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New bridge opens to traffic



ARC Director of Engineering, Ralf Stoeckeler, Robert Martin, Barnaby Joyce MP, Dot Vickery, Adam Marshall MP, Jarrod Buttsworth, Hans Hietbrink and Cr Simon Murray

A new \$1.06 million dollar bridge over Georges Creek at Tenterden was officially opened on Tuesday morning by Guyra citizen of the year Dot Vickery.

The bridge was built with

funding from all three levels of government including a \$530,000 contribution from the Federal government, \$510,000 from the NSW government and \$20,000 from Armidale Regional Council.

The construction of the new bridge sees the road returned to its original alignment and replaces a 60 year old, one lane timber structure.

The new bridge will meet

increased demand for stock and fodder transport for landholders in the district and was initiated by Guyra Shire Council who submitted funding applications in 2015.

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What's **HOT**

PEOPLE supporting the Food Pantry with donations from their vegie gardens

ANZAC DAY services next Wednesday - support the local RSL sub-Branch

SCHOOL HOLIDAY activities at the library

GOLD MEDAL for local girl Sara Brazier's relay team in Adelaide - story next week

What's **NOT**

ANTI rail trail signs. They are divisive, ugly and distract from the area!

PRINTER breakdowns, late nights and early mornings

Submit your Hots and Nots by phone 6779 2132 email news@gala.org.au or drop in to the GALA centre

Weather WATCH

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
10	Tues	9.1	24.0	0
11	Wed	8.7	22.7	0
12	Thurs	5.4	22.2	0
13	Fri	9.2	21.1	0
14	Sat	11.3	21.7	1.0
15	Sun	11.0	19.5	4.4
16	Mon	7.2	21.0	0

Rain this week	5.4mm
April rainfall	0mm
Rainfall YTD	177.0mm
Rainfall last YTD	516.8mm

Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations to 9am Monday, April 16th
Rainfall 5.5mm (160mm YTD)
Top Dam 730mm below spillway
Bott. Dam 330mm below spillway
Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl)1682.5kl

Water Restrictions

Voluntary Community restraint

ANZAC day in Guyra



Opening of the Soldiers Memorial Hall 1921

On Wednesday, April 25th the Guyra RSL sub-Branch will hold services to commemorate ANZAC Day:

5.45am - Dawn Service, followed by a light breakfast at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

9.00am - Service at the MPS

10.00am - Form up at Four Ways for the March

10.30am - March down Bradley Street

11.00am - Main Service at the Soldier's Memorial Hall

12.30pm - Lunch at the

Bowling Club

The ANZAC Day Address will be given by Flight Lieutenant Laura Haws of 1SQN, RAAF Amberley.

After the official wreath-laying, anyone wishing to lay a memorial tribute is invited to do so.

There will be a 'bucket brigade' of VRA members circulating amongst the crowd to raise much needed funds for the Guyra VRA and the Guyra SES.

The usual lunch for RSL members and guests will be

held at the Bowling Club at 12.30pm.

RSVP is desired for catering purposes to either Martha at 6779 2347 or Hans 0402 044 891.

The Guyra RSL sub-Branch encourages main street businesses to join in commemorating ANZAC Day by doing a window display of memorabilia.

**Hans Hietbrink
President,
Guyra RSL sub-Branch**

Mothers' Day at Rrafters
Breakfast, Brunch or Lunch

Treat Mum to a special day out on Sunday, 13th May



Rrafters
Cafe & Restaurant
of Guyra

Phone:
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Bookings are essential
Reserve your table NOW!

87 Malpas Street, Guyra
(New England Highway)

New bridge opens to traffic

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ARC Engineer Ralf Stoecker acknowledged the work of General Manager Peter Stewart, Mayor Hans Hietbrink and the councillors of the former Guyra shire who supported the initial funding applications.

The work was carried out by Newcastle-based company Bridgebuild and Civil Pty Ltd, with contractor Jarrod Buttsworth enlisting local grazier Rob Martin to assist with the project. Work on the bridge was completed in November 2017 and final roadworks were completed by ARC on April 9th.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said that the construction fulfills a commitment made decades ago to build the bridge on this alignment.

"It is great to see a partnership between all three levels of government that should last



Tenterden locals and council staff attended the opening

many decades," Mr Marshall said. "I am pleased to see a correction of history that brings the bridge back on the original alignment."

"I am absolutely delighted for the whole district who now have a bridge that is wider and

safer with the ability to be able to carry heavy traffic to transport produce."

Member for New England Barnaby Joyce it is so important to see infrastructure being built away from the big cities.

"I understand what it means

to get some work done on these local roads," Mr Joyce said.

"If you can't get a B-double in it makes it harder to get the cattle out. This bridge gives people the capacity to turn grass in to protein and get it to the market."



ARMIDALE POWERHOUSE WEANER SALE - 1800HD FRIDAY, 20TH APRIL 2018 AT 1PM AT THE ARMIDALE SALEYARDS

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30 ANGUS HEIFERS
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A/c ROSS HILL PASTORAL CO "ROSS HILL" CAMERON'S CREEK
70 ANGUS M/S, BOOROOMOOKA BLD
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60 ANGUS M/S
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60 ANGUS & ANGUS SHORTHORN X STEERS
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50 ANGUS/ANGUS X M/S
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40 ANGUS HEIFERS
50 ANGUS/ANGUS X M/S
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40 CHAROLAIS CROSS M/S
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40 ANGUS M/S
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40 ANGUS SHORTHORN M/S

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A/c IG VICKERY & COMPANY "CANOONA" GUYRA
40 CHAROLAIS HEIFERS
A/c YOOLIMBA PASTORAL CO "YOOLIMBA" WANDSWORTH
35 HEREFORD M/S
A/c NOSRAEP ENTERPRISES "CLEARVIEW" GUYRA
30 ANGUS HEIFERS
A/c MM & EM MILLER "GLENROY" GUYRA
30 HEREFORD STEERS
A/c TM & KS WARD "FALCONER" LLANGOTHLIN
30 ANGUS X CHAROLAIS M/S
A/c MG & AB WILLCOX "MOSSVALE" LLANGOTHLIN
30 ANGUS M/S
A/c TP & TJ WILLIAMS "WILGAREE" GUYRA
30 SHORTHORN M/S
A/c DW & H LODGE "ROSLYN" TYRINGHAM
30 ANGUS X CHARBRAY M/S
A/c DJ & PA HILL "REDBANK" GUYRA
25 CHAROLAIS X M/S
A/c GUYRA WELDING WORKS "GLENFARM" GUYRA
25 HEREFORD X ANGUS M/S
A/c WJ & KM HOLMES "GLENROCK" ARMIDALE
20 ANGUS STEERS
A/c MJ LUPTON "CLIFTON" ARMIDALE
20 ANGUS M/S
A/c ND WILLIAMS "WILGA" GUYRA
20 SHORTHORN M/S
A/c SJ & NK DAVIDSON "RIVERVIEW" GUYRA
20 ANGUS M/S
A/c JR COLEMAN "EMILY PARK" BEN LOMOND
15 ANGUS MAINE-ANJOU X M/S
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A whipcracker of a weekend

Over the Easter long weekend, Richard Mayled attended the Championships for the Australian Plaiters and Whipmakers Association held in Stanthorpe. Each year they bring together members from across Australia who are dedicated to keeping the old bush skills and traditions alive. The championships have been held every second year since 1985.

This was his first time at the event and his first attempt at the competition. He entered two of his whips in the Novice Cowhide plaited whip section where he achieved first and third placings for his efforts.

Richard is mostly self-taught and has been making whips for around 10 years.

"I started making whips because I enjoyed the challenge," Richard said. "I learnt mainly from books and also learnt a lot from talking to some of the older fellows who had been doing it for years."

"This is the first time I went to the competition and it blew me away. I learnt



Richard with his ribbons and his winning whips.

heaps just from being there, talking to other whip makers, seeing what they do and how they do it."

"I was over the moon to win

and there is still a lot to learn – there is a long way to catch up with some of the fellows who have been doing it for years.

Wealth of funding available

A rare wealth of funding opportunities is on offer for regional areas and Council officers are working hard with community stakeholders to secure a share of that economic assistance, a recent Council meeting was told.

In a report to the March meeting, Group Leader - Organisational Services Lindsay Woodland said the significant number of Federal and State funding programs provided a "once in a generation opportunity" to implement key projects in the Armidale Regional Council area and "bring our vision to reality".

Mr Woodland said this funding would be valuable in fulfilling the infrastructure, economic development and cultural aspirations of Council and the community.

Council has received a number of submissions for projects and initiatives for Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund, including upgrading the Guyra Community Hub and upgrading facilities at Mother of Ducks Lagoon,

Council will consider these candidate projects in April, ready to submit applications in early May.

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale Market Report

APRIL 11TH - There was a larger yarding of 7,503 sheep, an increase of 2,680. There were 4,823 lambs penned, consisting of a good supply of trade lambs, along with several pens of heavy lambs, however light lambs were in larger numbers.

Quality was very mixed with most lambs showing the effects of the dry weather, although there were some well finished lambs through the sale.

The market was weaker with a major processor not operating at full capacity. As a result trade and heavy lambs were up to \$20/head cheaper. Restocker activity was good which helped keep the light plainer lambs at reasonable prices.

A large percentage of light

and medium weight lambs headed south for further finishing.

The yarding of mutton consisted of several pens of medium and heavy ewes in good 3 score condition and in full wool, which helped keep prices up. Competition was strong in the mutton market, with most sales holding firm.

Lambs	
Lgt	\$26 to \$90
Trade	\$94 to \$128
Hvy	\$115 to \$147
Ex Hvy	\$140 to \$185

Sheep	
Hoggetts	to \$130
Mutton	\$57 to \$145

Weekly Wool Market Report



APRIL 13TH - largest national offering of the season to date was presented to trade this week. Resuming again after the one week Easter recess the market opened on a softer, cautious note especially for the Merino types with falls of up to 25 cents recorded.

The final day of sales welcomed an immediate form reversal with almost all of the previous day's losses recovered. Crossbreds and Cardings were the best performers for the week but considering the size of the national offering the overall market's performance was very solid.

51,056 bales were sold nationally with a passed in rate of 6.1%. Major buyers included Techwool, Seatech and Fox & Lillie with a

very even spread being purchased by the top four.

Weekly volumes on offer will start to drop off rapidly in the coming months based on historical data with AWTA test data figures also showing a large decline in the volume of wool tested nationally for the month of March.

This has resulted in the volume of wool tested for the season to date to be almost identical to last season. The forward market rallied with the physical late in the week especially for the near months.

Greg Andrews



Farm Planning takes innovation approach

Landholders in the Southern New England are set to take advantage of farm planning with an agro-ecology focus and a twist of innovation at the end of April.

Sought-after presenter, David Hardwick from Soil, Land Food will run the four-day "Farming with Agroecology" program, which begins in Armidale at the end of April.

The program will offer participants innovative, hands-on skills to manage farm landscapes for productivity, profit and the environment. It will cover soils, water, pastures, vegetation and animals; and explore how it all fits together as a landscape.

David Hardwick is an agroecologist with more than twenty year's extension and agricultural experi-

ence running workshops in soils, farming, grazing, and land management Australia-wide.

Additional trainers in the program include Bruce Maynard, an innovative Narromine farmer who developed No-Kill Cropping and Stress-Free Stockmanship and co-developed the Self-Herding approach with scientist Dean Revell; and Kristy Youman, a farming systems extension specialist working with soils, grazing and land management around Australia.

Anyone interested in attending the program will find more information at <https://snelandcare.org.au/group-events.html>. Registrations close Monday 16th April and enquiries can be made at 02 6772 9123.



– David Hardwick is known for using innovative methods to engage his audiences. David will be conducting "Farming with Agroecology" starting in Armidale on 26th April.

Winching resumed

Chief Executive Officer of Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, Richard Jones OAM, has welcomed the announcement that winching operations have resumed on the Service's Tamworth based helicopter.

An independent review into aeromedical operations led to winching operations being suspended in 2013, to ensure the safety of crews and patients. Winching operations have now resumed following the implementation of the NSW Government's \$151.2 million state-wide Helicopter Retrieval Network.

"The reintroduction of winching capability on our Tamworth aircraft ensures our crews can better respond to a diverse range of incidents," Jones said.

"The winch can be used to insert a NSW Ambulance helicopter paramedic and Local Health District doctor directly in to inaccessible locations. Very simply, it helps us get directly to patients without needing to land the helicopter."

"The medical team can

carry vital life-saving equipment like a ventilator or defibrillator and the winch can also be used to extricate critical patients. Once on-board the helicopter, the patient's medical treatment continues in-flight back to hospital."

"The most common scenarios for winching in the New England North West are expected to be accidents involving motor vehicles in inaccessible areas or mountain adventure sports like bushwalking, mountain biking, horse riding or para and hang gliding."

The Tamworth based NSW Ambulance & Westpac Rescue Helicopter is on standby 24-7 with a dedicated medical crew.

"The men and women in our crews have worked incredibly hard through an intensive training program and I am very thankful for their efforts and dedication."

"We are ever grateful for the support we receive from our communities and we're proud that our Service continues to grow stronger, while ensuring nobody pays to be assisted".

Farming with AGROECOLOGY

26-27 April & 17-18 May
Armidale & local farms

Want innovative, hands-on skills to manage your farm landscape for productivity, profit and the environment?
Looking at developing or updating your whole farm plan?

Register by Friday 20th April
02 6772 9123 or mail@snelandcare.org.au
Please have your Lot & DP information on-hand when registering

DAVID HARDWICK - BRUCE MAYNARD - KRISTY YOUMAN

Cost: \$350 or \$300 for a second person from the same enterprise - includes 4 days of training, maps, morning tea & lunch.
RAA approved - 50% subsidy for eligible landholders

The poster features a background image of a green field with trees. At the bottom, there are four logos: Southern New England Landcare (a green hand holding a plant), New England North West Landcare (a green hand holding a plant), Australian Government (the coat of arms), and National Landcare Programme (a green leaf).

Soldier in camp

Liverpool Camp, Sunday 12.17

Dear May

You will think I have been slow at writing but I have been so busy this last week and the way things are we are lucky to get any mail or get any sent from here. Things are only looking middling here we are expecting a big riot any time the soldiers only want one to start. I was on town picket a few nights ago and were warned to be ready that 1000 soldiers were holding a meeting to see if they would break out but ended up by demanding a train on Saturday 12 o'clock to take them to Sydney. The heads had great work and on Sat morning Brigadier General the head man in Australia came out and quietened them for a while he seems to be a grand old man. It is a bit stiff no soldier is allowed to travel on a train so all go out into Liverpool town and most get gloriously drunk so they have a town picket to keep order. I was on it a few times and we are armed with bayonets and act as police have to put every drunk into camp and I tell you we have fun some would make you laugh and all want to fight you. I was on a rotten job yesterday and last night, main guard at the gate there was about 20 of us and had to do 2 hours at a stretch marching up and down and then we got 4 off. We have a rifle and bayonet and pack to carry and have to stop at the guard room. It was lovely last night called out in the middle of the night and it was raining and blowing a treat to march up and down for 2 hours and when we get off have to sleep with everything on and be ready in case we are called out if any disturbance occurs we do 24 hours. I have only got offs.

I am having a good time here now there is some doers in it there is only about 30 yet and nearly all taller and younger than me most from the Clarence River and Coffs Harbour. There is one seed, Levey is his name he is about 6-4ins and only 18 and very thin and real handsome boy a real Australian puts you in mind of a cornstalk. He would keep you laughing all day and the greatest doer ever I struck. Shaw from Inverell he has some sayings hard to beat and not a smile he is a married man the only thing gets him wild is swearing. He seems very respectable and the swearing of some of the boys bits of kids that ought to be at school would get anyone it is disgusting.

Herby is still here sent a gold bangle to Annie the other day. I have been doing everything this week but drill. I was escort for prisoners in the court, picket of officers mess orderly and cooks fatigue that is peeling spuds and washing up. We will not sail now till the first week in next month at least, perhaps not then not if the strife keeps on. They are giving a lot a second final those who apply for it. They seem glad to be rid of them for a while. I have a good time to try for another. Would like a day in Armidale. I broke my journey when I was coming down at Armidale and saw Clair and went out to their home for a few hours and took a later train down here. I was 6 days AWL but I only had my pay stopped for the 6 days. I had rotten luck here a few days ago had a pocket wallet given me at Guyra and put my last pay in it, 3 pound and it disappeared out of my locker very mysteriously. I reported it and our captain got the wallet back for me but no money bet your life. It was picked up at the other end of the camp there was some receipts and stamps and railway ticket and pass but they were not taken. The rotten crawler had luck to him must have a key to fit my lock as I never left it open when I was away and I am not the only one who has lost money in our hut there has been several cases of money reported missing. I have not seen Jonny yet they cannot get the recruits up from Sydney so handy now.

My old cobbler Phil Langdale sailed the day I got back I am sorry to have missed him. He was looking all over the place for me before he went. It is a wretch for him after throwing his chance in the NCC school away to get with my lot but I suppose we will meet over in England. I have had some photos taken have not got them yet they will be blobs too.

Well I have no more news and must write to Doll yet so will ring off. Hope you are well and get this letter alright. Tat.Ta.

Your fond brother
Max

A soldiers journey

100 YEARS AGO a young man from Guyra was on the other side of the world, waiting for his turn to fight in the final offensive that would bring the first world war to an end.

Twenty-one-year-old William Herbert Maxwell 'Max' Schaeffer had enlisted in June of 1917 and left the country of his birth in December 1917, never to return.

Much of what is known of his story can be found in a series of letters he wrote to his sister May Heagney.

They were her last link to her brother and were found among her belongings which have been passed down through the family.

Currently in the possession of his great nephew Charles Heagney they provide an insight into his journey.

After spending time in England Max left for France on August 7th, 1918 arriving on August 10th.

This was the start of the allied offensive which finally



Max Schaeffer

achieved the breakthrough leading to the armistice of November 11th, 1918.

Max Schaeffer was killed on a French battlefield on August 23rd, 1918. He was initially buried in an isolated grave near Proyart and his final resting place is at Heath Cemetery Harbonnières, France.

Lest we forget

On active service abroad

Pte M.S, 2 Battalion, A I Forces, Sunday 3.3.18

Dear May,

I received your very welcome letter two days ago it was dated Jan 4th. I got none from home but there is more mail here for us not sorted yet.

I hope you got some of my other letters. I wrote every chance on the way. We have been here nearly 3 weeks now it is not a bad camp & the training is not hard but it is so cold here we have hardly seen the sun & get a bit of snow & sleet sometimes but it melts as fast as it falls this is the place for mud & slush you never saw anything like it.

Write often letters are like pound notes to us. I sent a few views of Egypt. I wish they had kept us there till the weather was warmer here.

We have a stove in each hut but don't get much coal just enough to last a few hours in the evening.

Well we shall soon have summer here it must be good here then. I was in Westminster yesterday it is a very old town & not a bad place. We get 6 days leave soon I don't know where I will go, to London or Scotland. I told you all about the trip in last letter so there is not much to write about here. I hope this finds you all well & don't worry about me I am right as pie.

We are all living in hope of being home for next Christmas. Tat ta.

Your fond brother
Max

A stay in hospital

Candahar, May 25.18

Dear May,

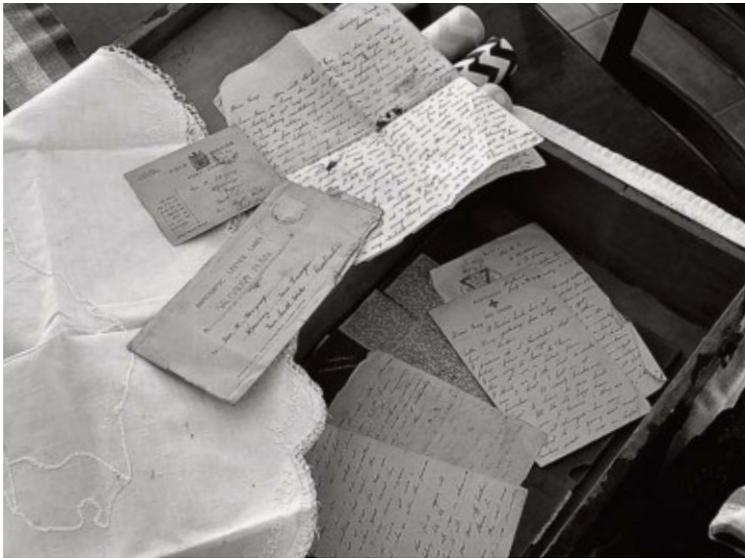
Just a few views showing Tidworth barracks where I am. I have been back from Hospital a week, I had a pretty good time there was three weeks in hospital. I can't settle down to study since I came back, I will be here 3 weeks yet.

England is a broken place now. You never seen anything so pretty as the trees are now. The leaves all a bright green & so thick you can't see the sky when you get under them. The horse chestnut especially, it grows a good size & has broad green leaves & covered with very pretty flowers.

England is a cold dismal place in winter with hardly a green tree, but it makes up for it in summer. I suppose it is starting to get cold out there now. I hope I am not here for next Winter.

The Salisbury Cathedral is an interesting place, I was through it when I came up here. I forget how old it is some hundreds of years. I am feeling very shaky about the exam I am afraid I will be a failure most of the cadets here have had years of experience & then some of them fail anyway I have had a bosker time here in Tidworth. I would rather be in camp over here than in Aussy we all have a better time in one way. Well I hope you are all OK,

Tat Ta. Love to all from M.S.



100 year old letters tell the story of a Guyra soldier

Off to France

England Aug 7.8.18

Dear May,

Just a line to let you know I am off to France at last. I have all my gear packed up so I am spending a few minutes I have to spare writing. I am glad to get away from this camp for a change but I have had a good time here lately. I am about the last of the reinforcements to go over the others are doing pretty well in France only one killed so far. There is big Aussy mail just came in I don't suppose it will be sorted in time for us to get any.

I sent you a couple of photo's I hope you get them.

I was out at some sports on Monday 12 of us from here in a military wagon to pull in a tug of war team we got last but had a real good day & did not leave to come home until 11 o'clock at night. I had a day hay making for the military last week, they cut a lot of grass over here it makes good sweet hay. I thought I was home again at the old game it was a very pleasant after the parade ground.

Well I hope this finds you all O.K, I am feeling tip top.

I must wind up now so cheerio.

From your aff brother Max, S.

I did not get your papers they won't send them overseas so it is no use sending anymore.

Waiting to cross the pond

England July 11th 1918

Dear May,

I landed back here from Sutton Viney yesterday from 4 days leave in London.

I finished up at Candahar last Friday, passed all right. I was sorry to have to leave there it was a bosker ??? place. I think one of the best 12 weeks ever I spent I put in at Candahar. It nearly breaks my heart to have to come here. All the old boys have gone over to France & they are nearly all strangers her now. I expect to be going over next Sunday week, I was in hopes of getting away on Sunday but I don't think it will come off. I would do anything to get away from here it is awful now. I did not feel it before I went to Tidworth. They put me in charge of the bombing guard as soon as I lobbed back, had to go out about a mile & it rained a treat all night the only shelter we had was a little low flat roof place 6 by 10 & 8 of us had to shelter in it. We were mud all over this morning & wet & it was freezing cold. France could not be much worse. I was relieved this morning & was put back through the gas chamber & have been malingering all the evening. I can see nothing but guards here now what a change after Candahar there we lived like toffs lovely comfortable barracks good tucker had, our beds made & no duties at all, when our days was done we were free. They have a splendid theatre there in Tidworth I used to go twice a week,

The country was very pretty around Tidworth & there is some lovey old villages around there.

I had a good time in London five of us from the school were together. I like London it has some very interesting old places. There was a mail waiting for me for me here I got 9 Aussy letters so had a great old read. I got your two & Normans dated 2nd & 9th May. Doll said Otto was getting married weddings seem to be all the go out there now.

Well I can't think of any more news. I would like to be well back at Candahar anywhere away from here it seems so lonely now all the old boys gone & the camp nearly empty. The weather has been overly cold the last day or two. We had lovely weather up at Tidworth quite hot. You should see some of the farms around there the crops full of pretty red poppies they are everywhere some patches are just red with them they look very pretty amongst the oat & wheat crops.

Well I must wind up will write again before I go across the pond.

Love to all from Your aff brother M.S

The final letter

France 18.8. 18

Dear May,

Just a line to let you know I am still going strong. I have seen all the old boys over here & had the luck to get into the same platoon as a couple of my best coppers so I am set.

The weather is very warm over here now I suppose by the time you get this it will be getting warm out there. I have had no mail for a long time I hope they soon send some across. Well news is scarce so I will close. Hope you are all well I am O.K Tat ta

Love from your aff brother Max, S.

Since I wrote this this morning I got some of the papers you sent the Armidale Chronicle & express dated May 11. Send some more there is a lot of interesting reading in them. **M.S**



Nephew Howard Schaefer pays his respects at Heath Cemetery

A musical experience



Charles Drew and Isabella Hayes enjoying the percussion workshop

On Thursday the 5th of April St Mary of the Angels students engaged with an interactive percussion workshop from Planet Rhythm.

Students participated in the hands on workshop while learning about a range of different drums, instruments, countries and cultures.

It was an amazing afternoon of creating fun and energetic music, which has left an impact and inspired the students to participate in musical experiences.



Probus notes

The start of Monday's meeting was delayed by the news that our Secretary Judy Jackson had had a fall and been admitted to Guyra Hospital. She is now recovering at home.

Margaret Day stepped in to get the meeting going, as our guest speaker had broken her holidays to address us.

Mrs Michelle Nichol森, the Principal of Guyra Central School, gave us an inspiring talk, outlining her plans for the school's future. There were to be new

initiatives in both the Primary and Secondary sections, some made possible by the acquisition of new teachers. Through her engaging personality, Mrs Nichol森 transmitted her excitement to us at these prospects.

She was new to the town, and had spent her two terms in getting to know the school, the children and teachers. Now she was reaching out to the community. She invited us to visit the school.

The meeting concluded

with a guided tour of the Guyra Museum.

Our next meeting will be on 14th May at the Bowling Club at 10am.

We have an invitation to the 25th Birthday of Glen Innes Probus to be held on Friday, 11th May at Glen Innes Services Club. The cost is \$25 per person and is at 12noon for 12.30pm. Any members wanting to go, please ring Judy Jackson, prior to 27th April, on 6779 1409 and leave a message.

Ron Vickress/Marg Day

Meals on Wheels

19th April Raete Townsend
20th April R Forbes & D Garniss
23 April NEM Staff
24th April Jeanette Jarvis
25th April Noreen Williams

Street Stalls

19th April Can Assist
26th April Hospital Auxiliary
27th April Wigs for Cancer
4th May Masonic Lodge

Church Notices

St James Anglican

Sunday 9am Morning Service, 1st Sunday of the month Backwater 2pm, 3rd Sunday of the month Ben Lomond 11.30am

Rev Mark Evers 6779 1111

St Mary's Catholic

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

St Columba's Presbyterian

Guyra Sunday 9.00am, Ben Lomond Service, first Sunday of even-numbered months, 2.00pm
Rev Andrew Campbell, Acting Session Clerk: Jim Coleman 6733 2021

Uniting Church

Regular Sunday Service 9.30am Enq. Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

Seventh-day Adventist

Saturday from 10am Bible Study, 11am Divine Service.

Enquiries: 6779 1587

Northwest Church

66 Llangothlin St, Sunday meeting 10am, Thursday 7pm Food Pantry - Fridays 1-3pm 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: Geoff Reeves 679 1257

ROTARY CLUB dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at Rafter's Restaurant, 6pm for 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

Mayor's Message

The heart of Armidale really came to life on Saturday evening, as the Live and Local event turned a spotlight on many of our talented musicians and instrument makers.

A number of the stores, hotels and the mall were bustling with good crowds treated to a series of wonderful performers.

Hundreds of people took the opportunity to walk from venue to venue and sample numerous acts and their vast variety, bringing a wonderful sense of activity to the central business district.

Thank you to everyone who participated, from Council officer and event organiser Hayley Ward and the people who assisted her, the business operators who made their venues available, the performers and everyone who came out to watch.

The feedback we have received about the event has been extremely positive, with people calling for Live and Local to be repeated and possibly become a regular festival.

The organising committee will review how the festival went and make recommendations about growing the event into the future.

It was wonderful to see how the event took shape after Hayley secured a generous State Government grant through Create NSW, enabling us to pay the musicians and technicians and provide free entertainment for the Armidale community.

Last weekend began with some inspiring



speakers at the Oorala Aboriginal Centre and I thank the Armidale Alumni Association for the opportunity to join them as one of the presenters.

University of New England Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Mingan Choct and humanitarian and refugee advocate Dr Robin Jones AM offered great insight to what drives these incredible individuals.

The key message from each of the evening's speakers was the value of making the most of every opportunity.

Finally, thank you to everyone who provided input to the initial round of engagement for the Dumaresq Creeklands master plan.

The first round closed on 9 April and there will be further opportunity for public input once the consultants deliver a draft plan.

Simon Murray

Flushing continues in south Guyra

Flushing of water mains in Guyra will continue in the south of the town from the start of next month, to address recent instances of discoloured water in the town water supply.

Council flushed water mains in north Guyra this week, with the aim to clean out any remaining pockets of discoloured water in the distribution network.

Mains flushing from Starr Road to Cameron Street will be conducted from 1 – 18 May, in conjunction with the installation of new valves in the pipe network. The new valves will reduce the number of south Guyra houses affected during repairs to burst pipes. For enquiries, phone 1300 136 833.

Return to etiquette

Armidale Regional Council residents have responded fantastically to the State Government's Return & Earn program, with many beverage containers delivered to vending machines and a noticeable reduction in the number of containers discarded on local streets.

However, Council has received reports of beverage containers being taken from

recycling crates outside homes. Residents are reminded that removing containers eligible for a 10-cent refund through Return & Earn from recycling crates is theft unless the resident has given authority for a person to take the containers.

Residents concerned that unauthorised scavenging of recycling crates is occurring are advised to contact police.

Residents who wish to gift Return & Earn containers to an individual or group should arrange an alternative method to get the containers to their chosen recipient, rather than placing them in the recycling crates.

Simon Says Q&A with the Mayor

Q: Hi Simon, It appears there is only 1 pedestrian crossing (near Fourways) in the plans. We need at least a few zebra crossings for safety and accessibility.

Drivers must slow down and stop when a pedestrian steps onto a marked crossing. This is necessary, especially for people who are blind or disabled. Cheers, Elizabeth.

A: Hi Elizabeth.

The existing pedestrian crossing point in front of the IGA supermarket will be retained and the pedestrian crossing point in the next block

(between Moore and Nincoola St) will be shifted about 12 metres southwards to place it more centrally within the block.

These crossing points will have blisters protruding from the kerb line out to the edge of the carriageway but they will not be marked as zebra crossings.

Zebra crossings have strict guidelines for pedestrian numbers and traffic counts that must be met in the morning and afternoon peak times and must be approved by Roads and Maritime Services.

Guyra's pedestrian numbers fall well short of the required numbers.

Zebra crossings can also reduce safety for people crossing the road because pedestrians often walk out onto marked crossings without checking to see whether any vehicles are coming.

The proposed kerb blisters will minimise the exposure of pedestrians to traffic and should have a better safety record because pedestrians need to wait for a break in the traffic before they cross the road.

Got a burning question you would like to ask about a Council-related issue?

Visit yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au to see all the Simon Says Q&As or to post a question

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 25 April is ANZAC Day, so the next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 26 April 2018 at the Armidale Chambers, 135 Rusden St from 1pm. The public are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Thursday 19 April 2018

Authorised by the Interim CEO Chris Rose Armidale Regional Council, PO Box 75A, 135 Rusden Street, Armidale NSW 2350. Ph: 1300 136 833 Fax: 6772 9275.
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Rail Trail debate

I have only lived in the Guyra community for ten years, so some may say or think I am not local and do not really have a say, however as I see a further two businesses in Guyra close down, a bank branch closing its doors next month and sporting teams and clubs struggling, I have to wonder why those opposed to the Rail Trail cannot see the economic benefits to the community if the Rail Trail was to proceed.

I would like to pose a question to those against the Rail Trail. What will they do to improve the economy of Guyra? We have been told by numerous government agencies and politicians that bringing trains back is not a viable option nor is it even on the drawing board...period! However, if by some miracle it did, what benefit does it bring to Guyra? If there are any passengers, they are not going to get off at Guyra and spend their money here. Can you guarantee timeframes to bring the trains back? We can have the start of the Rail Trail up and running within twelve months bringing visitors to Guyra and places in between.

There is funding for Rail Trails and we need to take advantage of these funds. If we do not take this opportunity now it will be spent elsewhere. Other communities will benefit and Guyra will be left with closed shops and the loss of economic and community benefits.

I live on the rail line, we currently lease 4kms of the corridor, we understand the impacts the Rail Trail will potentially have, however we feel our concerns have been heard and will work with the Rail Trail project to negotiate what needs to be done in terms of bio security, weed control, access etc..

It saddens me that there is such a disconnect within the community. I know of people in the community who won't speak out for the Rail Trail as

they are scared of offending community members or losing business to those whom oppose the Rail Trail project.

I notice as everyone else does the increasing signage on the roads. Please take these signs down, there is no need for them, they are divisive, detract from the area and give our community a bad name. The negative feedback to the signs that I alone have heard is overwhelming.

This is clearly becoming a political campaign for the Shooters and Fishers Party candidate at the expense of the Guyra community. Flooding consultations with political advocates and outsiders is distorting the real voice of the Guyra community.

We have heard the numerous benefits a Rail Trail can make to a community. Make this discussion about the community, the economic growth we desperately need, make this about physical exercise, safety for our children, community wellness, and make this about an asset for the community and our next generation....bring on the Rail Trail!

Sally Armitage

Principal reflects

As my second term at Guyra Central School comes to an end I have spent time in recent weeks reflecting on my good fortune to have been appointed to this beautiful school. As I have stated publicly in the past I was aware of Guyra Central School's reputation before coming to the area.

I knew that this was a great school and community before arriving but could never have anticipated the warmth and welcoming nature of the school community. I feel very fortunate to have inherited a high performing school and of course take very seriously my responsibility to maintain these standards as the newly appointed leader.

Our Annual School Report

2017 and our 2018-2020 School Plan will be available on our Guyra Central School website early into next term and I encourage all of our parents/carers and wider community members to take a moment to look at both of these documents.

We have been working, as a school, during this term to collaborate with several community based organisations to grow several exciting student engagement programs. We hope to be able to announce some of these great and generous initiatives early next term. Providing our students with the opportunity to engage with real-life learning experiences is certainly a major focus of our new school plan and as a school we will continue to pursue a range of activities that provide all of our students with opportunities to participate in projects and programs that allow them to demonstrate their learning, skills and passion.

We would like to welcome Mr James Bryant to our K-6 learning area. Mr James Bryant has been employed as the Stage 3 Lime teacher for 2018 and brings a wealth of experience to the school. Thank you to Mrs Bess Wassman and Ms Di Johnson for their great work during this term.

I do need to offer the Guyra community my apology for not being very visible within the community during these first months of my appointment. I have made a conscious decision to engage with our students and staff during these past few months for the purpose of establishing how I can best accommodate their needs. I now give you my assurance that I will provide our community with a range of opportunities to engage with the school during term 2 and I will also commit to making myself more visible within the community.

Special thanks to all of those who have gone out of their way to make me feel so

welcome into the community and as the new school leader. I look forward to catching up with more of you in the new term. Please call the school and make an appointment to discuss your child's progress or with suggestions for school improvement or any other subject that you wish to discuss with me.

Please have a relaxing and enjoyable school break. A special thanks and acknowledgement to our hard working staff members.

Michelle Nicholson
Principal
Guyra Central School

Thank you

I cannot ever thank enough Betty Sheelah, Steve Mephram, Chris Bell, Julie Gittoes, Ian Russell and Deborah Little for hosting morning tea in my honour on April 8th.

Also to receive a wonderful award of appreciation for supporting the Lamb and Potato Festival each year – my feet have not touched the ground since.

I am always very proud to support this event and look forward to many more, I only hope I can keep up the pace. I pay tribute and respect to all of the wonderful people who pioneered this festival 32 years ago. Some of these people have now passed away and I am sure they are all looking down and thinking what a wonderful legacy they have left for us. This has been a remarkable venture indeed. Guyra should be very proud as this festival keeps growing every year with the wonderful support of people who travel far and wide, I thank them very much.

To all of you who sent messages of support on receiving my award, I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. To all the volunteers, entertainers, emergency services, Glen Innes Pipe Band and security guards I thank you all for your wonderful support.

Gladys Wilson

Rail trail 'a much needed boost'

Former economic development officer for Guyra Shire Council Alan St Clair says that Guyra drastically needs an injection of activities to encourage tourists to stay overnight and to spend money in the community.

He believes that the establishment of a rail trail would provide a much needed boost and encourage new businesses to open leading to a further lift in real estate prices.

"In my opinion, you can have a rail trail, which will no doubt lift Guyra to a destination locality, or the alternative which is to demand trains on the Great Northern Line and to wait and wait with no end in sight and no tourism development."

Alan and his wife Liz recently took a trip through NSW, VIC and Tasmania, where they visited rail trails located around Beechworth and Bright in the shadow of the Snowy Mountains. The visit was motivated by recent talk about Rail Trails, both positive and negative.

They visited the High Country Rail Trail which runs from Wodonga around Lake Hume, through Tallangatta and on to Shelley where the station elevation was 779m which was Victoria's highest station. The trail is currently some 60 kms long and it is intended to extend this to 112 kms.

They also visited the Murray to the Mountain Rail Trail which commences in Wangaratta, links up with the Beechworth line at Everton and runs down through Myrtleford and Bright a distance of about 80 kms.

"We wanted to see for ourselves what they looked like and talk with local businesses as to the impact on their communities," Mr St Clair said.

"The station at Shelley was not really high compared to our New England stations and while the Beechworth Station is preserved, it certainly hasn't got the character or charm of our heritage stations."

"The time we were there was a public holiday and there were numbers of families cycling together. That first night we had dinner in a pub in Beechworth and asked the waitress about the trails she was very positive saying that there were constant numbers of visitors in the area with bikes attached to their vehicles and our motel owner said his business was partially dependent upon these tourists.

"These towns in this area are all set up to cater for tourists and their needs with many B & Bs, eateries, restaurants, pubs, galleries, museums, handicraft shops etc you name it. They were thriving with very few vacant shops to be seen anywhere.

"The Beechworth Tourist Information Centre was able to provide detailed maps



Above: The Murray to Mountain Rail Trail signage details the code of conduct on the trail and a map etc.

Below: The Beechworth Station lacks the character or charm of our heritage stations according to Alan St Clair



The High Country Rail Trail follows the old rail track with some unpaved, becoming paved as it nears civilisation. The paved trail is approximately 3 metres wide and when it passes through grazed areas ramps for bicycles, smaller gates for walkers and larger gates for stock movement were provided for safe access

of the trails and other activities and again the attendant there was positive about the impact.

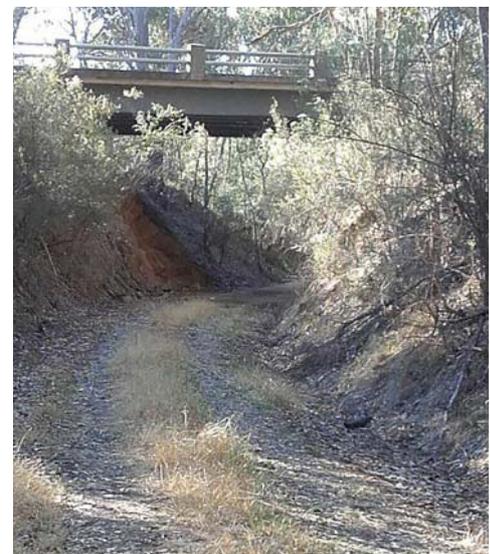
"There are now many surveys of rail trails written up in professional tourism journals that show that rail trails inject considerable amounts of money into the local economy.

"Studies on the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail have found that the direct expenditure by rail trail users increased from \$113 per person in 2003 (\$156 in today's money), to \$258 per person in 2006 (\$326 in today's money).

"This was due to the start-ups of new businesses in food, accommodation and other services in the towns and villages along the trail. Cycle tourists tend to stay longer and spend more than tourists travelling by car only.

"Now with 45,000 visitors annually, the Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail is an enormous boost to the local economy and this experience has been repeated on rail trails across Australia and overseas.

"Little wonder that cycle tourism is known as "Wallets on Wheels."





Gazette Footy Tipping



Shona and DeJay were the top scorers with 14 points in a somewhat difficult round. DeJay (who cooks a great roast dinner!) maintains his lead on 62, followed closely by Shona on 60 points.

Solely had a good round, being next best with 12 points. Vu and Beth share 3rd place on 56 points.

Girls 268 - Boys 252, however credit must go to the Boys who were winners this week 54-50.

Mailman has joined Moose Knuckle at the top of the Locals Leaderboard on 58 points. Just two points behind are Jy and Chris on 56, and another two points sees Bulldog in 3rd place.

It's a very tight race in the Locals with all the places separated by only two points. This week there was some minor re-arrangement of the 'deck chairs' and Eel-be-Right is finding some form to climb the ladder a couple of places.

Kerrie's Tips
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 Storm
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Sunday: Roast Lamb
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Score: 62



All round sporting success

Guyra Central School has had a busy couple of weeks in sport, with the PSSA State Knockout Competition underway in both cricket and soccer. The primary cricket team played round 1, being knocked out by Armidale's Ben Venue, the secondary open's soccer team were also knocked out of the competition being defeated by a tough Glen Innes High School team. All students who played as part of these teams are congratulated for their commitment and sportsmanship. Secondary's Under 15's playing soccer in the Bill Turner Cup defeated Tenterfield High School 3-0 and moving on to round 2 of the competition in Term 2.

Congratulations to Maddison Bull, who has been selected for the Northwest Primary Girls Open side and will compete in the Primary Girls Hockey Championships on the 26th, 27th and 28th June 2018.

On Thursday 5th April 2018 the combined Secondary Soccer and Rugby League Northwest Trials were held in Coonabarabran, five students



Back l to r: Archie Dowden, Cooper Wilson, Oscar Atkin, Cooper Brennan. **Front:** Brendan Landsborough, Max Blyton, Tommy Ryan, Will Knox, Charlie Mitchell

from our secondary department attended the day. Each student competing for a position on the Northwest team in their respective sport. Ashleigh Richardson and Gemma Sisson who were both part of the Regional Girls opens Soccer Team, B J Cameron part of the Secondary Boys opens Soccer Team and Harry Lockyer and Alistair Connors on the Regional Boys Under 15

Rugby League side. B J Cameron made the possible/probables team on the day and although our students were all unsuccessful in gaining a position on the Northwest team each of the students who attended the event spoke of the day as an invaluable experience.

On Friday 6th April 2018, nine primary students travelled to Sport UNE to compete

in the Zone Rugby League Trials in both under 11's and opens age division. The purpose of the day was to form a team in both age divisions who will travel to Tamworth on Friday 4th of May 2018 to compete in the Regional Rugby League Trial's where selectors will announce the Northwest team for 2018.

Each team played a series of three tough games against some of the best teams and players in our region. Selector's then went on to form possible/probable teams who played one further game before the regional teams were announced. Brendan Landsborough and Cooper Wilson both successfully gained a position on the under 11's regional team and Oscar Atkin and Archie Dowden were both successful in securing a position on the opens regional team. Congratulations to all the students who attended the day for their exceptional display sportsmanship, we wish every success to the students who have advanced to the next stage of the selection process.

Men's bowls

The weekend saw blustery conditions prevail, however, the inaugural Sponsored Bellaine Merino's Major/Minor Three Bowl Pairs went ahead with 14 teams walking onto the green.

After five rounds of bowls were played, the winners were Dan Kennedy and Grahame Starr with five wins; 2nd place were David Wilcox and Robert Walls with 4 wins and a draw; 3rd place was won on a count back by Chris Kliendienst and Murray Bourke with 3 wins and a draw.

The Twelve Months Bowls membership was won by Murray Bourke. Congratulations to all the winners.

A big thank you must go to Cameron Peardon and Deborah Maxwell for putting on this event, also to the Barbeque cook, Bar Staff and Bowls organisers.

A kindly reminder to those that wish to take part in The Annual Major/Minor Three Bowl Pairs Carnival to be held over the weekend May 5th and 6th. Entries close 6.00pm April 29th.

Prize money: \$1450.00. Entry

fee \$40.00 per team. To phone in entries please phone the Guyra Bowling Club on (02) 6779 1499 during working hours.

Now to next weekend's Club Championships: Saturday April 21st. Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: John Jackson.

Handicap Singles: Mallie Walls to play Scott Swain marker Peter Brodbeck. Robert Walls to play Wayne Reeves marker Evan Sole.

John Hamel to play Barry Presnell marker Geoff Reeves.

Major Singles: David Lyes to play John Jackson marker Dan Kennedy.

The Bowls Bandit.

Men's golf

Due to the windy conditions and the Guyra Cup, no Golf was played last Sunday. This Sunday there will be a two person ambrose. With the Opal Cove Cup in full swing and points up for grabs for the ambrose find a partner and enjoy the golf course .

The Albatross

Gazette Footy Tipping

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Shelby Heagney	52	Turkey Girl	42
Red Devils	50	Men's Shed	38
Uncle Grandpar	50	Wanwan	38
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Locals Entry Form - Round 8

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on Tuesday, 24 April

Name:

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Dragons	vs	Roosters
Storm	vs	Warriors
Rabbits	vs	Broncos
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BALDERSLEIGH RFS AGM will be
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Jean Anne Pleydon

Following the death of the late Jean
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phone calls and messages of sympathy.

Our thanks also to Dr. Jey, Dr. Sen and
all the staff at the MPS. Please accept this
as our personal thanks.

Graham, Donna, Lisa & families

Noel 'Nokie' Williams

Shirley and Debbie would like to thank
everyone for their flowers, cards, phone
calls and support following the passing of
our husband and father.

Thanks also to the Doctors and staff at
the Guyra MPS for their care.

Please accept as our personal thanks.

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Exilia Miss takes home the Cup

A last minute charge down the outside by the Stirling Osland trained 'Exilia Miss' relegated early leader and favourite Niccobelle to second place in the 2018 Guyra Cup.

The \$30,000 Watson Mc-Namara & Watt Guyra Cup was the feature race on a seven-race TAB program and there was a big Guyra contingent present to support the Armidale Jockey Club.

Niccobelle headed the field for most of the race and had a big lead heading in to the straight, with the Armidale trained "Exilia Miss" near the back of the field.

In a well-timed move jockey Josh Oliver pulled her wide and made his move and pipped the early leader at the post with Walcha trained Loud Enough in third.

Jockey Club secretary Jim Dedes it was a good day's racing with as good crowd.

"Exilia Miss came out of



Exilia Miss (at front of pic) took the honours in this year's Guyra Cup *Photo by Darrel Whan*

nowhere to storm home," Dedes said. "There was great support from Guyra locals and sponsors here and they enjoyed a good

day's racing."

Local trainer Paul Grills' may have been unsuccessful with his two entries in the Cup, but managed a

win on the day with Primal Triumph taking out the 1900m Class 1 and Maiden Plate for a 10-length win.

Great results for champion golfers

The final round of the Guyra Ladies' Golf Championship was played on Wednesday 11th April 2018.

Vicki Reeves consolidated her first round score to win the Club Championship event with an outstanding gross score over the 54 holes of 258. Close behind on 262 was Karen Oehlers.

Jenny Rogers won the B Grade Championship, with precision play around the greens, returning a score of 280 gross.

Shona Mulligan played straight up the middle to win the C Grade Championship with 317 gross.

Congratulations to these three great golfers who will

be recognised, with presentation of the trophies, at the annual Golf Club dinner in August.

Wendy Jackson won the 27 hole net event with 105 ½ and Joyce Betts won the 18 hole net with 74 on a count back from Wendy George. Wendy Jackson won nearest the pin on the 18th hole.

Thank you and well done to all competitors for your outstanding sportsmanship.

The Phantom

Right I to r:

Jenny Rogers (B Grade), Vicki Reeves (A Grade) and Shona Mulligan (C Grade) celebrate their victories at the Guyra Lady Golfers' Championships.



Defense paves way for win

An incredible defensive effort from the Super Spuds paved the way for a maiden win over Uralla in front of a big home crowd on Saturday.

The visitors enjoyed a glut of possession in the first half and still couldn't crack the Guyra line.

Meanwhile fullback Beau Orchard fooled the kick chasers with a sly tip-on to Brock Laybutt who turned on the pace to sprint 70m and score the only try of the half.

Both teams had a player in the sin bin during the half.

The Spuds then pushed the lead to 16-nil after half-time when skipper Ben Vidler burrowed over from dummy half and a quick spread to the left gave centre Jayden Field enough room to slide over.

Uralla hit back with two tries and the Spuds were in danger of running out of puff, but Field's second secured a 20-10 win and the side's first two points of the season.

Lock James Deaves was named Geoffrey Bell Players' Player for the second week running while Jack Mooney, Vidler, Tony



Tony Dittman had a huge game for the Spuds on the weekend

Dittman, Liva Sili and a number of others all had huge games.

Earlier the Spudettes ran into a scarily strong Uralla side in the leaguetag clash.

The Tigers racked up a 28-nil lead before Guyra troubled the scorers when

Natalie Hammond scored.

Uralla piled on more points before Sharnie Cullen sprinted 65m to give Guyra a second try in the 44-10 loss.

Cullen dominated the player awards, but youngster Marian Roberts and So-

phie Gaukroger were also good.

This Saturday the Spuds are back on the New Red Hill when Walcha comes to town.

The club would love to see another big home crowd there.?

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