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New owners for Guyra glasshouse

Guyra's largest employer, the Costa Group has welcomed the news their 20-hectare tomato glasshouse facility in Elm Street has been purchased for \$80m by a property investment fund.

Property funds house Centuria Capital has purchased the glasshouse as rural assets hold up in the face of rising interest rates. Centuria will put the glasshouse into its unlisted Centuria Agriculture Fund.

The Sydney-based Centuria Capital Group is an ASX-listed specialist investment manager with more than \$21 billion of assets under management.

The deal marked the Centuria fund's third off-market glasshouse acquisition taking the total size of its glasshouses under management to about 74-hectares under-glass, worth \$323m.

In addition to the glasshouse, the Elm Street site includes a one-acre nursery, 65 megalitre dam, packing and distribution sheds and cool rooms.

State Manager NSW Vertical



The Elm St glasshouse, operated by Tomato Exchange, has a new owner

Farming for the Costa Group, Scot MacDonald, told the Gazette that the Costa team in Guyra are excited by this development.

"The Costa Group have committed to a new 15 year lease for the Elm Street site," Mr MacDonald said.

"With a new property owner,

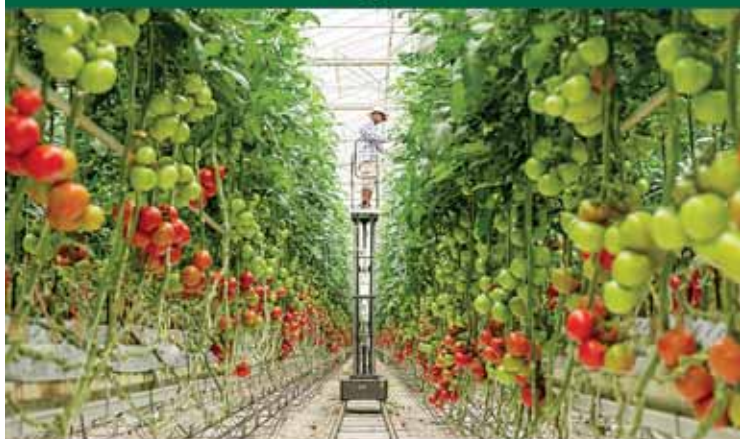
there is now an opportunity to review our capital works program to lock in productivity and sustainability.

"Costas will continue to be a major economic driver and job creator in the region."

Guyra provides a unique micro-climate with high sunlight levels in

winter and cool summers, making it perfect for glasshouse production. The Costa Group company Tomato Exchange produces 12,800 tonnes of tomatoes each year, supplying Coles, Woolworths, Aldi, Costco and Harris Farms. The Costa Group site north of Guyra is owned outright by Costa.

Costa
well grown



Supporting the local community

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"Copnor" - Black Mountain 168 ha - 415 acres

Blending classic Australian country lifestyle with traditional farming



- 12km south of Guyra
- 25km north of Armidale
- 5 B/R insulated homestead
- Established trees in garden
- Cattle yards & sheep yards
- Woolshed & stables
- Bore water troughed throughout
- Excellent fencing incl. laneway
- Open pasture & grazable shelter
- Predominately basalt soils

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MacDougall
Rural Property

The World's Longest Torch Relay visits Tingha

A team of runners from around the world – ranging from elite athletes to Sunday joggers – arrived in Tingha on Saturday March 3rd.

The torch of peace left Brisbane on February 28 and is being carried right into Canberra. The Sri Chinmoy Oneness Home Peace Run is a global torch relay that carries the message of international friendship and understanding to over 70 countries throughout the world every year.

It is a universal expression of hope and promise for a better world based on the idea that peace begins within the individual, and each of us can influence the course of progress towards world harmony. Relay teams bring the Peace Run Torch to school children, community groups and civic leaders, every participant contributing by passing the torch from hand to hand, heart to heart.

This year a team of 12 runners from five nations as far away as Mongolia, Brazil, Columbia and Guatemala will carry the torch thousands of kilometres across Queensland, NSW and the ACT. Humanitarians such as Nelson Mandela, Cathy Freeman, Mikhail Gorbachev, Carl Lewis, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Mother Teresa and Muhammad Ali have all been torch bearers.

They stopped at Tingha Public School and all the children and teachers held the torch and ran with the team. Local citizen Colleen Graham received the Torch Bearer Award at the school, a



Above: Local citizen Colleen Graham received the Torch Bearer Award

Left: Tingha Public School students holding the the Torch of Peace

medallion that honours those that contribute to the community through their self giving efforts.

The team then met local citizens at Grahame Park performing their peace run song and explaining the run to the community. The runners spent the night at Green Valley Farm

Australian runner Salil Wilson has participated in runs in the US, Europe, and Asia.

“The run is a great vehicle for peace,” Salil said. “It brings out the very best in people and promotes the idea that peace begins with each one of us.”

“The more people that hold the torch and offer their good will or support, the faster the world can reach the goal of world peace.”

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CHARITY MATCH
LET'S KICK CANCER TOGETHER

Can Assist 1ST APRIL 2023 Can Assist

LET THE DAY BEGIN AT 12:30PM
GAME 1 WILL KICK OFF 1PM
GAME 2 WILL KICK OFF 2PM
RAFFLE, AUCTION, 100 CLUB ETC WILL ALL BE DRAWN FOLLOWING THE END OF THE SECOND GAME.
CANTEEN AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE AVAILABLE AND FACE PAINTING FOR THE KIDS TO ENJOY
PLENTY OF FUN FOR ALL!
FOLLOWED BY RETRO NIGHT AT THE PUB WITH A DJ. THE THEME FOR THE NIGHT IS ALL THINGS SPORT.

Farmers reject proposed SRV

The Guyra Branch of the NSW Farmers have unanimously rejected Armidale Regional Council's proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV). ARC have applied to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for an average 50% rate increase over the next three years

The farmers are concerned about the implications of the SRV application, which comes on top of rate Harmonisation adjustments that will increase

the rates of some Guyra landholders by 198%.

They also say that Council has not demonstrated a capacity to extract productivity gains from council service delivery with the rates it currently collects and that the consultation was 'underwhelming'.

"Council has not considered appropriately the capacity of the rural landholders to pay," Branch Secretary James Jackson said.

"The rate grab is opportunis-

tic with some commodity prices buoyant during the last couple of years.

"However the capacity to pay, if terms of trade is considered over the last decade, is quite problematic.

"Cattle prices have come back 30% recently to demonstrate how lumpy rural income is.

"We believe that it is important that Council is accountable to ensure productivity is maximised.

"A lot of the consultation was timed around Christmas, where farmers are otherwise busy.

"Real consultation requires listening to issues like capacity to pay and productivity and responding to what they hear."

The Guyra branch has made a submission to IPART opposing the rate rise.

The deadline for submissions was March 3, and the decision is scheduled to be made public on May 9.

Bridge to go from Timber to Concrete

The dilapidated timber Kaurala Bridge (known commonly as Karoola) will be replaced with a new modern concrete structure as a result of a \$1.5 million State Government funding injection.

The grant, from the NSW Fixing Country Bridges program, will allow Armidale Regional Council to replace the ageing structure, located on the Old Armidale Road, over the next 12 months with a new single-lane concrete bridge. The funding will cover the total cost of the bridge replacement.

Member for Northern Tablelands Ada Marshall said that the Kaurala Bridge has served the district well for almost six decades, but of late it's only been kept functional with numerous expensive patch-up jobs by council.

"This is not sustainable long-term and the bridge is becoming a safety risk, especially for heavy vehicles," Mr Marshall said.

"This funding allows council to finally undertake a full bridge replacement, upgrading to a concrete structure, which will be stronger and safer.

"Critically though, the new concrete bridge will eliminate council's significant maintenance costs, saving the ratepayers considerable funds, and ensuring the smooth movement of freight and produce along the



Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland, left, and Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall on Guyra's Kaurala Bridge, which will soon be replaced with a new concrete structure, thanks to a \$1.5 million grant from the State Government.

road."

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Sam Coupland welcomed the funding.

"It's wonderful to receive this funding to allow council to remove yet another ageing timber bridge in our region," Cr Coupland said.

"It's been a priority for council to improve our assets and converting an old timber bridge to new concrete not only dramatically improves conditions for motorists, it also saves ratepayers maintenance costs in the long run.

"Thanks to Adam and the

government for continuing to support council's efforts to improve our road and bridge network."

Work on the new bridge is expected to get underway in June this year.

What's HOT

Volunteers attending to our street trees

Super Spuds first trial game - March 25th

Caspers Can Assist fundraiser

Pushing a pram 'bus' full of toddlers

What's NOT

Being "monstered" at the roundabout

Roadworks sign ending up in the playground

QUOTE of the week

The way prices are rising, the good old days are next week

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

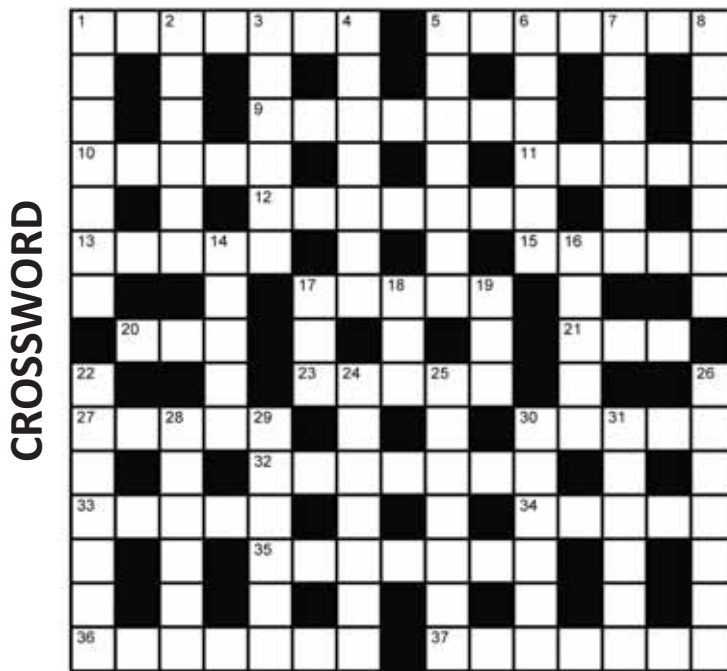
WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
28	Tues	12.0	24.4	0
01	Wed	14.0	26.9	5.8
02	Thurs	14.2	22.6	0
03	Fri	12.3	23.0	0
04	Sat	9.6	21.5	0
05	Sun	8.5	25.1	0
06	Mon	11.8	26.0	0

Rain this week	5.8mm
February rainfall	106mm
Rainfall YTD	242.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	302.0mm
Ave. rain YTD	297.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology



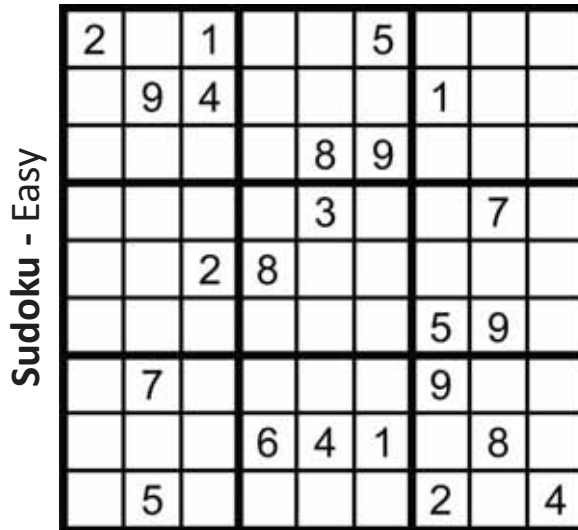
CROSSWORD

Across:

- Addictive narcotic
- _____ & adenoids
- Plotted
- TV trial episode
- Customary practice
- Involve (in dispute)
- Thick sweet liquid
- Alleviated
- Hoard
- African savanna beast
- Hawaiian garland
- Polite form of address
- Red dye
- Digging tool
- Immature frog
- Estimate
- Takes bone photos (1-4)
- Remote fort (plans)
- Place

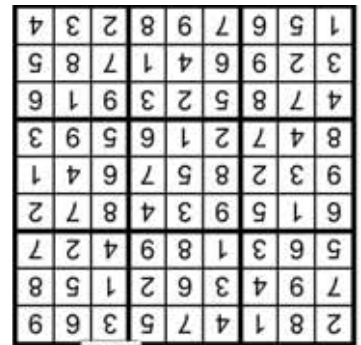
Down:

- Write music room
- Underground
- Foot arch
- Display
- Tribal drums (3-4)
- Node
- Relatives by marriage (2-4)
- Protective screens
- About-face (1-4)
- In total (3,2)
- Maths problem
- Assist
- Smoked pork
- Laboured (of train)
- Reviewed (ledger)
- Loving
- Criticise harshly
- Biliousness
- Dined at restaurant (3,3)
- Group of six
- Northern US state



Sudoku - Easy

Across: 1. Cocaine 5. Tonisls 9. Schemed 10. Eased 17. Stash 20. Gnu 21. Let 23. Madam 34. X-Rays 35. Outpost 36. Drafted 37. Situ-
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Down: 1. Compose 2. Cellar 3. Instep 4. Ex-
hibit 5. Tom Toms 6. Nodule 7. In laws 8. Shields 14. U turn 16. All up 17. Sum 18. Aid
Amorous 26. Censure 28. Nausea 29. Ate out
30. Sextet 31. Alaska



Meals on Wheels

March 9	Jim Betts
March 10	Golf Ladies
March 13	Lions Club
March 14	Wendy Laidlaw
March 15	Steve Norris

Street Stalls

March 9,10,11	Rotary
March 16	Can Assist
March 17,18	Guyra Lodge

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

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, followed by morning tea. Doors open from 8:30am. 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: Pastors Linden & Kerrie Pollard 0455 232 073.

Seventh-day Adventist Church: Aboomala Street. Sabbath School 10.00am Saturday Divine Service 11.30am Saturday. **Contact:** Minister Luke Reeves 0410 761 320 Church Clerk 6779 1587

Uniting Church: 57 Ollera Street: Regular Sunday Service: 9.30am
Contact: Di Burey 0428 791 742

Church of Freedom (Cnr. Boorolong & Nincoola Sts.) 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

Guyra Show - Shearing results



Sports Shear Open

Jeremy Newberry , Daniel McIntyre , Luke Foster , Erick Klabe

We had a very good roll up of shearers this year, Friday night we had 33 shearers and Saturday we had 42 shearers. Friday night we held the speed shear with the following results:

Intermediate:

1st Jack Hillier (Glen Innes) 35.48 sec, 2nd Clay Bonnici (Uralla) 36.61 sec, 3rd Nigel Lucca (Dubbo) 36.99 sec

Open:

1st Jeremy Newberry (Guyra) 25.53 sec, 2nd Jerome Taiki (Walcha) 25.71 sec, 3rd Elliot Learmont (Peak Hill) 28.57 sec.

On Saturday we held a sports shear event with the following results:

Novice:

1st Stacci Chisholm (Manjimup WA), 2nd Charlie Baker (Gilgai), 3rd Hayden Wallace (Black Mountain), 4th Britt Phillips (Pilliga)

Intermediate:

1st Callan Mallise (Barraba), 2nd Andrew Kelly (Walcha), 3rd Jack Lockyer (Guyra), 4th Nigel Lucca (Dubbo)

Senior:

1st Zac Mallise (Barraba), 2nd Blake York (Barraba), 3rd Ewan Winter (Glen Innes), 4th Ethan Brown (Dubbo)

Open:

1st Jeremy Newberry (Guyra), 2nd Daniel McIntyre



Sports Shear Senior

Zac Mallise , Blake York , Ewan Winter , Ethan Brown

(Glen Innes), 3rd Luke Foster (Guyra), 4th Erick Klabe (Guyra)

Best score for local shearer on the day went to Erick Klabe.

It was very pleasing to see such great support from the spectators on both days. A little hiccup Saturday with the power but with a small delay we got a generator and we were back in action. I would like to thank all the shearers who participated and some who travelled many hours to be here.

Thanks to our judges, time-keepers, roustabouts, penner uppers, our many sponsors, our busy secretary and scorer

Jaimie Mayled and our committee members who all put in a lot of time and effort into running two successful show shearing events. Thanks to Wayne and Lorraine Jenkyn for supplying the sheep and to Trevor and Deidre Tarrant for carting the sheep in and back.

Many thanks to the shearers and draggers and the graziers who help shear around 350 Dorset rams from which all the money goes into having such good prize money for both days.

Bruce Reeves.



Sports Shear Intermediate

Callan Mallise , Andrew Kelly , Jack Lockyer , Nigel Lucca



Sports Shear Novice

Stacci Chisholm , Charlie Baker , Britt Phillips , Hayden Wallace

Guyra Show - Woodchopping

This year our event was again well represented with axemen and women from Willowtree, Gilgandra, Kempsey, Grafton, Glen Innes and Nundle as well as our local representatives.

All competitors had a great day and enjoyed displaying their sport to the captivated crowd. Our boys and ladies events saw the crowd in awe of the up and coming talent.

We would like to thank our generous sponsors as without their continued support it would not be possible to run this event.

Thank you to Access Fuels, BH Farming - Nigel & Nicky Bourne, Betts Rogers Transport, Brown & Krippner Surveyors, Carmichael & Co Woolbrokers, Davidson Cameron & Co, Dot Vickery, Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club, Guyra Hotel, Guyra Neighbourhood Centre, Jones Cracknell & Starr Accountants, M & J Moffatt Groundspreading, Matts Fencing, Maz Sisson Rural Contracting, N & A Clayton - Turtles Transport, Sole Taxation, Super Moto New England, Urandangie Pastoral Co. Every year these generous businesses support our event, so please support them.

Competitive woodchopping is not just a sport for men and we are now seeing more women



Double Handed Sawing Handicap 1st Michael Shipman/Jordon Peterson – Guyra/Grafton 2nd Ann Shipman/Leon Crichfield – Guyra/Smithtown 3rd Steve Dunn/John Crosby – Glen Innes/Glen Innes

competing in what has been considered a male dominated sport. There is technique required, especially when you are a back marker (starting last) and you are handicapped up to 60 seconds from the limit competitor (first starter), so brute strength does not necessarily mean a winning competitor.

The type of wood can also make a difference to who comes away as winners on the day. Hard wood is better for the back mark-

ers, whilst the softer wood gives the limit men an advantage. A competitor's mark is determined by how much money they win competing, the higher the mark, the more money that axeman has won.

Often the crowd wonder why some axemen walk away from a block when they have not finished chopping it, this is usually because they have found a limb (or knot) in the block which if

they continue to chop will break their axe.

Competitive axes can cost anywhere up to \$1500 in their finished state. Also the degree of bevel on the axe is determined by what type of wood is being cut on the day. It is not unusual for an axemen to own up to a dozen axes."

*Woodchop Steward
Michael Shipman*



300mm Underhand Handicap 1st Bruce Brand – Nundle 2nd Steve Dunn – Glen Innes 3rd Alan Green – Tucabia with sponsor Mal Moffatt



300 mm Standing Block Handicap 1st James Livingstone – Lismore 2nd Dennis Howard – Gilgandra 3rd Bruce Brand – Nundle with sponsor Maz Sisson

Boost for Mental Health Services

IN a major boost for mental health support and services in the region, 10 new crisis supporters will be trained and based in Armidale, answering calls to the 13 11 14 Lifeline Crisis Support telephone line.

A State Government grant of \$160,000 for the charity will help establish a crisis support centre in Armidale, providing thousands across the region with much-needed telephone crisis support services.

Lifeline New England North West and Northern NSW General Manager Michael Were said Lifeline was thrilled to receive the funding.

"Lifeline believes that no Australian should face their darkest moment alone, and we receive on average, over 3,000 calls from Australians in crisis every day," Mr Were said.

"Unfortunately, not every call can be answered as we do not have enough volunteer crisis supporters trained to cope with the demand for Lifeline's services. Armidale is a key location for the development of our services, particularly in rural NSW.

"It is common for our Crisis Supporters to receive calls where a person is anxious, depressed, worried, in difficult relationships situations, or experiencing suicidal ideation.

"Our Crisis Supporters receive extensive training; the total program takes approximately nine months to complete. We are excited to be establishing a new location for Lifeline Crisis Support in Armidale.

"Lifeline's support to the New England will now include crisis support, as well as an already established free counselling service (face-to-face and online), as well as community training and a disaster recovery program following the Black Summer Bushfires.

Expressions of Interest are now open for Lifeline Crisis Supporters. Those interested can go to the Lifeline website to register their interest at www.lifelinedirect.org.au/newengland/get-involved/become-a-crisis-supporter

Costa awards funding to community groups

A total of 19 community organisations, sporting groups and schools will receive funding through the Costa Tomato Exchange Well Grown Community Grants Program for 2023.

State Manager NSW Scot MacDonald said there were more than 40 applications for funding through the program, which is being offered for the first time this year.

"We were really pleased to see so many applications and it made the selection process very difficult. We used an independent reviewer to assess the applications to ensure they were each judged fairly according to our criteria,"

Mr MacDonald said.

"The successful applicants include local schools for kitchen garden programs, sporting organisations and some event-based activity."

Mr MacDonald said while Costa had always contributed to a range of community organisations, the transparent application process was initiated to ensure all groups had a chance to apply for funding.

"We thank everyone who took the time to complete an application and look forward to providing another round of funding for 2024."

Successful applicants in Guyra

were Bald Blair Public School, Guyra Junior Rugby League, Global Citizens (St Marys), Guyra Super Spuds Rugby League, Guyra VRA, Lamb & Potato Festival, Guyra Bowling Club, Guyra Soccer Club, Guyra Cricket Club, Guyra Chamber of Commerce, Guyra Cycling Inc.

Successful Armidale groups were Armidale City, Newling, Drummond, and Sandon Public Schools, Yarm Gwanga Preschool, Little Bear Cottage, Armidale Neighbourhood Centre, and Armidale Netball Club.

Costa also sponsored the 2023 Guyra Show, which was held on February 17 and 18.

Spuds back on the field on March 25th



Spudettes Macie Clarke, Ellie Mitchell and Taylor Waters train with guest coach Jeff Richardson

The Super Spuds will be back on the field for the first time since July 2021 when they welcome the Werris Creek Magpies to town on March 25.

The trial games at the New Red Hill will help the Spuds warm up for the season ahead.

Games start at 12 noon with the Spudettes in action, followed by the under 18s and then first grade.

"We want to see a big home crowd there," club president Grant Robertson said.

"This is going to be a tough test against a strong Group 4 club, but it's mainly about getting Guyra back on the footy field and building towards the Group 19 season next month.

"Hopefully a few more players get involved and we can have a

big year."

It will only cost a gold coin donation to get into the trial games and fans are invited back to the Guyra Bowling Club afterwards.

The club is also selling polo shirts for \$45 each.

These can be pre-ordered via Facebook or by emailing guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com by March 17.

Black Mountain First Assembly

On Friday, 24th February 2023, we held our first assembly for Term 1, 2023 at Black Mountain Public School. The students received Principal's Awards and Class Awards. Congratulations to our awardees.

The 3-6 band students and K-2 choir presented songs they had been practicing with our new music teacher Mr Kees Grenyer which was enjoyed by their fellow students and parents/carers. The transition class displayed their wire sculptures as they were investigating colour, texture, shape, and patterns this week.

It was lovely to see our parents/carers who attended our assembly celebrating students' achievements.

K-2 Class Awards Cooper Turnham, Tremane Patterson, Bella Kennedy, Tallara Patterson



3-6 Class Awards Elijah Sampson & Oscar Kennedy, Steven Edlington & Latai 'Ale

Principals Awards Seth Patterson & Dustin Turnham

Transition Designs Aniya Patterson, Solomone 'Ale, Izaiah Kennedy & Connor McNeil

*Mrs Justine Eddy
Relieving Principal*

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Rural Market Reports

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

March 1st - Total Yarding: 8755 (+485). Lamb numbers increased slightly to 4950 head with sheep supply steady at 3800.

Condition varied through the lambs while quality was generally good. Well finished lambs suitable to processors in good supply with lightweight young lambs to suit restockers plentiful. The usual buyers were in attendance.

Weaker restocker demand and some variation in quality resulted in cheaper trends for the young lambs returning to the paddock.

Well finished trade lambs 18 to 22kg saw a firm to slightly cheaper market trend with demand a little weaker.

Heavier weight young lambs up to 26kg dressed met keen competition to record a firm to slightly dearer trend. The heavy and extra heavyweights followed a similar trend.

Condition and weight varied greatly through the sheep offering. Both merino's and Crossbreds well represented. A

solid market that saw all but the plainest quality sheep sell on a firm to slightly dearer market trend. There was more upside on the plainer condition Merino sheep carrying a spring skin. The well finished heavy sheep showed little improvement.

Armidale Cattle Sale

March 2nd - Total Yarding: 1070 (+200). Numbers increased heading into the traditional sell off period. All categories were represented with a good supply of yearling while there were not many vealers penned.

The quality of the offering varied from very good quality feeders through to secondary quality grown heifers. Condition also showed quite a variation. There was a similar buying group in attendance. Demand was weaker through the young cattle with this resulting in cheaper trends throughout. Bearing in mind the fortnightly sales there was significant price change in places. vealer heifers to restock were substantially cheaper while the limited sup-

ply of steer vealers lacked the quality of the previous penning. A good supply of medium and heavy weight yearling steers sold to considerably cheaper trends. There was limited competition for medium and heavy weight yearling heifers with a reduction in buying orders. Heavy grown steers over 500kg to feed and including milk tooth lines experienced little change in trends with some breed related improvement. Heavy weights to process up to 10c/kg cheaper. Secondary quality grown heifers attracted little competition also. The well finished grown heifers sold to a slightly cheaper trend. The better heavy weight cows were up to 7c cheaper. Heavy bulls also sold to a cheaper trend.

Weekly Wool Sales

March 3rd - This week's national offering fell short of the expected 50,000 bales but was still substantial for this time of year. AWEX report that the total volume of wool offered in February was the largest in 8 years.

In the Northern region the

first day of sales produced mixed results with the indicator finishing the day 10 cents cheaper. This was reversed on the last day of sales with the indicator finishing the week 1 cent dearer.

The designated superfine sale in Sydney produced some good results for the finer micron ranges. 43,055 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 11%. Major buyers included Techwool, Tianyu and PJ Morris.

AWTA test data released this week shows a 2.3% increase in the weight of wool tested nationally compared to last season. Interestingly the micron profile is showing a 12.7% increase in the volume of wool testing 17.5 micron and finer.

In excess of 50,000 bales are again expected to be on offer next week with the Northern region once again selling on the now unusual Wednesday /Thursday format. Based on historical data the weekly volume of wool on offer should start to reduce for the rest of the 2022/23 season.



Gazette's Celebrity Footy Tipping

Happy Footy New Year!

Round 1 of the 2023 NRL footy was an historic week, with Wayne Bennett's Redcliff Dolphins entering the competition and sealing a win over the favoured Roosters 28-18.

There were several close games that could have gone either way, with the Storm managing a golden point win over the Eels 16-12, the Cowboys getting the win over the Raiders by one point 19-18 and the Broncos getting one point win over the Premiership favourites, the Penrith panthers 13-12.

In the Sydney Derbies, the Rabbits got the win over the Sharks 27-18 and Manly won at home to the Bulldogs 31-6.

Across the ditch, the New Zealand Warriors got off to a great start

with a win over the Knights 20-12.

Overall, a tough week for all footy tipping enthusiasts and hoping to have a better week in round 2!

Sue was the best of the Celebrities to wrangle the first round matches with a very credible score of 12 points. Soley did well to be next in line on 10 points. Cody and Sarah managed 8 points and the rest of the field - BSL, Harry, Vu and the Gazette - are bunched together on a mere 6 points.

The Iggman is top of the Locals Leaderboard on 12 points, seven Locals are on 10 points, four on 8 points, five on 6 points, four on 4 points and the Garden Gurus wandering off smelling the roses on just 2 points.

The Green Blooded Reporter

Sue's Tips

- Panthers
- Eels
- Broncos
- Roosters
- Dolphins
- Storm
- Knights
- Titans



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Soley's Tips

- Rabbits
- Eels
- Broncos
- Roosters
- Raiders
- Storm
- Knights
- Titans



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Score: 10

BLS' Tips

- Panthers
- Sharks
- Broncos
- Roosters
- Raiders
- Storm
- Knights
- Titans



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Score: 6

Harry's Tips

- Panthers
- Eels
- Broncos
- Roosters
- Dolphins
- Storm
- Tigers
- Dragons



This week's Specials:

- Tim Tam biscuits
\$2.25/pkt
- Gatorade - **\$1.97**
- Grapes (Aust. red seedless)
\$5.90/kg

94 Bradley Street, Guyra
6779 1555

Score: 6

Cody's Tips

- Panthers
- Eels
- Broncos
- Roosters
- Dolphins
- Storm
- Tigers
- Dragons



Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday:
8.00am to 5.30pm
Friday: 7.30am to 5.30pm
Saturday: 7.30am to 12pm



105 Bradley Street
6779 1008

Score: 8

Vu's Tips

- Panthers
- Eels
- Broncos
- Roosters
- Dolphins
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PUBLIC NOTICES

'FAVOURITE SHORTS' Local playwrights. Local actors at Ben Lomond 2023 Saturday 18th March 7pm. Light supper at interval. Cost \$25. Tickets: <https://www.ticketebo.com.au/favshorts> (no booking fee)

GUYRA SHAMROCK HOCKEY CLUB: 2023 winter season is fast approaching and the club needs to nominate teams ASAP.

Please email: gurahockey@gmail.com with your name and the preferred grade/age group you'd like to play. Look forward to a great season ahead.

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IN MEMORIAM

NORMAN WILLIAM WILSON
24.2.1933 - 9.3.2019

Time slips by, a life goes on
But in our hearts you're never gone
Loved always, Betty & Family

In Loving Memory of
My Beautiful Daughter
Stacey Mowle
29.4.1991 ~ 11.3.2014

In life I loved you dearly
In death I love you still
In my heart you hold a place
That no-one could ever fill
Always loved, never forgotten, Dad



DEATH & FUNERAL NOTICES

MOORE; THELMA
2nd March 2023

formerly of Ollera Street, Guyra

Dearly beloved wife of Bruce (dec'd).
Loving mother & mother-in-law of Lynn & John Hamilton, Robert & Debbie.

Loving grandmother of Georgie Hamilton, Dean, Bree, Kate & Sam.
Loved great-grandmother of Henry & Saylor.

Aged 90 years

Funeral Service to be held at St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Ollera on Friday 10th March 2023 commencing at 10:30am, followed by interment in the Ollera Cemetery.



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CLAIM THE DATE

TUESDAY, 14th MARCH:
Guyra Central School P&C meeting. Call Richard Post 0404 454 143.
SATURDAY, 18th MARCH, 10.00am:
Formation of Guyra Poultry Club at Mother of Ducks Lagoon. All welcome.
SATURDAY, 15th APRIL:
Steven Walls (boyfound) Memorial Day at "Rosehill" Tubbamurra, 2pm, BYO.

PROBUS NOTES

Our next meeting is Monday, 13th March at the Bowling Club at 10am. This is our Annual General Meeting.

After morning tea we will car pool out to Deano's Trout Farm for our outing and view their new facilities, etc. We will take our lunch with us and they will provide tea and coffee.

Anyone wishing to join Probus or come on this trip would be most welcome to join us.

Any enquiries, ring Judy 6779 1409.
Judy Jackson

MEETINGS

GUYRA CENTRAL SCHOOL P&C - Tuesday, March 14, 6pm at the school. Understanding NAPLAN tests and results are the key focus of this meeting so all parents and carers are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information call Richard Post 0404 454 143.

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Cricket

First Grade – Guyra 10/116 defeated Ex Services 10/68

Batting: Ossie Kinnear 14, Charlie White 32, Ben Jackson 23, Demille Landsborough 11

Bowling: Jake Ellis 5/15, Charlie White 2/8, Andrew Pearson 3/33

Second Grade – Guyra 9/285 defeated by Ex Services 8/287

Batting: Corey Torrens 75, Adrian Cameron 45, Jim Lenehan 48, Tahmani Landsborough 65

Bowling: Tom Chard 1/70, Cody Patterson 2/67, Tahmani Landsborough 1/41, Taylor Brennan 3/30

Third grade – Guyra 10/93 defeated by Walcha/Uralla 3/229

Batting: Craig Lockyer 18, Tim Foster 28, Daniel Mitchell 21

Bowling: Tommy Mitchell 1/16, Hugo Brazier 1/17, Lincoln 1/16

Under 13s – Guyra 1/78 defeated Easts 6/72

Batting: Archie Foster 6, Jack Campbell 13 (ret.), Nayte Foster 26 (ret.), Hugo Brazier 23 (not out)

Bowling: Mavric Foster 1/4, Hugo Brazier 2/6, Tommy Mitchell 2/3

Ladies' Golf

Last week the Ladies played the Keno 2 Person Ambrose with the winners now progressing to the Regional Final later in the year. The winners were Kerry Bull and Wendy George with a score of 69.25. Congratulations ladies!



Guyra Cricket Club Second Grade

Pictured l to r: Taylor Brennan, Aidrian Cameron, Cody Patterson, Tom Chard, Tremane Patterson, Steven Mcelroy, Kyle Mongta, Jimmy Lenehan, Ian Pearson and Andrew Pearson

Very close runners up were Vicki Reeves and Karen Oehlers with 69.50. Well done to Donna White scoring a very impressive Eagle on the 4th hole. Nearest the pin winners were Pam Youman on the 9th hole and Jenny Rogers on the 10th hole.

This week is a Stableford along with the 2nd Graham Betts Round. Next week is a Stroke and Flag Event along with the 3rd Golf NSW Medal Round and Goodwill Plate. Jenni Jackson in the starter.

Birdie

Men's Bowls

In the second round of penants played on Saturday there was no joy for either team. The

4s travelled to Manilla and were beaten 61-41 for a 10 nil defeat. A similar story for the 7s who travelled to Armidale City and were beaten 72-48 for a 10 nil loss.

On Sunday two games were played. In the final of the club triples David Wilcox, Paul Johnson and Murray Bourke defeated John Mcilwain, Roger Cox and Evan Sole 17-16. In a game of Club pairs Boyd Stanley and Scott Campbell were too good for Steven Sole and Robert Walls winning 22-13.

Round 3 of the Pennants will be played on Saturday with the 7s travelling to Bendemeer, leaving from the club at 10:45. The teams are:

(1) Paul Johnson, Barry Campbell, Barry Presnell and Geoff Reeves.

(2) Roger Cox, Barry Walls, Shane Brennan and Noah Brennan.

(3) Phil Kliendienst, Scott Campbell, Tim Ellis and Jason Varcoe.

The 4s will play Inverell sporties in Guyra with an 11am start. The teams are:

(1) Steven Sole, Colin Stanley, Robert Walls and Anthony Bull.

(2) John Mcilwain, Dan Kennedy, John Jackson and Murray Bourke.

(3) David Wilcox, Mallie Walls, Robert Moore and Ian Jacobs.

Jack

NRL Gazette Footy Tipping

The Iggman	12	The Champ	8
Angel	10	The Raider	6
Bulldog	10	Thorpie	6
Smooch	10	3PPP	6
The Panther	10	DW	6
Red Devil	10	Johnny Bravo	6
The Red V	10	Shiba Inu Phantom	4
The 3 Bunnies	10	Braydon W.	4
Farmer Joe	8	Birdie	4
Dip Stick	8	Elva	4
Hazel	8	Garden Gurus	2

Locals Entry Form - Round 3

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 15th March**

Name:

Phone:

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

Bye:
Panthers

Over 50s State Champions



New England Over 50s State Champions

L to r: Jason Campbell, Heath Dowsett and Grant Ryan

Last week Armidale hosted the NSW Veterans Cricket Over 50s State Championships – Divisions 2 and 3. Local Guyra cricketers Grant Ryan, Jason Campbell, Heath Dowsett and Laurie Smith represented New England in the Division 3 competition.

Ten teams in total competed, with teams coming from as far

south as Illawarra.

New England had a successful carnival and took on Mid North Coast in the final. New England was sent in to bat and scored 8 for 171 off their allotted 40 overs.

Grant Ryan scored 40, capping off a successful carnival where he scored 32 and 20 in his other two knocks. On a side note, Jason

Campbell is yet to score a run in 2023!

In reply, Mid North Coast were bowled out for 121 and New England were named Champions. Heath Dowsett took 3 for 8 off 6 overs and was also named player of the final.

Port Jackson (Sydney) won Division 2.

Midweek Golf

Winning team for the seven week competition went to Full House with 557 points. Runners up went to a new team Hole Diggers Finger Flippers with 552 points. Congratulations to all these players on a job well done.

On the run down were Pitch Purrfects, Hillbillies, I'd Tap That and Baldersleigh Bashers. Most teams were over the 500 points mark. Obviously everybody's scores counted in the end.

Individual highest score went to Michael Jackson on 141 points and runner up to Zac Atkin on 134. Well done. Highest Junior point scorer went to Harry Purvis with 133 points. Runners up went to Levi Vanderwolf and Archie Dowden of 126 points.

Highest point scorer this week was Beau Wilson with 27 points. Congratulations Beau. Call at the GALA office and collect a couple of golf balls for your top points.

Big thank you to all the players who have supported the mid week golf previously and to all the new players this time. It was great to see everyone out playing and hope to do it all again when daylight saving starts in October.

We are working the prizes out with the Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club and need to sort out when to make the presentation to the winners. Will let everyone know when it is finalised.

Middy

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Guyra Saleyards - Wednesday 15th March 2023 - 11am Start

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