110	From the Sideline	100
Angel	108	Hazel	98
Garden Gurus	106	Nightwatchman	98
Smooch	106	The Shy One	98
Mother	106	Iggman	94
The 3 Bunnies	104	The Honey Pot	90
The Raider	104	Elva Brazier	90
Bulldog	102	Braydon W.	70
Up the Knights	102	Farmer Joe	66
Sharky	102	Dip Stick	60

Locals Entry Form - Round 12

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 25th May**

Name:

Phone:

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



PUBLIC NOTICE

Shopping Trolleys

We would like to remind all our valued customers to please return all trolleys after use.

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MEETINGS

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY meeting Wednesday 18th May, 7pm at the Showground.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY Wednesday, 1st June at 2pm in the back room of the hospital (MPS). New members most welcome.

FOOD PANTRY

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DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

STARR; JOY 14th May 2022 formerly of "Rockdale" & Youman Street, Guyra

Dearly loved wife of Philip (dec'd). Loving mother & mother-in-law of Ron & Jennifer, Patricia & Terry (dec'd) Darby, Charles, Deborah & Robert Moore and loved grandmother & great-grandmother of their families.

Aged 93 years

Memorial Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, Guyra on Friday, 20th May 2022 commencing at 2:00pm.



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WILLIAMS; ELSIE FLORENCE 20th April 2022 of Ryanda Street, Guyra

Dearly beloved wife of J.H.D. (Jim) Williams (dec'd). Loving mother & mother-in-law of George & Shirley, Anne & Jim Owens, Christine & Peter Spencer and loved grandmother & great-grandmother of their families.

Aged 94 years

Funeral Service held at St James Anglican Church, Guyra on Tuesday 26th April 2022 and Interment followed in the Guyra Lawn Cemetery.



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RETURN THANKS

LEONIE CAROL DOWDEN 22.12.1951 - 23.4.2022

The family of the late Leonie "Carol" Dowden would like to express their sincere thanks to Dr. Jey and all the nurses and staff at the Guyra MPS. Thank you for the professional and personal care provided.

To Max Handebo, thank you for your personal and courteous service.

To the communities of Guyra and Armidale, you are truly magnificent and have provided such incredible support to the family.

A special thank you to all of our family and friends for their floral tributes, cooking, messages of sympathy and support shown to the family in the recent loss of Carol Dowden.

Thank you for all your kindness; please accept this as our personal thanks.

*Tracey, Geoffrey, Cindy
and their families*

IN MEMORIAM

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Ladies' Golf

Last week no golf was played because of the wet conditions. This week is a Golf NSW Medal Round along with the Mabel McKenzie Brooch. Next week several ladies are travelling to Inverell for the Annual Open day. Good luck to all.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

Three games were played last weekend. In the club pairs Cameron Peardon and Murray Bourke played Robert Moore and Paul Johnson. Robert and Paul led for the 1st 8 ends, only to see Cameron and Murray take the lead with two ends to play. Fitz and Porky knuckled down to win the last two ends and win the game 25-20.

In a game of minor singles Anthony Bull was too strong for Geoff Reeves winning 31-

20, and in Handicap singles Randy Mulligan having his 1st competition game wasn't disgraced going down to Robert Walls 31-21.

Two games are set down for Sunday with a 12 o'clock start. In minor singles Shane Brennan will play Wayne Reeves with Geoff Reeves to mark, and in major/minor pairs Robert Moore and Cameron Peardon will take on Michael Shiner and Corby Kliendienst.

Jack

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday 14 players competed in Individual Stableford, still playing the front nine twice. The winner with 35 points was the consistent Phil Devlin with Roger Grills 2 shots behind as runner up.

The best putter on the day was Len Stanley with 27 putts on greens that are in great shape and the occasional pin

placing testing the skills.

Nearest the pins on the 7th went to Herb Wilson the first nine and Phil Devlin on the second nine.

This week we have a very strong team traveling to Uralla to compete in the final round of the Pennants. Hopes are high that we can come home with the trophy again this year. Good luck.

A Vet

Cricket

Guyra Cricket Club will hold their presentations on Saturday, 21st May, 6pm at Guyra Bowling Club. Junior and Senior. Tickets to be purchased at Royal Hotel.

All cricketers are encouraged to come along to wrap up the great season that the club had.

Junior Rugby League

On May 7th Guyra played Glen Innes at Lions Park Guyra.

Under 8s GI def Guyra 28-24
Under 10s GI def Guyra 26-12
Under 12s GI def Guyra 32-6
Under 14s Guyra def GI 28-16
Under 16s GI def Guyra 16-10
JLT Guyra def GI 24-10
ILT Guyra def GI 20-10
SLT GI def Guyra 30-16

On May 14th Guyra played their first away game at Bingara with mixed results.

Under 8s and Under 12s lost their games. The JLT, ILT and U10s won. SLT and U14s had a bye.

Under 16s went to Kootingal where they were defeated in a good game

This weekend Guyra will play Moree at home in all age groups



League Tag action Guyra versus Glen Innes
Photos Guyra Sport



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