



# Guyra Gazette

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## Out with the old



Armidale Regional Council's Group Leader - Organisation Services, Lindsay Woodland passes the old signs on to Dot Vickery and Dorothy Lockyer

Armidale Regional Council has unveiled its new branding which will be progressively rolled out over the coming months.

Touted as a strategy that will help reinvigorate local government, the new logo is already making its mark on council buildings, vehicles and communication channels.

However it could take up to six months to complete the changeover from the old branding to the new.

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## Livestock

2,500 head booked



- **A/C Abington Station (EU):** 400 NSM — PTE 18–19mth Angus heifers and 200 NSM PTE 18–19mth Angus X Euro heifers
- **A/C Nalorac Pastoral:** 650 EU Angus steer weaners — yard weaned and 100 EU Angus X Char heifer weaners — yard weaned
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Will Claridge 0448 973 905

Ray White Livestock  
Guyra / Armidale

# In with the new



New signage installed in Guyra on Monday. The ARC website has a new look, some vehicles have new signwriting, council email signatures have been updated and the customer service team have new uniforms.

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Guyra Shire signs that were removed from the council chambers have been handed over to the Guyra and District Historical Society. They will be housed in the Guyra Museum which has historical links as the first administration building of Guyra Shire Council.

# Free fuel give-away

You could be forgiven for thinking that this is an April Fool's joke, but rest assured this is the real deal. Northwest Church is giving away free fuel on Saturday 1st April from 8am at Guyra Fuels, 2 Lagoon Street, Guyra. Every vehicle will receive \$20 of free fuel (limited to the first 30 cars).

The reason?

"We are a church that is FOR our town and area, so we wanted to do something really practical for people in our community," Tony Stace said. "Fuel is one of the bills that is hard to avoid in rural areas and we hope this helps some people get through their week a little easier and contributes to a Happy Easter break."

## Bulls in the Bush to go ahead on April 8th

We do apologize to our fans and supporters for any inconvenience on the weekend, with the wet weather we had to make the heart breaking decision to postpone the event, but the good news is we are going to proceed with BULLS in the BUSH on Saturday April 8th. Gates will open at 11:30am with the bullride to start at 1pm, other than the time

change everything else will be the same. If you have purchased pre-sale tickets they will still be valid at the gate. Again we do apologize to everybody, but we hope that everyone will still come out again to support this great family event.

*Dean and Michelle Mulligan & Family*

## Arts & Cultural Strategic Plan

Armidale Regional Council is inviting everyone in the community to share their views on art, heritage and culture to help develop the region's new Arts & Cultural Strategic Plan.

The Arts and Cultural Strategic Plan will recognise, develop and promote the region's diverse cultural life as well as identify opportunities to strengthen and grow our creative economy. It will value artistic expression and protect

and promote its heritage.

Council will be holding a number of focus group sessions with key arts and cultural organisations and groups as well as forum sessions for residents and neighbours.

All community members are invited to complete the survey and share suggestions towards the development of the Arts & Cultural Strategic Plan before Friday 24 March by going to [yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au](http://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au)

### What's HOT

#### Guyra petrol prices

12 and 13 cents cheaper than Armidale.

#### Reports that the Guyra

Gazette is now being read in homes across the country - good news

**A good season** and good prices for primary producers

**Submit your Hots and Nots by phone 6779 2132 email [news@gala.org.au](mailto:news@gala.org.au) or drop in to the GALA centre**

### What's NOT

**The fallen lightpole** at the rec ground is an eyesore and dangerous for cricket players and all recreational ground users.

**Rain** washing out weekend sport

**Stock theft** is on the rise - keep an eye out for suspicious activity

## Weather Watch

### Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max
14	Tues	11.3	19.2
15	Wed	12.6	17.8
16	Thurs	12.1	24.0
17	Fri	12.9	22.5
18	Sat	12.4	18.2
19	Sun	13.5	22.2
20	Mon	15.1	

#### Rainfall this week

68.1mm 7 days

#### March's rainfall

143.3mm 14 days

### Water treatment plant

**Rainfall Registrations - to 9am Monday, March 20**

Rainfall - 72mm (398mm YTD)  
Top Dam 30mm above spillway  
Bott. Dam 40mm above spillway  
Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) 1721 kl  
Water Restrictions - NIL

#### Rainfall year to date

425.6mm 36 days

#### Rainfall last year to date

181.2mm 20 days

# When old and young meet

The feeling of belonging and being part of a community is essential to every individual. Modern western society tends to separate our community in regards to age.

We have child care on one hand and aged care on the other, which reduces much of the rich and vital learning that can come about through interactions between generations.

Just think about how much our children and our elderly can learn from one another.

Recently, a group of children who attend Family Day Care with Val Hume, paid a visit to Kolora Aged Hostel to meet some of our community elderly.

"The children and residents enjoyed a lovely morning of interaction over balls of play-dough, colouring and a game of dominos," Val said.

"The residents talked with the children, joining in with the fun and play, and the children shared their knowledge and ideas as well as many



Margie Bush, Phyll Mephram, Emma Dedes, Molly Mackenzie, Lorraine Holmes (clockwise)

laughs."

The aim is to make this out- ing a regular part of the learning program, and for

wonderful relationships to grow.

"Bonds between young and old make them feel con-

ected," Val said. "Connected not only to each other but to something more important - the past and the future."



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aged 16 to 20 years

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Email: wildgardenmeadow@gmail.com

# CWA gathers in Guyra

Judging was under way in earnest at the annual CWA Group Craft and Land Cookery competition last Tuesday.

A good number of entries in the cooking gave the Judges much to contemplate as the quality was very high. In the Craft section the numbers of items were down on previous years but the quality was very high.

A selection of crafts was chosen to be sent to the State conference at the central coast in May, to be judged along with crafts from all over the state. The cookery winner will have to replicate their winning entries to be judged again at the conference.

The CWA of NSW holds an annual conference where motions from Branches and Groups are put to the CWA members for discussion. Many of the motion involve issues relating rural and regional communities and include such things as health, violence against women, education, environment and so much more. These motions are then taken to State or Federal Governments. The CWA have, over the years been instrumental in lobbying governments for changes in many aspects of our communities.

*Leonie Hawkins*



Sharyn Holt showing off some of the beautiful Craft items selected to send to CWA State conference at the Central Coast for judging in May this year.

## Stock thefts on the rise

Stock theft is on the rise with a number of reports in the local area over the last few weeks.

New England Rural Crime Unit is currently investigating thefts in the Wongwibinda, Lyndhurst and Greenhills Rd areas.

Over 200, 2015 drop Merino Ewes went missing from the Lyndhurst area missing between February 15th and 21st. They would have had eight months wool on them and are fine wool sheep and are valued at approximately \$24,000.

They are also investigating the theft of 24 Hereford Cows near Wongwibinda which were noticed missing when their paddocks were mustered on the 11th and 12th of March. The missing cattle are all Hereford Cows between 5 and 8 years old and are valued at approximately \$43000.

Ten sheep have also been reported missing from the Greenhills Road Area south east of Guyra. The missing sheep are mixed aged ewes with some still being lambs and a crossbred poddy wether and are valued at approximately \$1000.

Investigators from the New England Rural Crime Unit are keen to speak with any person who may be able to assist with any information in relation any of the above incidents to call New England Rural Crime Investigation Unit on 67220599 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers on-line reporting page.

They encourage all persons to report stock theft promptly even small numbers of stock.

## Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale Weekly Market Report

There was a yarding of 4980 sheep and lambs on March 15th. Numbers were reduced by 1,700 for a fair to good quality yarding of lambs. Trade lambs made up the bulk of the yarding with odd pens of heavy weights. There was also a reasonable selection of young lambs to suit the restockers.

Trade lambs were firm to \$2 cheaper, with the trade weight new season lambs selling from \$109 to \$152/head and mostly ranging between 590c and 610c/kg cwt. Trade weight old lambs sold from \$112 to \$148/head, averaging up to 630c/kg cwt. Heavy weight lambs were firm with the over 22kg 4

score new season lambs selling from \$145 to \$180/head to average 614c/kg cwt. A small pen of heavy weight White Dorper lambs sold for \$191/head. Young lambs to the restockers were \$1 to \$3 cheaper with the restockers paying from \$72 to \$121/head.

Most grades were represented in a mixed yarding of mutton. The market was strong with most grades selling at \$8 to \$10/head dearer rates. 2 score ewes sold from \$45 to \$80 while the better 3 and 4 scores sold from \$80 to \$119 for Merinos and \$137.50/head for crossbreds. The restockers paid to \$130/head for first cross ewes. Merino wethers sold to \$119/head.

Guyra Sheep Sale will be **WEEKLY** until further notice.

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# Armidale Regional Council News

A new brand strategy that will help reinvigorate local government in the Armidale region was adopted by Armidale Regional Council Administrator Dr Ian Tiley at an Extraordinary Council Meeting held last Friday 17 March, 2017 in the Armidale Mall.

Consultants Kent Woodcock Creative Solutions were engaged by Council in October 2016 to develop a new brand architecture across Council's local government area, Guyra and Armidale destinations and tourism. Through targeted stakeholder engagement held in Armidale and Guyra, valuable insights were gathered to provide a snapshot into the essence of what the Armidale Region represents and the aspirations of the community. Administrator Dr Ian Tiley said the new brand, which will be progressively rolled out over the next few months, is modern, youthful, energetic and aspirational. This brand tells



New Guyra office sign installed this week.

the story of connectedness and unification within the communities of our Council area.

"As a new council created from the merger of the former Armidale Dumaresq and Guyra Councils, the development of a

new brand was a requirement of the merger," said Dr Tiley.

"Today is a landmark occasion in the evolution of the new Armidale Regional Council as it transforms to a stronger, more progressive, high performing Council and as it sets about unleashing the opportunities."

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be progressive, responsive and a leading regional council that we can all be proud of."

Last week's launch marks the beginning of a comprehensive brand implementation process across Council's assets and services including fleet, buildings, place-maker signage and communications channels.

"People will start to see the new brand rolled-out," said Lindsay Woodland. "Our website has a new look, some vehicles have new signwriting, council email signatures have been updated, Armidale and Guyra offices have new signage and our customer service team have new uniforms. It is a big job that could take upwards of six months or more."

## COUNCIL MEETING

The next - Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in the Armidale Council Chambers 135 Rusden St, on Wednesday 12 April 2017, from 9am. [The public are welcome to attend.](#)

### Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates determined February/March 2017

Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, as amended precludes a challenge to the validity of consent more than three months after the date of public notification of the consent. In accordance with Section 101 of the Act and Clause 124 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2000, the following determinations are publicly notified:

Application Number	Address	Description	Date	Decision
CDC-4-2017	116 Donnelly Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Alterations and Additions - Additional Bathroom	8/2/17	Approved
CDC-5-2017	12 Lara Avenue ARMIDALE NSW 2350	New Dwelling	14/2/17	Approved
CDC-6-2017	17 Schaefer Drive ARMIDALE NSW 2350	New Dwelling	15/2/17	Approved
DA-1-2017	161 Jones Road TINGHA NSW 2369	Change of Use - Private Cemetery	13/2/17	Approved with Conditions
DA-10-2017	14 Peterson Drive ARMIDALE NSW 2350	New Dwelling	16/2/17	Approved with Conditions
DA-14-2017	1350 Wards Mistake Road BALD BLAIR NSW 2365	Alterations and Additions - Extension	27/2/17	Approved with Conditions
DA-182-2016/A	154 Brown Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Alterations and Additions to an Existing Dwelling House (Consent Modification to Change External Materials Schedule and Approved Elevations)	17/2/17	Approved - Amended
DA-19-2009/A	241 Grafton Road ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Subdivision - 72 Lot Low Density Residential Subdivision (Consent Modification)	20/2/17	Approved - Amended
DA-203-2016	51 Ohio Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Alterations and Additions - Garage, Storage Room and Studio	1/2/17	Approved with Conditions
DA-209-2016	90-96 Marsh Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Signage - 4 Advertising Signs	9/2/17	Approved with Conditions
DA-223-2016	66 Brown Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Subdivision - 1 to 2 Lot Residential Subdivision	1/2/17	Approved with Conditions
DA-226-2015/A	201 Chapel Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	"Multi-Unit Dwelling - 5 Two Bedroom Dwellings Subdivision - Strata Subdivision - (Consent Modification)"	2/2/17	Approved - Amended
DA-229-2016	174 Beardy Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Alterations and Additions to Tattersalls Hotels - First and Second Floor Accommodation	7/2/17	Approved with Conditions
DA-232-2016	34 Robinsons Lane GUYRA NSW 2365	Alterations and Additions - Shed and Chimney	22/2/17	Approved with Conditions
DA-4-2017	175 Dumaresq Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Alterations and Additions - Fence and Tree Removal associated with an Existing Recreation Area	6/2/17	Approved with Conditions
DA-5-2017	1/182 Rusden Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Change of use to library and internal alterations	3/2/17	Approved with Conditions
DA-6-2017	27 Spearmount Drive ARMIDALE NSW 2350	New Dwelling	6/2/17	Approved with Conditions
DA-7-2017	80 Barney Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Installation of Palisade Inserts between Existing Brick Piers and the Erection of a Sign	20/2/17	Approved with Conditions
DA-8-2017	113 Mossman Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Alterations and Additions - Bedroom extensions, kitchen renovation and bathroom, timber deck and carport and demolition of existing outdoor laundry and WC	15/2/17	Approved with Conditions
DA-9-2017	6 McLean Avenue ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Alterations & Additions - New Bedroom, Ensuite & Timber Deck	15/2/17	Approved with Conditions
DA-174-2015	140 Stockton Road HILLGROVE NSW 2350	Mine - Establishment of an Underground Mine and Associated Ancillary Works	1/3/17	Deferred Commencement
DA-233-2016	47 Garibaldi Street ARMIDALE NSW 2350	Alterations & Additions - Internal reconfiguration, New Timber Deck and Garage	28/2/17	Approved with Conditions

## Stay connected

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or  
Guyra Community News and Events



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



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### PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 22 March 2017

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# Monsters in the classroom

At Ben Lomond Public school, as part of our English unit on Monsters the focus texts are *The Gruffalo* and *The Gruffalo's Child*. The students have read the books, watched films and learnt a song about the Gruffalo.

Using the Seven Steps to Writing Strategy the students have been using the Dynamic Dialogue to create interest in their writing. The other strategies the students are using are Sizzling Starts and Banning the Boring.

These strategies are used so that students can extend their writing to create interest for the reader.

Below are some examples:

*Principal Denise Smoother*

*The Gruffalo went climbing on a mountain, he slipped, so Gruffalo called for Help. No one could hear him because he was too far away, luckily for him he had landed safely. So the Gruffalo had lunch with his family because he was hungry after his adventure.*

*(Piper Kempton).*

*Crush!, snap! "My leg its broken, help, help". "Oh no, what happened?" said the little mouse. " I'll go get some help". "Fox, Fox where are you going, I need your help, the tree fell on the Gruffalo and we are over here".*

*(Ruben Jolly).*

*3,2,1 blast off! Years later.*



At Ben Lomond Public School there has been a focus on monsters in English, while in Science the students are carefully recording the growth of the Snap peas and mushrooms they planted as part of their units of work, Watch it Grow and Plants in Action.

**Pictured:** Piper Kempton, Cody McLeod, Eli Jolly, Ruben Jolly and Elle Bavea



*"We made it, one small step for man. That's one big ship. Oh my god! Are there life forms?"*  
*Creak. "What, oh my, what are you saying? I come in peace." "Can you translate?"*  
*"Yes, but I'm not very good". "okay". "I'M THE ONLY ALIEN". "\*\*\*\*\*" "Oh you won't be seen by the others". "Okay, okay, but can you keep me company? I don't like being*

*the only one." "I'll be your friend". "\*\*\*\*\*" "Say that again". "Thank you, I'm going to bed". The Human's ship drifted whilst he dreamt and the next day the alien was surprised to see he was drifting away, where they going to earth?*

*Was that the end for both of them?*

*(Eli Jolly).*

## Dental checks at school

Armajun Aboriginal Health Service offered students the opportunity to participate in an oral health education program and dental screening, which was held on Thursday 16th March.

Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in a presentation on Oral Health with demonstrations on how to brush and care for their teeth properly along with identifying foods that are not ideal for healthy teeth.

Selected students were then examined and after the examination the parents/ carers have been issued with a report informing them of their child's status. Any follow up dental treatment will be done for the student at Armajun Dental Clinic.

We hope that the students have now been made aware of their dental needs and the treatment available to them.



Violet Tully-Bayley has her teeth checked

### Meals on Wheels

March 23 Sue Adams March 24 Stephen Adams March 27 Regional Australia Bank staff March 28 Jeanette Jarvis March 29 Stephen Adams

### Street Stalls

March 23 Senior Citizens  
 March 24 Anglican Women  
 March 30 Hospital Auxiliary  
 March 31 Guyra CWA  
 April 1 St Mary's School

### Church Notices

#### St James Anglican

Sun 9am Traditional Service, 10.30 am Family Service; 1st Sunday of the month: Backwater 2pm 3rd Sunday of the month: Ben Lomond 12.00 noon Rev Mark Evers 6779 1111

#### St Mary's Catholic

Saturday Mass 6pm in Guyra, Sunday 9am 1st Sunday of the month: Ben Lomond, 3rd Sunday Wards Mistake, otherwise Guyra

#### St Columba's Presbyterian

Sunday 9.00am Rev Andrew Campbell Acting Session Clerk: Jim Coleman 67332021

#### Uniting Church

Regular Sunday Service - 9.30pm Enquiries Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

#### Seventh-day Adventist

Saturday from 10am Bible Study, 11am Divine Service. Enq: 6779 1587

#### Northwest Church

66 Llangothlin St Service 10am Sunday. Connect group and Spektrum Youth Tony Stace 0427956772.

#### Church of Freedom

10 Nincoola Street - Contact: 0421 847 973 Tuesday Prayer 6.30pm, Wed Bible Study 6.30pm Sunday Service 10am

### Service Clubs

**LIONS CLUB** dinner meetings 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at Guyra Bowling Club, 7pm. Ph: Peter King 0412 780 951

**ROTARY CLUB** dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at Rafters Restaurant, 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

# # Have your say.....

## Year of change

2017 a year of significant change for Guyra

Where we go from here is up to everyone in the community. Please don't be complacent and leave everything to someone else.

If you think you may have an interest in being a Councillor or have a friend who you think might be motivated, please contact The GALA Centre (6779 2132, 136 Bradley Street) for more information on being a Councillor.

The former Guyra Shire and Dumaresq Shire can get two representatives on the new Council if we work together.

Please think about it and act soon.

**"Worried Local"**

## Junior Youth Program

This is only my fourth year of living in Guyra and having begun to settle into the community, there is a strong desire to contribute it by establishing a Junior Youth (JY) program for young people aged between 12 and 15 years.

This is a period when fundamental concepts about individual and collective life are formulated in the minds of adolescents struggling to leave behind the habits of childhood. Youth at this age have much to say, and whoever treats them as children misses the opportunity to help them form a proper identity.

Developed by the Ruhi Institute from initiatives in many developing and devel-

oped countries around the world, and across all groups of young people, participation in the program assists them to analyse the forces shaping their society and to develop their capacity to have a role in contributing to building a better community and thus a better world.

Through a process of action and reflection the first elements of a gradually expanding conceptual framework within which they could deal with the complexities of life is initiated. These young people have the potential for commitment to significant social change, and empowers them to become actively involved in those areas of service with which they identify.

The program incorporates

physical activities/games across the broad creative activities some reading and discussion of stories of real events from around the world and a service component.

Training for any youth (16 to 25) who would be interested in becoming Junior Youth Animators is available without cost (apart from time), and training for child protection certification is also provided. Parents are encouraged to meet with trainers and animators and will be kept informed of activities undertaken.

"Again, is there any deed in the world that would be nobler than service to the common good?"

**Charmaine Bourke**

## DEMOCRACY vs FORCED AMALGAMATION (Poem)

Keep Australia Democratic the majority vote counts  
Sons and daughters of this land fought bloody wars  
For this fairness in voting planned  
That now some Politicians seemed to have scammed

In New South Wales a little country town called Guyra  
Heard amalgamation was afoot for the whole of the Shire  
Tingha, Black Mountain, Ben Lomond and the rest  
Pulled together, over eighty percent saying "NO" to this pest

Some Politicians said it was for the best  
Proof of statistics showing it was a failure at the test.  
Forced amalgamation kicks thousands in the bum  
Who turned out to demonstrate their displeasure to the top guns

No Democratic rights for Guyra Shire  
As amalgamation was forced against the majority's choice.  
Politicians elected in true belief Democracy rules supreme  
Delivering people's choice as in a dream


Politicians bow your head in shame  
Admit your wrong doings - allow LOCAL Council  
To plan and deliver services to their LOCAL COMMUNITIES  
As in the Commonwealth plan

FORCED amalgamation is dictatorship at its worst  
Audacity to lie in Parliament stating "it is the people's choice"  
Oppressing the very people's views who elected you  
Whose taxes pay your bills for you to live in luxury

Let us Australians rejoice when we hear  
DE-amalgamation has been stated the right choice  
Democracy has been restored to us Australians  
No-one who has fought for Australia need now turn in their graves


Democracy to the people has now been regained.  
**By Gael Trotman**

Remember - It's the "DEEDS" following the "WORDS"  
That make a Politician great



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# Sporting success for Bald Blair students



**Above:** Alice Finlayson, Bridget McKemey, Nakita Hoffman and Aidan Purvis and Mac Finlayson **Right:** Aidan Purvis

On Monday 6th of March selected students from Bald Blair attended the North West regional swimming carnival which was held in Armidale. It has been a while since our small school has had students represent at the North West level in swimming. It was a huge achievement for the five students who at-

tended which were:

Mac Finlayson - 9 year old 50m freestyle, who swam 16th out of 28

P5 Relay Team - Alice Finlayson, Bridget McKemey, Nakita Hoffman and Aidan Purvis

The relay team came fourth in their heat and swam 9 seconds faster than their previous time.

All students had a great time representing our school and hoping they can go again next year!

On Friday 3rd March Harry and Aidan Purvis travelled to Tamworth to compete in the North West tennis Trials. Aidan came 5th overall and will now travel to Newcastle in May to represent the North West Tennis team at the State PSSA Tennis Carnival.

Aidan said it is a privilege to represent his school and region and he is looking forward to travelling to Newcastle to compete in the carnival.

*Aimee Lenehan*



# Strangers land in Guyra to lend a hand

What's the collective noun for theological college students? A Crowd? Commission? Disturbance?

Well, whatever it is, one such group has landed in Guyra. Repeat, we have landed in Guyra. This is not a drill.

Who are we exactly? If you keep an eye out around town this week you might be able to spot us - we're the ones looking slightly lost, and dressed as though it's the dead of winter. Apart from that we look relatively normal (at least, we like to think so).

However, there is one defining feature of our group, and it's not something visible per se. Rather, it's who we follow. We are Christians, meaning we follow Jesus Christ. We believe

that the Bible tells the truth about who Jesus is and what he has done for us. We are students at Moore Theological College, where we study the Bible and are trained how to understand it's meaning for our lives.

This week we'll be helping out at various events at St James Anglican Church. We're keen to meet the people of Guyra and to demonstrate what we believe not just in words, but in action. We believe that God loves the people here, so we want to love the people here too. That's why we've come!

One of the events we'll be attending is the Senior's Hymn Luncheon this Wednesday at 11am in the Anglican Church hall. If you see us there, or any-



**Carol Gilbert, Rhys Ewing, Emma Robinson, Amy Thomason and Os Wong.**

where else during the week, we'd love to chat with you and hear about what makes life tick in Guyra. (Local knowledge about where to find coffee

would also be warmly welcome). We hope to be a disturbance of students in the best sense: here to learn, here to teach, here to love.

*Amy Thomason*



# Celebrating with our Seniors

Kolora was invited by St Mary of the Angles for morning tea and entertainment to celebrate the week of the Senior's Festival.

The Seniors Festival is the largest festival for seniors in the Southern Hemisphere, reaching up to 500,000 seniors each year. Attending this event at the school gives the residents a chance to participate in a community atmosphere.



Marj Walls (above) with Charlie and Shanae Wark  
Lorraine Holmes (above) with Anna and Camilla Grills



Liz King with Emily, Rachel and Archie Jackson



# Home Support Services Out and About

Clients and volunteers of the Guyra Home Support Service have had a busy few weeks with NSW Seniors Week activities high on the agenda. The NSW Seniors Week Festival was held from the 4th to the 12th of March and clients were offered a range of outings to enjoy. On Tuesday March 7th, 43 seniors from Guyra and Tingha travelled to Copeton Dam for a hot lunch and entertainment by Peter Denovan.

On Wednesday, Guyra clients headed in the opposite direction to Armidale to participate in a "Back to the Seventies" musical extravaganza at the Armidale City Bowling Club with a variety of entertainment including segments by Cyril Green and Pete Stanley.

On Saturday March 18th, a small group of interested volunteers and clients joined coordinators Clare Swinton and Sally Burey to participate in the Autumn Festival Parade. The service bus was decorated in purple, green and blue colours following the launch of the Armidale Regional Council new branding.



**Above l to r:** Irene Bultitude, Joyce Philp, Barb Hickman, Ray Hickman, Carol Forbes, Bernie Forbes, Barry Dahlenburg, Beryl Dahlenburg and Aileen Heagney

# Guyra Gazette Classifieds

## MEETINGS

**THE FUTURE OF GUYRA GOLF**, Sunday 26 March at 9.30am at Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club. All members welcome.

**GUYRA RSL** sub-Branch monthly meeting next **MONDAY**, 27 March 2017 at 3.00pm at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

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## FUNERAL NOTICE

**HARTMANN; Edna Lorraine**  
**18<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

Of "Mount View" Guyra. Dearly loved wife of John. Loving mother of Terry, Colleen and Michael (dec'd).

Loving mother-in-law of Cheryl, Bruce and Jacqui. Loving gran to Chris, Sam, Angus and Max.

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**MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>** Ben Lomond Hall Dinner and Live Theatre "Fall of the Roman Empire" Ben Lomond Hall 6:30

**APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>** North West Church Free Fuel giveaway at Guyra Fuels

**APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>** Guyra Cricket Club Super 6s Competition

**APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>** Bulls in the Bush at Waubic Arena

**NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017** Anglican Church Fete at St James Anglican Church, Guyra

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# Gazette Footy Tipping

Tegan is streaking away to lead the Celebrities on 32 points - must be those fabulous head massages stimulating the little grey cells!

Getting half the matches right and scoring 8 points, Josh is next on 26, followed closely by Beth on 24. Sue and Soley, opposite each other on the main street, are sitting at the bottom of the leaderboard on 22.

In the Locals, The Ref has caught up to The Saint to lead on 32 points. Hazel and Carmel are consistently good at this early stage of the competition, both equal in second place. In the consistency stakes, Mailman has scored 8 points each week and Bulldog has scored 6 points.

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Score: 32

## Men's Bowls

With the weather being less than kind only one Club Championship game was played. In Minor Singles Geoff Reeves played Bill Betts, this game looked as though Geoff would walk away with an easy win but this was not the case, even though Geoff scooted ahead after the third end, Bill came back and by 13th end and the score had closed. Geoff went on to win by 31 shots to 11 shots after 23 ends, but was pushed all the way by Bill.

Club Championship Games set down for this weekend:

Sunday March 26th. Start: 1.00pm. Starter: Robert Walls. Umpire David Wilcox. Club Pairs: Semi Final, Cameron Peardon and Murray Bourke to play Dan Kennedy and Barry Walls. Minor Singles: John Hamel to play Wayne Reeve marker Robert Walls. Major/Minor Pairs: David Wilcox and Paul Johnson to play Barry Presnell and Michael Jackson.

## Women's Golf

Joyce Betts and Wendy Jackson played outstanding golf last Wednesday to win the 4BBB Classic Par with +8. Karen Oehlers and Pip White were runners up with +6. Joyce and Wendy will compete in the New England District 4BBB Classic Par at Warialda in September. We wish them well and hope they qualify to compete in the State finals at Bonville Golf Course in December.

Donna White hit an accurate shot into the 10th hole to win Nearest the Pin: just 3.50 metres out. The course fairways were in good condition on Wednesday but we were all soaking wet by the time we reached the club house, due to the rain which started to blow in from the east during the second nine holes.

The first round of the NAB Championships, combined with the second round of the Golf NSW Medal, is set down for Wednesday 29th March. Play begins at 9 am for 27 holes of competition. Starter is Jenny Shiels.

*Julie Walker*

### The Bowls Bandit



# Gazette Footy Tipping

The Saint	32	John Credland	24
The Ref	32	Mailman	24
Hazel	30	Darcey Heagney	22
Carmel Hoade	30	PHJ	20
Men's Shed	26	Nightwatchman	20
Eel-be-Right	26	Bulldog	18
Ron McEwen	24	Elva Brazier	16

### Locals Entry Form - Round 5

*Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on Tuesday, 28 March*

Name: .....

Phone: .....

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

## Rain ends cricket season



**Under 16s Premiers BJ Cameron, Daniel Boyd, Andrew Page (Coach) Nick Page, Stephanie Cameron and Jackson Gwynne**

Rain washed away any chance of Guyra playing in this year's grand final in the Armidale District Cricket Association second grade competition.

All finals games scheduled for Saturday were postponed to Sunday, however following a pitch inspection Lambert Park was deemed too wet to play and Guyra had to be content with a third place in this year's competition.

This was a disappointing finish to the season for the team, who had shown improved form particularly in the second half of the season.

There were some highlights for the year with Shane Wolfenden's early season in-

nings of 197 the stand out. There were also some outstanding performances from the bowling attack with BJ Kliendienst, Andrew Page and Nick Page each taking a five wicket haul during a single innings.

Special mention must go to the young guns from the under 16s who stepped up to the higher level of cricket and formed a core part of the team which will hopefully back for another shot at the title next year.

The under 16s team also had a disappointing finish to the season when their scheduled grand final match was washed out on Saturday. However, after finishing the

regular season as minor premiers, they were awarded the title of major premiers following the washout.

Stand out batting performances for the year came from BJ Cameron and Nick Page who each scored two centuries during the season.

At the district presentations, BJ won the batting average and aggregate while Jackson Gwynne was named as the Junior Cricketer of the Year.

A reminder that the Guyra presentations for seniors and the under 16s will be held at the Royal Hotel on Sunday March 26th and also the Super 6s competition is set down for April 2nd.

## Guyra down Uralla in all grades

Guyra's junior rugby league players travelled to Uralla on Saturday for their first outing for the year. At the end of the day they came home with a win in all grades, piling on the tries and keeping Uralla scoreless.

The under 8s were first on the ground and had a great time, in their first game with coach Rodney Bull. Sixteen eager young players showed great skill and enthusiasm and came away with a win 50-0. It was good to see some of the new players scoring tries.

The junior league tag girls, coached this year by Tara Mendes, were also in great form. There were also lots of new faces in this team and they defeated Uralla 54-0.

The under 10s ran away in their game to the tune of 88-0. Coached by Grant and Linley Ryan they will be strong contenders this season.

Finishing the day for Guyra the under 12s, coached by Jason Campbell, also kept Uralla scoreless while they piled on 44 points.

Unfortunately Guyra were unable to get the numbers to form an under 14 team this year. Good luck to the Guyra boys who will play with other clubs this year and we hope to see you back next year playing for the Spuds.

A reminder that training is now on Thursdays at 4.30pm at the Sporting Complex. This weekend will see Guyra play at home against Inverell. The 8s play at 10am, League tag 10.40am, 10s 11.30am and the 12s at 12.20pm. Please arrive half an hour before game time to ready to take to the field.

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