



# Guyra Gazette

Wednesday March 29, 2017

## A taste of real farming

The Turnham family's Guyra property, Waratah, has played host to more than 100 high school agriculture students from across the region, in the first stage of the 2017 Northern Tablelands Schools Property Planning Competition.

The competition is run annually by Northern Tablelands Local Land Services to give young property planners a taste of real life farming challenges while they learn about best farm management practice.

On Wednesday March 22nd, the students spent a day at Waratah investigating livestock production, biosecurity, water quality, biodiversity, soils and pastures, with a Local Land Services team of technical experts on hand to provide advice and practical assistance.

The students will now use



Guyra Central School students take a pH reading to test the acidity levels of the water on-farm at the 2017 Schools Property Planning Competition Field Day.

the information gathered during the property planning field day to prepare a management plan that will maximise profitability and ecological sustainability on Waratah.

Guyra Central School Agriculture teacher Scott Miller

said that it was an excellent day where students were exposed to a wide variety of learning activities.

"The students were able to apply the theory we have talked about in the classroom," he said. "It is always great to

see the students networking with students from other schools and people who work in the agriculture sector."

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Farm Planning Officer, Kim Deans said that property planning encourages the students to consider the whole farm system and how farm managers work with their natural resource base to improve long term sustainability and production.

"We are very grateful to the Turnhams for throwing open the gates to their farm and so graciously sharing information about their operation with the next generation in agriculture," said Kim.

The winners of the 2017 Northern Tablelands Schools Property Planning Competition will be announced in August during the AgQuip field days at Gunnedah.

### Livestock

2,500 head booked



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# ANTY asks for recognition of past

The gallery was packed when Armidale Regional Council met in Guyra on Wednesday March 22.

While funding for some big ticket items for the Guyra area were on the agenda, including the main street and show-ground upgrades, it was the recognition of the past that brought in the crowds.

The Amalgamation No Thank You (ANTY) group spoke out, asking that ARC install two plaques. Their request was in response to the removal of Guyra Shire Council signs in favour of ARC's new branding.

Beth White spoke in support of a plaque to recognise the

very first councillors who were democratically elected in November of 1906. She asked for the erection of signs in a prominent position listing the names of the six men who formed the first Guyra Shire Council.

The second plaque requested by ANTY was outlined by Robert Gordon and would be one that would mark what they believe is the end of democracy on May 12th, 2016, which was *"against the will of the people, in denial of fairness and common sense, thereby ending 110 years of Guyra's democratic right to determine its own future."*

He said there was an obligation

to the past, present and future community to mark this historic event. In response, Administrator Dr Ian Tiley said that he would not countenance the wording used by Mr Gordon.

However, Armidale Regional Council did adopt a recommendation that a commemorative plaque be constructed and installed in an appropriate public space in Guyra.

"A plaque that commemorates the long history of Guyra Shire Council will be a valuable addition to Guyra's streetscape and will be a lasting physical reminder of the community's heritage," said Dr Tiley.



Robert Gordon addressing last week's council meeting

## Alien invasion in Guyra!

After reading about, "Strangers land in Guyra to lend a hand", in the Guyra Gazette last week I decided to take careful and, if necessary, defensive steps to investigate these strange beings. Well, my worst fears were realised, they are.....not of this world!

What also turned out to be of further concern is they are numerous, somewhat of a legion in fact AND even more are due in the next few days from the north! The trouble is, they look so much like us (other than the fact that they look a tad lost and wear winter clothing.) So, be alert people and keep your eyes peeled. They have infiltrated quite a few homes in the district and even speak much of the same local dialect, very concerning!

Fortunately, I have managed to speak to

a few of them and they say they come in peace. Their mission is to speak to as many Guyra-ites as possible and share a message of hope, love and salvation with us all. They want to tell us of the Kingdom they call home and invite us all to learn the way there for ourselves to meet their merciful, generous and powerful King.

So, please come and join us all in the Anglican Hall on Friday 1st April at 7.30 for our Gospel Café. Come meet the aliens, enjoy free desert, coffee and tea while you listen to great music and the message of life giving hope these amazing aliens have to share with us.

PS. The only April Fools will be those who don't attend!

Linda Clark

## Free fuel at Fourways

Northwest Church is giving away free fuel on Saturday 1st April from 8am at and every vehicle will receive \$20 of free fuel (limited to the first 30 cars).

Please note that it will be happening at the Fourways service station not Guyra Fuels.

There are no strings attached just a gesture of goodwill in the lead up to Easter courtesy of the Northwest Church.

Last year the free fuel went quickly so get in early - and no this is not an April Fool's Day prank - it is the real deal.

### What's HOT

**Wendy Warner** from ARC Guyra Office. She said she would sort out my garbage bin issues and she DID! Thank you Wendy.

**Daylight Saving** draws to a close for another year - will be nice to get out of bed when the sun is up

**Free fuel** also Fourways April 1 from 8am

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

**April Fool's Day** Car Wash fundraiser for GCS Year 10 Excursion at Fourways 9am -12noon.

### What's NOT

**Dingo** shot on Ben Lomond Station between the Mann River and NE highway

**Street stalls** under threat - try to make the extra effort to support them

## Weather Watch

### Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max
21	Tues	15.8	21.9
22	Wed	15.2	21.7
23	Thurs	12.7	24.3
24	Fri	13.2	19.8
25	Sat	12.6	22.3
26	Sun	15.2	21.4
27	Mon	12.1	24.1

**Rainfall this week**  
31.6mm 5 days  
**March's rainfall**  
174.9mm 19 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**  
456.3mm 40 days  
**Rainfall last year to date**  
187.0mm 21 days

# Riding the rail north

The Guyra and District Historical Society Machinery Group are looking to build on the success of the ever popular train rides that feature at the Lamb and Potato Festival and other community events.

Approval is currently being sought to have the rides extend north of the current route, running a further 3km up to the site of the old abattoirs. The only sticking point for the group is getting agreement from Armidale Regional Council (ARC) to allow the train to cross at the intersection between Ollera St and the New England Highway. Concerns were raised last year that the ride could hold up large vehicles such as B-double trucks trying to turn off the highway.

The group met last week with representatives from the National Rail Safety Regulator and ARC to address these concerns. A similar request was rejected last year.

Director of Engineering for ARC Ralf Stoeckler said that a risk assessment will need to be conducted before the matter is reconsidered by council's traffic committee.

"The proximity of the crossing to the highway means that there is insufficient space if a long vehicle such as a B double truck is trying to turn into Ollera St," he said. "These could cause traffic hold ups and potentially lead to accidents."

Mr Stoeckler said that the



Graham Healey, Don Williams (President) Peter Hansen, Ron Lockyer and Paul Dullaway met with Rail Safety officers from the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator Russell Norton and Grant Windsham,

traffic committee will consider the matter after the risk assessment has been carried out and will need to take into account the line of sight from the highway, such as trees and trucks and caravans parked on the highway during the Lamb and Potato Festival.

Ron Lockyer from the machinery group said that if the extension is granted it will mean that they will be able to carry more passengers that will generate more income for the group.

"The train rides are popular and we can cater for increased demand by splitting the train and running in both directions," he said. "It would also mean that the corridor to the north would be better maintained if we were using it."



## Morning tea for new residents

### Guyra & District Chamber of Commerce

is hosting a Morning Tea to welcome new residents to Guyra. Locals are welcome to come along, bring a new friend, enjoy morning tea and meet new people.

**on: Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am**

**at: the Guyra Library, 158 Bradley Street**

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# Library more than a place for books

The Guyra knitting group meets each week at the Guyra Library for an afternoon of creativity, learning and friendship. They are also active fundraisers for the Hamlin Fistula Australia organisation.

Wendy Warner, Library and Information Officer at the Guyra Library said that the group meets every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.

“The friendly group includes beginners through to more advanced knitters and crocheters. Each person works on their own projects, while at the same time offering guidance and support to each other,” said Mrs

Warner. “There is time for conversation over cups of tea - and newcomers are always welcome.”

The group has a selection of beautiful blankets, rugs, scarves and children’s vests for sale through the Library ranging in price from \$20 to \$40. All proceeds go to the Hamlin Fistula Australia organisation - established in 1996 to generate funding for the treatment and prevention of obstetric fistulas suffered by women in developing countries and to raise awareness of this distressing condition. All money received to date has been allocated to support the work



of Dr Catherine Hamlin and Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia.

“The Guyra Library is more than a place to find a book. It is a community

space which offers opportunity for creativity and new connections,” Mrs Warner said. “The knitting group is a great example of this!”

## Fire danger period ends

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) will end the statutory Bush Fire Danger Period in New England Zone and Northern Tablelands Team at midnight Friday 31st March.

From 1st April 2017 fire permits will no longer be required for Rural Fire Districts in the Glen Innes-Severn, Tenterfield, Inverell, Walcha, Uralla and Armidale Regional Local Government Areas.

“Although fire permits are

no longer required, property owners must still exercise caution and follow guidelines regarding the use of fire,” said Superintendent Steve Mepham.

“Residents must notify neighbouring land owners and their local fire authority at least 24 hours before burning, as well as taking appropriate action to ensure containment and control of fire so it doesn’t escape and cause damage.

“Penalties still apply for failing to notify neighbours that you are lighting a fire and for allowing fires to escape.

“Even though most areas have had good rain and the weather is cooling down, there is still the potential for fires to threaten life, property and the environment.”

If residents do wish to conduct burning activities, they should ask the RFS for advice, council permits and approvals.

“We encourage people to seek advice from their local RFS Fire Control Centre on how to safely conduct hazard reduction activities such as slashing, trittering and burning, and how to prepare their homes for the next bush fire season,” said Superintendent Mepham

The burn notification number in the New England (Armidale Regional, Uralla & Walcha) is 02 67 712 400



## Hietbrink remains as chair of LLS

Hans Hietbrink will continue to lead the Northern Tablelands LLS Board after being reappointed for a second three-year term. Inverell’s Graham Marriott and Walcha’s Maria Woods have also been re-appointed while Glen Innes’ Jim Benton will join the board for the first time.

Elections will take place shortly to determine the remaining positions on the LLS board.

Ratepayers can nominate themselves or any person who might best represent their interests. Nominations close on April 10 and the electoral roll closes on March 31. Enrolment forms are

available from any Local Land Services office or online at [www.lls.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au)

Ratepayers who enrolled before the 2014 election do not need to re-enrol, but should inform their nearest Local Land Services office if their contact details have changed.

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# Council approves Small Grants

At its ordinary meeting March 22nd, Armidale Regional Council approved funding of \$20,461.20 under the 2016/17 Community Assistance Small Grants. The funding will support 22 local not-for-profit organisations from across the local government area.

The Community Small Grants Program offers funding up to \$1000. It was established to provide support for local programs or initiatives which are considered beneficial to the community and address community needs. It encourages and supports the development of special initiatives and programs which demonstrate community cooperation between a num-

ber of local groups and organisations.

The following organisations in the Guyra area will receive funding:

- Bald Blair Public School P&C Association - \$1000 for catering equipment for school and community events.
- Guyra Veterans Golfers - \$1000 to replace storm damaged trees.
- Northwest Church - \$1000 for equipment for Guyra food pantry program.
- St James Guyra Anglican Church - \$1000 to improve access for people with disability to Parish community hall

## Youth Week celebrations

Armidale Regional Council is looking forward to the great range of activities being planned to celebrate Youth Week 2017.

National Youth Week is an annual celebration of young people (aged 12-25) throughout Australia. It's a joint initiative of the Australian, state, territory and local governments.

Each year Youth Week events take place around the country. In this region, events are organised by the Armidale Regional Youth Council - a committee of 15 young people.

According to Council's Youth Services Coordinator Cara Barnes, Youth Week is

an opportunity for young people to express ideas and views about issues that affect their lives.

It is a chance to engage with services and opportunities in the community. It is also a time for young people to be celebrated for the contribution they make - and to have fun!

"The Youth Council has done a great job at balancing these priorities and have come up with a fun program that is also a platform for expression and a chance for young people to access local service providers," said Ms Barnes.

"By offering free entertainment and activities alongside

convenient opportunities to engage with service providers, participating young people have a ready opportunity to identify some of the possibilities, support and services available to them."

On Friday 31 March 2017, activities will be held at the Guyra Community Hall and Recreation Grounds from 3.30pm till late.

Activities include Bubble Soccer, Wipe Out Zone, Nerf War, Farmers' Challenge, Building Challenge, Colour Capture the Flag - and food!

The movie after dark is 'Tomorrow When the War Began'

Activities will also be taking place in Armidale and Tingha.

## Entertainment at Ben Lomond Hall

In support of victims of recent fires Ben Lomond Hall Committee and the Bavea family present Massielle Barros Torning of the trio "Canta Libre" who will perform a very different show from the theatre of last week.

From 7:00pm Friday 31st March 2017 at the Ben Lomond Hall, dinner will be served followed by entertainment by musicians of the Canta Libre at this event.

Priced at just \$20 for dinner and entertainment please RSVP to Dorothy Every 02672332117.

All money raised will support the CWA Bush Fire appeal and Ben Lomond Hall equally. You are invited to enjoy a lively night of music for dancing, singing or listening

### Review of last week's Arts NW and Ben Lomond theatre venture.

'All the world's a stage' says Jacques in Shakespeare's 'As You Like It'-'... and one man in his time plays many parts...' It was the case of one man's world being skilfully

depicted on the Ben Lomond Hall's stage when Denis Hoad shared his personal life's experience akin to the 'the Seven Ages of Man.'

The play 'Fall of the Roman Umpire' took its name from a childhood guff and was based on the diverse facets of living for an Irish child cum immigrant. A capacity crowd shared the quietness of the sombre moments as well as the up roar of the more hilarious scenes. Playwright and actor Dennis skilfully played out the whole performance; the one solo actor, director, script writer, stage design, lighting, costume and props. It was an inspirational thought provoking performance.

Thanks to Arts North West, Dennis Hoad and the Ben Lomond Hall catering committee you have to watch wait and wonder "What's next?"

## Community Noticeboard

### Meals on Wheels

March 30 Pamela Carter  
March 31 Lesley Credland  
April 3 Kath Varley  
April 4 Don & Betty Mayled  
April 5 Wendy Lockyer

### Street Stalls

March 30 Hospital Auxiliary  
March 31 Guyra CWA  
April 1 St Mary's School  
April 6 Catholic Women's League  
April 7 Wig Group

### 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 Sun-  
day 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 -  
9.30am 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  
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Spektrum Youth Tony Stace  
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#### 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

# Polar Bears dive into a big year

GUYRA'S Polar Bears Swimming Club has jumped off the starting block for a big 2017 - securing State Government funding for enhanced competitive teams and brand new infrastructure.

The club will soon have a new and improved storage area thanks to a \$10,822 grant from the government's Sport and Recreation fund, which will allow the Polar Bears to remodel a currently redundant section of the men's room into a repository for training equipment.

Not only that - the club is ready to lap the competition with a second grant to further train coaches - with \$1,957 to train their head coach to help kids compete at a higher level.

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall was in Guyra on Tuesday to announce the funding and said the club was an important social and sporting icon for the community.

"Year on year, the Polar Bears are picking up members and medals, which is a testament to their enthusiasm and talent," Mr Marshall said.

"Last weekend I attended the end of year award ceremony and was struck by the dedication of volunteers and swimmers. For a smaller town with a colder climate to pick up 60 members in a season is nothing short of extraordinary.

"This funding will help the club compete against the bigger clubs, through better facilities and more options for local



Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, centre, announced almost \$13,000 for the Guyra Polar Bears Swimming Club with club coach David Mills, left, and club President Sarah Campbell.

youngsters."

Guyra Polar Bears President Sarah Campbell said while the club was running out of space - they'll use the nearly \$11,000 grant to remodel the men's room.

"It's quite big - there's access at both ends, we're blocking off

the eastern end and making it sectioned for storage," Mrs Campbell said. "Everything can be stored correctly - whereas at the moment, we've got to overcrowd a space, and jam it in."

That will help the club accommodate the growing membership - and the second \$2,000

grant will assist the town's swimming elite to compete regionally.

"We've got some kids who are interested in more competitive swimming - and their level of swimming is much more advanced," Mrs Campbell said. "We currently do the local carnival - and so the faster kids have got the opportunity to compete at other levels we've got to train up a coach."

While swimming is now winding down for Guyra's colder months, the club will use this time to prepare for the summer season. They've got lofty ambitions - and are preparing for a huge 2018.

"The kids have had a great year, they've put a lot of effort in - and due to numbers increasing in the club, we're looking at training some of our parents to coach as well," Mrs Campbell said.



Polar Bears at their recent Swimathon

## Guyra Sheep and Lamb Sale Weekly Market Report

There was a yarding of 3000 lambs and 2450 sheep at the Guyra Sheep and Lamb sale on March 22nd.

Lamb numbers increased while the sheep remained steady. The quality of the lambs was fair to good with trade and heavy weights well supplied. Both young and older shorn lambs were well represented. Restockers were well catered for with a good selection of first and second cross young lambs. The usual buyers were in attendance.

Demand for all classes was solid

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

with trade weight lambs selling on a firm to slightly cheaper market trend. The heavy weight lambs remained firm. There were none of the heavy weight Dorpers that topped last week's market penned. Young lambs to restockers sold to a slightly cheaper trend.

A firm to slightly dearer market trend for sheep with both demand and competition strong. There was some weight related price improvement, while the Merino sheep were mostly carrying good skin values.

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# Street stalls suffer as Newsagency moves on

Community groups are feeling the flow on effects from the recent closure of the Guyra Newsagency. Organisations conducting street stalls over recent weeks have noticed a steep decline in takings.

The street stall shelter has been strategically located near the Newsagency for a number of years, to catch people as they enter.

One stall holder told the Gazette this week that on the day of their last stall 'nobody came'.

The organization strug-



New location for the iconic street stall shelter

gled to collect enough funds to cover the cost of their raffle prize, and is now reconsidering whether it is worthwhile to continue with their fundraising ef-

forts.

Another organization said that if it had not been for a donation, the stall would have actually made a loss.

Director of Engineering Ralf Stoeckeler said that Council has received numerous complaints over recent weeks.

"The shelter has now been shifted to a spot where it is hoped that it will catch more pedestrian traffic," he said. "Hopefully this will assist groups and help their efforts to raise money."

Mr Stoeckeler said that the move is short term and the placement of the shelter will be reconsidered as part of the main street upgrade.

## Grandparents go back to school

Last Wednesday saw an influx of grandparents visiting Guyra Central School, participating in open classroom visits before packing the Bill Wicks Gymnasium for the school's annual Grandparents Day celebrations. This year was a little different as the school decided to combine festivities with Harmony Day.

The morning featured various performances from all classes in Kindergarten to Year 6.

The morning was a huge success and very much a team effort however special thanks need to go to Mrs Justine Eddy for all her organisation and planning over the last 9 weeks.

The day united many members of the community, it was absolutely fabulous and the fact that it includes the community, our seniors, residents from Kolora, Grandparents Day and Harmony Day - it's a beautiful thing for us to do.

Grandparents then shared a morning tea whilst spending time with the students in the playground. Special thanks also to Hannah Archibald from Guyra Country Fresh

Hot Bread Shop for the fantastic cake decoration.

Secondary students from Guyra Central School held annual cross country carnival on Monday 27th March, at the Guyra Golf Course. Congratulations to the following students who were age champions:

12 years - Tiffany Mulligan and Tahmani Landsborough

13 years - Kiarna Landsborough and Jake Wilson

14 years - Claire Davidson and Matthew Sisson

15 years - Ashleigh Richardson

16 years - Gemma Williams and BJ Cameron

17+ years - Amber Campbell and Logan Stanley

Secondary students also participated in the King and Queen of the Sprint with Logan Stanley and Thyla Jones coming up with the crown, whilst Logan Stanley and Hunter Davidson (dead heat) and Kiarna Landsborough were named the King and Queen of the Mountain.

Thank you to the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club for the use of the golf course for the cross country event.

*Principal Jo Burgess*



**Above:**  
Cutting the Cake  
Harmony Day Cake  
George Watson,  
Dorothy Paull and  
Jo Burgess



**Left:**  
Hunter Davidson  
and Logan Stanley  
joint Kings of the  
Mountain



# Neighbours notice benefits of trees

Landholders in the Bald Blair region have been building on the benefits of trees on farms to boost productivity and profitability, while also increasing biodiversity and habitat for threatened species.

Neighbours Richard and Prue Post, Sam and Kirsty White and Frank and Pip White, have all launched into strategically planned tree planting projects with support from the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Trees on Farms program.

Senior Land Services officer with Northern Tablelands Local Land Services, Iestyn Taylor, says the benefits of revegetation are even greater when neighbouring properties are extending and connecting areas of native vegetation.

“The cumulative effect of increased tree cover and natural vegetation really start to add up to a significant change in the landscape which should help both agriculture and the environment better cope with extreme weather events,” said Iestyn.

Frank and Pip are planting a total area of almost eight hectares that will eventually provide much needed shade and shelter for livestock. Looking at farm plan maps, it was clear to see where there was a need for more native vegetation on their property.

“In the past we had planted mostly along fence lines, but this time we’ve fenced off a large area on a rocky ridge, to create a denser area of native trees and shrubs that we hope will give the seedlings better protection from the elements.”

The extreme heat of the summer just past has confirmed for Pip and Frank that planting more trees on their property is a good idea. They have noticed that cattle and sheep have definitely been looking for shade, and planting more trees is clearly the right decision.

Kirsty and Sam White have



Shade and shelter are also a priority for Richard (pictured) and Prue Post, who have some paddocks which are very exposed. They are hoping the new tree lines will give better protection to soils and pastures as well as their stock.

“We needed to do some fencing, so adding in tree plantings to create a wind break was a sensible idea. We made some repairs to the old fence line which we left intact, and then added the new fence to protect the strip of vegetation,” Prue said. “The trees and shrubs, along with the double line of fencing form an excellent barrier to stop stock straying between paddocks, and that also improves biosecurity.”

just planted more than 600 new seedlings.

“If you drive past Bald Blair, it’s obvious that we need more trees,” said Kirsty. “There’s a place called the Pinnacle at the back of the property, and this planting will provide linking corridors for the native birds and animals that we love to see on the property.”

“There’s also a point in the landscape where you can see the linkages that are now emerging between our neighbouring properties, and it’s very inspiring,” said Kirsty.

They have all praised Iestyn for his assistance with their revegetation projects, and believe that working with Local Land Services made it much easier to plan and organise their projects.

**For more information about the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Trees on Farms program, contact Iestyn Taylor on (02) 6770 2008 or email: [iestyn.taylor@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:iestyn.taylor@lls.nsw.gov.au)**



## Meeting Notice Annual General Meeting

**Guyra Branch Invites all members to attend the Annual General Meeting**

**Date: Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Venue: Rafters Restaurant, Guyra**

**Time: 7:00pm**

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a General Meeting

**Business to discuss:**

- Capitation Fees
- Motions for Annual Conference
  - Q fever update
- Delegates to Annual conference
- Council Amalgamation update
- Native Vegetation reform update

*This is a dinner meeting for all NSW Farmers members (sponsored by Guyra Branch) so numbers are required for catering.*

**Please RSVP by Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Jenni Jackson: 6779 4557

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Jason Siddell (Chairman): 0459 162 295

email: [figtreepark@bigpond.com](mailto:figtreepark@bigpond.com)

# Open garden at Black Mountain

The NERAMble 2017 open garden weekend will be held on Saturday 1st April and Sunday 2nd April and is expected to attract significant crowds of people out to enjoy an autumn day of beautiful landscapes, gorgeous gardens and great art.

The Friends of the NERAM will open a stunning country garden at Black Mountain, showcasing an array of art forms and involving many local artists, with proceeds from the event going to support the New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM).

The spectacular garden of

'Myola' belonging to Geryllyn and Roger Flower will be featured in this year's NERAMble open garden weekend and is situated on the top of the range just a few kilometres from the Black Mountain village, close to Guyra.

"This will be a wonderful outing for all the family with lots of stalls and food and the garden opening at the height of the New England autumn," NERAMble organiser and garden expert Lynn Walker said.

"The large elegant garden nestles into its site, surrounded by basalt stone walls which overflow with a

mixture of exotic and native plantings, all in harmony with each other.

"At present it looks gorgeous with mature crabapples, hebes, pittosporum, maples and cordylines feature in the raised rock beds, and are underplanted with masses of perennials and groundcovers and there is soft colour everywhere."

"Geryllyn and Roger are both art lovers and have collected many striking sculptures which feature throughout the garden and these will be joined over the weekend by a range of other sculptures as well as watercolours, pottery and other

artworks by local artists."

There will also be a selection of plants from Black Mountain Nursery and Maddison Jayne Textiles will have a range of colourful silk screen printed products available for sale, there will be an autumn harvest and a second hand jewellery stall as well as Devonshire Teas and lunches.

The NERAMble Open Garden will be open to the public from 10.00am - 4.00pm on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April and entry will be \$10 for adults, \$8.00 for Friends of NERAM and free for under 18 years old.

## Arts and Crafts, Jams and Preserves at the Guyra Show

This Year School Art and Craft section at the Guyra Show had a large number of entries it is great to have the schools and preschool put artwork in. The children love coming and showing off their art work to family members.

I would like to thank this year Judge Margaret Harvey for her time to come and judge and enjoy looking at all the wonderful art and work.

A big thank you to my helpers in setting up and the pulling down I can't do it without you THANK YOU

Results:

Champion Secondary craft Ashleigh Richardson

Champion Primary Craft Bald Blair School

Champion Infants Craft Guyra Central School

Champion Secondary Art Kelsie Youman

Champion junior Primary Art Ashley Donnelly

Champion Infants Maxwell Schaefer

Champion All-round Mural St Marys 5/6

Champion Exhibit in section 15 Hope McLure

Most successful exhibitor in section 15 Bronte Stanley

*Head Steward Gwyneth Pearson*



Pavillion Head Steward Rita Williams and School Arts and Crafts Head Steward Gwyneth Pearson

### Jams & preserves

There were less entries than last year but a good quality. A special thank you to the school and junior entries - it was a great effort with good quality exhibits. Grand champion went to Bob Dickson with a bottle of preserved cherries. Most successful exhibitor also went to Bob Dickson. Junior Champion was Ella Atkin.

**Judges comments** - Congratulations to all competitors especially to new competitors. It is wonderful to see such interest in the



jams, preserves and chutneys. The standard was very high with some outstanding exhibits. Of particular note was the preserved

cherries (overall champion) which was nearly perfect as was the apricot jam.

The children's entries were excellent and congrat-

ulations especially to each student. Remember always to read the schedule and your recipe for ongoing good results and seek advice and assistance from past exhibitors, the CWA and practice, practice. Finally a good result needs all the right ingredients so ensure everything is correct including the jar size.

Again congratulations and continue to enjoy your interest in jams, chutneys, relishes, jams and preserves.

*Mary Hollingworth*

# Rainbow Eagle visits Preschool

On Monday March 27th, Rainbow Eagle visited the Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre. He taught the children how to be “Caretakers of the land” by teaching the children the importance of picking up rubbish in the outdoors! It helps to protect the animals and preserve their habitats!

The children were mesmerised by his musical talents and puppetry and fully absorbed the point of his tales! What a terrific lesson learnt and a real treat to be around someone so passionate about Mother Nature!

*Amanda Campbell*



Above l to r: Molly Morgan, Sophie Rumbel, Justeasha Austin



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## New date, new time for Bulls in the Bush

Organiser's of the first Bulls in the Bush, bullride spectacular are ramping up efforts to make the event a stand out after being washed out on March 8th. The times have changed due to daylight savings and gates will open at 11:30am with the bullride starting at 1pm. There will be promotional giveaways, and some great bullriding action and it will be an afternoon the whole family can enjoy.

St Mary's of the Angels will be running the BBQ and there will be a licensed bar along with music being supplied by Cody Hodges of Inverell. This charity event is helping to support the Guyra Junior Rugby League and St Mary's of the Angels Catholic School in Guyra. Ticket prices are \$20 adults, \$10 Kids and \$50 Family.

With grandstand seating, some of the best bucking bulls, cowboy protection athletes and top bullriders, BULLS in the BUSH will be an event that spectator's will enjoy.

# Learning how to stay afloat

Last week, students from Black Mountain Public School completed a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) project. Students from K-6 worked cooperatively to create boats made from recycled materials. The aim of the task was to develop their understanding of floating and sinking through engaging and communicating with their peers. In small groups, the students brainstormed their ideas then

planned and designed their boats. When all students completed the building of their boats, they had a chance to see if they would float! In conjunction with that, all boats had to be tested in terms of their ability to carry additional weight. This was done by placing counters in the boat to represent passengers. Many of the boats floated beautifully and only a few began to take in water and consequently sank! The groups then eval-

uated their designs. We collaborated via video conference with Snow Gums Learning Alliance to discuss the project.

Students are provided with opportunities to challenge themselves to achieve their potential each and every day at Black Mountain Public School.

*Relieving Principal  
Felicity Pennington*



**Left:** Jamerikai Patterson, Wahkeem Patterson, Timothy Bell, and Shylah-Lee Cutmore

**Above:** Jed Egener, Henry Youman and Tristan Bull

## O'Connor Step Day

On Wednesday 8th March we went to O'Connor for the first step day for Year 6. When we got to O'Connor we met the teachers and principal and then split into some groups. Each group got to learn about some of the subjects that high school students learn about when they go to O'Connor. The activities that we got to participate in were cooking smores, playing PE, coding robots and performing musical theatre.

First we went to music and we learned how to sing, clap and do drama. We had to pretend to make alien voices which was funny. We then had recess and played with spheros in stem class. Ryan won the race with his sphero and Charlie came 3rd. Ty came 4th in his race.

In cooking we had to learn how to make smores. They were made with two biscuits, marshmallow and chocolate. We got to make them and then eat them. They were delicious. In sport we played tail tag, parachute and run the gauntlet. We had a good time playing sport because it was fun getting each other out.

It was a blast going to O'Connor and we can't wait to go again in Term 3.

*By Charlie, Ty, Ryan,  
Stephanie and Ruby Year 6 2017*

**Right:**  
Stephanie Spradbrow  
and Ruby Mills





# Gazette Footy Tipping

Excellent form is being shown by Tegan who is maintaining her lead in the Celebrities by 46 points to Josh following a few lengths behind on 40.

The rest of the Celebrities have massed together and are having a party on 34 points.

The Saint has lost her grip on the Locals competition and has slipped down the ladder to 3rd place on 40 points.

The Ref is showing that he knows his stuff in the footy department to become leader on 46. However, the girls, Hazel and Carmel are riding in his slipstream on 42 and could overtake at any time.

Elva is now finding her form and will be one to watch.

## Soley's Tips

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# Men's bowls

Sunday March 19th saw unsettled weather conditions and it looked as though the bowls would be cancelled however the sun came out and so did the bowlers. In Club Pairs, Dan Kennedy and Barry Walls played Cameron Peardon and Murray Bourke. Despite Cameron and Murray putting up stubborn resistance Dan and Barry managed to maintain their concentration and went on to take victory 26 shots to 13 shots over 21 ends. In the Major/Minor Pairs David Wilcox and Paul Johnson played Barry Presnell and Michael Jackson.

In this game David and Paul proved to be the more consistent of the two teams and went on to take victory 30 shots to 12 shots over 21 ends. The other game played was a Minor Singles game between John Hamel and Wayne Reeves. Wayne was away to an early start and managed to open a considerable lead only to see the lead start to slowly dwindle away as John staged a comeback closing the gap but

the lead Wayne had managed early was enough for him to hang on and go on to victory 31 shots to 25 shots over 36 ends.

Club Championships set down for this weekend are:

Saturday April 2nd, Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: John Jackson.

Open Singles: Steven Sole to play Scott Campbell marker John Jackson. As this is the third time that this game has been boarded it has come down to play or forfeit.

Major Singles: Dan Kennedy to play Col Stanley marker Andrew Sparke. Handicap Singles: Barry Campbell to play Cameron Peardon marker Robert Moore.

As the date draws nearer to the Major/Minor Pairs carnival to be played over the weekend of May 5th and 6th, it would be about time for those that are thinking of playing to placing your team on the sheet provided on the Club notice board. For more information please contact the Bowling Club during working hours.

*The bowls bandit*



# Gazette Footy Tipping

The Ref	46	Ron McEwen	36
Hazel	42	Darcey Heagney	36
Carmel Hoade	42	Men's Shed	36
The Saint	40	PHJ	32
Mailman	38	Nightwatchman	32
John Credland	38	Bulldog	28
Eel-be-Right	36	Elva Brazier	26

## Locals Entry Form - Round 6

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on Tuesday, 4 April

Name: .....

Phone: .....

Broncos	vs	Roosters
Knights	vs	Bulldogs
Panthers	vs	Rabbitohs
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### Aboriginal Education Officer Guyra Central School

Expressions of interest are invited from interested applicants for the temporary appointment to the position of Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) for Term 2 2017, 24th April- 30th June.

The AEO is responsible to the Principal for providing assistance to teaching Aboriginal students and the families to support improved learning outcomes for Aboriginal students.

Interested applicants are asked to submit an application (up to 2 pages) indicating their ability to address the following criteria:

- Liaison with aboriginal parents and carers to discuss educational progress, attendance and retention for Aboriginal students.

- Ability to assist developing and monitoring personalised learning plans for aboriginal students.

- Assist the Principal and teachers to maintain effective relationships with Aboriginal parents, the Aboriginal community and school staff.

Applicants must have a current WWCC (Working With Children Check)

For further information please contact Mrs Jo Burgess on (02) 67790844.

Expressions of Interest can be forwarded to Natasha Roberts, Guyra Central School or email to natasha.roberts4@det.nsw.edu.au

Closing date is: **Tuesday 4th April 2017**

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# Junior cricket presentations

On Sunday March 19th junior cricketers celebrated another successful season at annual presentations.

All age groups were represented including the Milo cricket children who were presented with their certificates by Jo Cameron. These children had a great season learning skills about cricket.

Coach Sarah Mills congratulated the Under 10s on a great season. This was her first year as coach and she did a great job.

The under 12 Bushrangers have also had a great year, starting off with new players joining the team. They all enjoyed playing cricket and had a great season, and all showed improvement. This team has been coached by Gwyneth Pearson who is hanging up her coaching hat.

"Yes we did have some losses, but we had some great wins the main thing is you all played cricket and enjoy it," Gwyneth said.

"Thank you for another great season players, and thank you to the parents for all your help over the season."

Junior coordinator Craig Lockyer and Club President James Stewart thanked parents for their help over the season. Cricket could not happen without the support of parents and particularly the coaches who give up their time each week to ensure everyone gets a game.

Guyra Cricket appreciates the support of Regional Australia Bank with sponsorship provided for the Under 10s and 12s, which is it is greatly appreciated by the players and their family.



**Milo cricketers 1 to 7:** - Charlie Wilson, Tom Mitchell, Tyler Cameron, Jack Campbell, Connor Montague, Billy Ryan, Khloe Martinand Jo Cameron



**Above: Under 10s 1 to 10:** Tom Brazier, Angus Dullaway, Jonathon Wilson, Tom Lockyer, Sarah Mills (Coach) Oliver Flynn, Tommy Ryan, Lachlan Hunter, Cooper Wilson and Hugo Brazier

**Left: Under 12s 1 to 10:** Andrew Pearson, Angus Brazier, Ben Reinke, Gwyneth Pearson (coach) Jake Wilson, Harris Dullaway, Harrison Brazier, Hamish Woods, Brodi Campbell, Jack Lockyer, Colleen Pearson and Marty Ryan



## Women's Golf

The Guyra Golf Course has been closed due to the damp conditions. We are hoping it re-opens soon to allow play in the annual Championship rounds. A decent contingent of our players competed in the three day New England District Golf Association (NEDGA) Tournament in Armidale. The picturesque course hosted 64 players over 18, 19 and 20 March amid some rain showers and heavy playing conditions. Belinda Lenehan played outstanding golf to win the 18 holes gross on Day 2 in Division 3.

Next Wednesday's golf is the second round of the Championship to be played over 27 holes with a 9 o'clock start. The starter is Wendy George and the day includes nominations for the May Mitchell Memorial Match Play Trophy.

*Julie Walker*

## Midweek Golf

Midweek Golf is over for another year. Well done to all the teams who played and made the competition a success. The winners of the team event were the Hillbillies with 1261 points. The players for the Hillbillies are Brenton Grills, Pat Grills, Roger Grills, Ron Starr, Neil Paine, Chris Newberry and Len Stanley. The Runners up were Full House with 1206 points. The players for Full House are Ian Taylor, Paul Redden, Chris Sole, David Brown, Mick Kirk, Dick Burey and Leonie Taylor. Worthy mentions were the Guyra Greys with 1205 points and Plus Fours with 1200 points.

The individual winner was Neil Paine with 299 points. The runner

up was Ian Taylor with 295 points. A BIG Thankyou to the Bar Staff and to Betty Anne for all the work they do.

*Cameron Peardon*

## Men's Golf

Due to the weather, there was no golf played on Sunday the 26th of March. Both Guy Warskitt Memorial and East verses West will be played in the near future.

This Sunday the 2nd of April will be the Guyra 4BBB Open, sponsored by Davidson and Cameron, stock and station agents. There is a time sheet in operation for this event, please put your names on the sheet.

*Cameron Peardon*

# Gazette Sport

## All fenced in at Sporting Complex

The new fence around the Guyra Lion's Park Sporting Complex has been completed, providing safer and more secure grounds for sporting associations, players and spectators.

The fence was funded through Armidale Regional Council's Stronger Communities Grants, a one-off allocation provided by the State Government to Councils that have undertaken mergers in NSW.

The \$25,000 fence will provide a safety barrier between the Sporting Complex and highway traffic, and will assist sporting associations to manage spectator crowds.

Council's Administrator, Dr Ian Tiley said the Strong Communities Grants have provided funding for many local community improvement projects, and he is delighted to see another completed project.

"The construction of the new Lion's Park Sporting Complex fence is an important community safety project and helps to address community and Council concerns about the proximity of the New England Highway," he said.

"The initiative also adds quality infrastructure to this well-used community asset, and I congratulate all involved in



Armidale Regional Council's Works Overseer, Paul Little, and Guyra Junior Rugby League President, Gina Lockyer.

the application for funding and the construction of the fence."

The Lion's Park Sporting Complex is the venue for sporting clubs and competi-

tions including the Guyra Junior Rugby League Club, Senior Rugby League Club, Guyra Rugby Union Club, and the Guyra and District Cricket Association.

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