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Rotary honours outstanding employees

Pride of Workmanship in Guyra was celebrated at a well-attended dinner at Rafters Restaurant on April 27, recognising the great contributions to our local businesses by nine of their best workers.

Guyra Rotary Club has sponsored these Awards since 2003 and it is a testimony to the quality of Guyra employees that nine employers nominated staff members to receive the Pride of Workmanship Award this year.

It is also a reminder to employers of the benefits to all that flow from supportive teamwork within the workplace.

The Rotary Club of Guyra's Vocational Service Director David Pearson said it was a privilege being able to honour the 2018 Pride of Workmanship Awardees.

"As employees they have shown outstanding dedication and commitment in their work places," Mr Pearson said. "This was evident in their attitude to their work and interaction with work mates and the community which helps to make our town a better place to work



Back l to r: Rotary District Governor Bob Ryan, Jessica Newberry (Guyra Central School), Leonie Taylor (New England Community College), John Jackson (Guyra Men's Shed), Caroline Atkins (Kolora Aged Care), Jake Mayled (Rafters Restaurant), Rotary Vocational Service Director David Pearson, Kevin Dupe **Front:** Rotary President Jenny Cumming, Matthew Frizell (St Mary of the Angels School), Taylah Brazier (Sue Ross Real Estate), Alecia Blair (The Hub at Guyra), Norm Gooley (Costa Tomato Exchange),

and live."

"Our town is fortunate indeed to have flourishing businesses with such enthusiastic and committed staff who care about their town, themselves and what they can do for their customers."

"Every successful business is dependent upon highly skilled, enthusiastic, cus-

tommer-focused staff who have a goal, perhaps unstated, of "Do it once, do it well".

"They don't regard their employment as just a job, they take that extra step to ensure excellent customer service.

Diners were also entertained by a wonderful speech from Regional Australia

Bank's CEO, Mr Kevin Dupé, who discussed the social responsibility that all local businesses have in helping nurture a safe and supportive local community. Kevin emphasised the importance of values focussed employees who enjoy contributing at work.

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What's **HOT**

GRAZIER on the Guyra Rd cleaning up with his cattle - well done for his signage and professionalism

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MOTHERS DAY coming up. Book yourself a table at one of our local eateries and give mum the day off

GREAT EFFORT team Guyra at Tour de Rocks

What's **NOT**

NEIGHBOURS who don't give a hoot others property and businesses and authorities who don't assist

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
24	Tues	8.1	15.9	0
25	Wed	10.4	19.1	4.8
26	Thurs	7.0	21.0	0.8
27	Fri	9.3	16.7	1.0
28	Sat	7.0	13.0	0.4
29	Sun	5.4	15.6	0.4
30	Mon	4.9	14.9	0

Rain this week	7.4mm
April rainfall	19.2mm
Rainfall YTD	190.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	558.8mm

Water treatment plant

Rainfall Registrations to 9am Monday, April 30th
Rainfall 8mm (172.5mm YTD)
Top Dam 155mm below spillway
Bott. Dam 860mm below spillway
Daily average town consumption (target 650 kl) 1710kl

Water Restrictions
Voluntary Community restraint

OPINION: Issue is the closure of the corridor

How can anyone conduct a business case/feasibility study on a rail trail? You can only draw on the success or failure of other rail trails here and overseas. Making a comparison with what may happen with a Permanent Way destroying cycle track on the Great Northern line north of Armidale is not a panacea for justifying a rail trail.

Primarily the issue is the closure of the corridor north of Armidale. The NERT group wishing to establish a rail trail is secondary. Armidale Regional Council with its support for a rail trail between Armidale and Ben Lomond is totally ignoring the transport needs of the rate payers and communities in the north of this newly formed regional council.

Closure of the Great Northern railway corridor involves the public loss of tenure of the 214 kilometre section from Armidale to the Queensland border (Wallangarra) and any discussion on the issue should include all councils and communities along its entire length.

It would appear ARC have decided not to go ahead with its controversial \$50k rate payer burdening business case study of a NE rail trail but has committed to a so-called desk-top study with undisclosed costings.

The Department of Premier & Cabinet consultation report, independent surveys and polls have clearly shown that there is not overwhelming support for a rail trail, as required by government. A poll from the Armidale Express is currently running at over 80% of people being in favour of the reinstatement of train services not a rail trail.

These facts should have made it easy for council to withdraw from any support for a rail trail, this could have been done months ago. To burden the rate payers with the ongoing costs involved with the corridor after closure is a total and disrespectful nonsense, particularly when council is already showing an \$800k deficit racing towards \$1million by June this year. This is what forced amalgamation has brought upon us!!

There have been many attempts from various bodies to use the line for transport and tourist ventures over a long period (some 30 years) only to be blocked by a series of state government's showing little or no interest in regional rail transport particularly in northern NSW. Meanwhile the federal government is pouring in excess of \$10billion (sure to blow out by billions) into the Inland Rail Link from Melbourne to Brisbane, creating a perfect opportunity for us to push for the reinstatement of freight and passenger services on the GNR complementing the new line to our west. This would grow and develop into a viable rail network throughout the whole state and of course the nation, invigorating this region and many others, far more than any rail trail will ever do. Could this be BRAINS FOR TRAINS working? It certainly isn't KICKING A DEAD HORSE as referred to in the Have Your Say section of the Guyra Gazette.

Rob Lenehan
Chairman STGNRG Inc.

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Mayoral heads to freeze this winter!
Witness the shaving of the heads of
Guyra Mayor Simon Murray & Uralla Mayor Mick Pearce
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Mayors losing their locks for love

Simon and Michelle Murray are on a mission and have joined forces with Uralla Mayor Mick Pearce in a very personal battle.

The trio are shaving off their hair to raise money for cancer research and to raise awareness of the effects cancer can have on the person involved and also their families and friends.

It is a mission that is close to home - Michelle's mum Cathy recently passed away from cancer and it was a 'very unpleasant experience'.

Cathy had a very rapid form of cancer and deteriorated quickly.

"Due to the speed of the cancer, we as a family had difficulty in comprehending the enormity of the situation and there was little support offered to our family from the health system," Michelle said.

"All aspects of cancer can be a very depressing time for family and friends. Watching a loved one fight a losing battle with cancer can be a lonely,



Preparing to lose their hair - Simon & Michelle Murray and Mick Pearce

stressful period.

"Talking to your doctor about how you are feeling and also talking to people that have been in a similar situation can help."

Following her own experience, Michelle wanted to do something positive to help people going through their own cancer journey.

'Lose your Locks for Love'

will see Michelle and the two Mayors shave their heads later in the month.

They have chosen a charity where 100% of funds go to cancer research.

'Love your Sister' was founded in 2012 by brother and sister Connie and Samuel Johnson after Connie was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Connie has since passed

away, but it hasn't stopped the fundraising though, as Samuel says, 'cancer is cancer and only research can cure it'. Many cancer survivors who are living life to the full because of cancer research.

Michelle, Simon and Mick invite anyone who would like to support them in their quest to come to the Guyra Bowling Club on May 25th. Most of us have either had an experience with cancer or know someone that has been affected by cancer. If other people wish to join in with the spirit of having their hair shaved, or beards, or cut long hair shorter please contact GALA in Guyra on 6779 2132 to register your interest.

There will be a raffle with lots of prizes also merchandise for sale. With winter coming, they will need something to keep their heads warm and wool will be available at the Black Sheep wool shop in Guyra for those who want to knit some beanies to keep the mayoral heads warm.

Bank keen to stay put

In the wake of the Commonwealth Bank's decision to close its Guyra branch, Regional Australia Bank has reiterated its commitment to the community at a business breakfast held in Guyra on Tuesday morning.

Regional Australia Bank CEO Kevin Dupé said that while business breakfasts are part of a regular program of community engagement, it was important for this one to be an opportunity to reinforce Regional Australia Bank's support for local businesses and local communities.

"We'd like to thank our Guyra customers for their continued support which allows Regional Australia Bank to continue its branch services into the future."

The closure of the CBA branch in Guyra is an all-too-familiar story that is being played out in hundreds of small towns across Australia. The encouraging news this



Adam Marshall MP with Regional Australia Bank CEO

Kevin Dupé at the breakfast time is that while CBA is exiting, Regional Australia Bank is very keen to stay put and is looking to regional communities like Guyra to support this endeavor.

"It is all about collaboration," said Mr Dupé. "We are a customer-owned bank that operates in the best interest of our customers, who are also our shareholders. This means we are able to balance our

need to make reasonable profits and our obligations to our customers and their communities."

Regional Australia Bank's commitment to Guyra was applauded by the Member for Northern Tablelands Mr. Adam Marshall, who also attended the breakfast.

Last month Mr Marshall launched a blistering attack on the country's banking establishment, condemning their increasing withdrawal from regional Australia and describing Commonwealth Bank's decision to close its Guyra branch as the last straw. During the breakfast, Mr Marshall spoke of rewarding businesses who contribute to the community with loyalty. He also spoke of how we can be guilty of not making a stand when we experience a lack of commitment from businesses because it may be hard, but as a regional population, we have the power to force change.



Guyra Rugby League

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A bit of TLC for TSRs

Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs) have long been a valuable resource for farmers when times get tough. Now, the stretches of grazing land alongside our roads and property boundaries are getting extra attention under the Protecting Biodiversity on TSRs in the Northern Tablelands Project.

The project surveyed and assessed existing vegetation on the TSRs, then applied a targeted herbicide spray to cull invasive woody weeds. This treatment will encourage the return of native grasses and protection of vulnerable or endangered ecological communities, such as the New England Peppermint and Box Gum Grassy Woodlands.

Northern Tablelands LLS has secured \$99,600 to deliver the project over three years, assisted by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust. The project team has identified 40 sites on TSRs on over 1177 hectares, to eradicate invasive weeds such as pyracantha, hawthorn and mimosa.

Northern Tablelands LLS Project Officer Sandy Hodgens has been coordinating the program on the ground. He said they have just completed the second year of the project at Moredun TSR north-west of Guyra and



Invasive weeds sprayed on Moredun TSR north west of Guyra.

areas along the Strathbogie Road near Glen Innes.

TSRs are a public asset which Northern Tablelands LLS manages for production, social, cultural and environmental outcomes and continuously works to maintain and improve them for the benefit of the whole community.

"TSRs provide a wide range of environmental benefits including habitat for native animals, shade and shelter, buffering waterways, enabling pollination, protecting threatened and endangered species and improving soil health," he explained.

The Protecting Biodiversity on TSRs project has also improved the productivity of the targeted TSRs and has restricted weed spread to neighbouring properties.

Sandy said they had to curtail this year's spraying by a fortnight, due to the unseasonal heat which triggered early defoliation of some target species. Nevertheless, the team is very pleased with the project's benefit to local Endangered Ecological Communities.

"The result is just outstanding and anyone who has driven past one of the particular sites between Guyra and Tingha has noticed the progress. We have received lots of comments and positive feedback about the effectiveness of the project this year."

For more information on the Protecting Biodiversity on TSRs in the Northern Tablelands Project, contact LLS project officer Sandy Hodgens on 0428 744 287.

Families to benefit from added early learning support

Guyra families are set for more support to access early childhood education and care, backed by new funding from the Coalition Government.

Member for New England Barnaby Joyce welcomed the support for much needed local child care and early learning services.

"The Coalition Government is providing vital funding for 11 child care and early learning services throughout the New England delivering added security and support for local families," Mr Joyce said.

Families with children attending the Guyra Preschool and Long Day Care Centre will be eligible under the new system.

The switchover to the Turnbull Government's new child care and early learning system starts on July 2nd, but urged families not to wait to the last minute to take action.

Estimate your new subsidy, by visiting the website www.education.gov.au/childcare, and complete the myGov Child Care Subsidy Assessment to start the switchover to the new child care and early learning system.

Weekly Wool

April 27th - Tuesday's opening saw the recent upward movement continue with gains of up to 30 cents for the Merino types and 40 cent jumps in the Crossbred sector.

With the Anzac day holiday on Wednesday sales resumed on Thursday with a slightly more cautious tone. 10 cent falls were recorded in the Merino sector however the Crossbred sector continued to kick with some large gains made. 21 to 25 micron types hit new record highs on Tuesday whilst the Eastern Market Indicator at 1846 is also at its highest recorded end of week level.

41,077 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 3.6%. Major buyers included Techwool, Seatech and Tianyu.

A sharp fall by the Aussie dollar against the US no doubt helped the market with the Eastern Market Indicator actually dipping by 27 cents when looked at in US dollars.

The volume of wool expected to be offered next week has risen by 5,000 bales on last week's forecast but at just over 43,000 bales in total it remains a very manageable figure. Forward market prices were very solid for short dated contracts but fall away sharply into Spring and beyond.

Armidale Cattle

April 26th - The Anzac day public holiday brought about a large reduction in numbers. Young cattle and cows made up the bulk of the offering with limited supplies in the other categories. The quality of the offering was only fair to good, while the condition was mostly on the lean side.

There was reduced competition in all categories due mostly to the low numbers. Market trends varied through the young cattle with light weight weaner steers to restockers sold firm to slightly dearer with the large price change mostly quality related.

Light weight weaner heifers sold to a dearer trend of as much as 20c/kg as restockers took to good quality light weight cattle to reduce their buy in price. Medium weight vealer and weaner heifers sold to a cheaper trend

of up to 14c/kg. Medium weight yearling steers sold to a cheaper trend for a fairly plain quality penning.

A good supply of heavy weight feeder steers sold only slightly cheaper for the well-bred lines, more so for the plainer quality lots. Yearling heifers sold to cheaper trends. Secondary quality young cattle failed to attract much demand from either restockers or feedlotters. There were too few heavy grown steers to quote. Grown heifers generally sold to cheaper trends.

Demand from processors was weaker for cows with market trends cheaper, up to 20c/kg on the better cows. Very plain condition cows attracted little competition, while restockers were active on joined cows in store condition.

Team Guyra conquer Tour de Rocks

The 7th Tour de Rocks ride is done and dusted with a large contingent of Guyra riders participating. This year's Guyra team had 21 riders and 8 fantastic support people who rode 258km in three days from Armidale to South West Rocks.

Team organizer Jenni Jackson has extended a huge congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's event.

"This is an amazing event for our Guyra team and all the riders have all put in an amazing amount of training," Jenni said. "One of our riders was heard saying she thinks 'Guyra is the fittest team'.

"This year the team gave around \$8000 in fund raising to the event and would sincerely like to thank the Guyra community, families and friends for their continued support."

"The riders sincerely thank the supporters for generously



GUYRA RIDERS AND SUPPORT TEAM, Back l to r: Dom Jackson, Jenni Jackson, Brad Newman, Jane Moffatt, Mal Moffatt, Mick Kirk, Mick Mayled, Bill Perrottet, Paul Kirk, Martin Danke, John Newsome, Ken Porter, Wayne Jenkyn, Laurie Knight, Karina Schalk **Front:** Henry Perrottet, Edna Mendes, Jodi Mayled, Anna Jackson, Sharon Vickery, Judi Wark, David Mills, Peter Jackson, Pip White, Keri Hughes, Donna Mayled (at front). **Absent:** Murray Lupton, Gary Mayled

giving up their time to make the event such an enjoyable one. It is absolutely a treat to ride into camp at the end of a challenging day to have tents and beds made and know dinner is on the way, not to mention the cold refreshments that await us, and then the

freshly ground latte coffees that greet us at 5:30 in the morning."

Overall there was about 320 riders and 80 support people in this year's event, who give up their time and do this great event because of the cause. Generally, around \$250,00 is

raised of which \$100,000 goes to two cancer research projects in Sydney and the remainder of the money goes to helping support cancer sufferers and programs in the areas where the riders have come from.



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10th May Anglican Women
11th/12th May Machinery Group
19th May Westpac Helicopter

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
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Uniting Church

Regular Sunday Service 9.30am Enq. Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

Seventh-day Adventist

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

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Northwest Church

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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: 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

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-04-11/knight-our-ridiculously-slow-road-to-a-very-fast-train/7316778>) to create such a network is probably a fair reason why.

Cheap air travel also limits the capacity for such a service to repay itself. Looking further out, electric aircraft and self-driving vehicles could also change the economics and feasibility.

The line north of Armidale ceased operating in 1988, so if the past is any indication of the future it seems unlikely that there will be a resumption of service for many years to come. The line is doing very little at the moment other than reminding us of the past, and importantly reserving that corridor for a possible future return to service.

A rail trail doesn't mean that the line is closed for good. It just means that the area (currently owned by the government / ARTC) can be enjoyed by a wider audience. It preserves the corridor for the future return of a train service; and in the interim offers the many benefits that a rail trail brings. I've seen them first hand having flown to NZ just to ride the Central Otago trail over five days.

So yes, trains may be the future; but not the present. While we wait for that possible future, why not try a rail trail if the opportunity presents?

Michael Kean

The quandary

I breezed through Guyra the other day, long enough to form the opinion that Guyra is dying. It certainly is not growing, nor has it in the last 50 years. A couple of extra trees, a few park benches and some sexy street lights up the main drag will not benefit or advance Guyra one bloody inch.

I am hearing a price tag of around \$2m. This nothing more than a worthless patronising splash of pretend money by the Armidale based council to appease their collective conscience for accepting the \$10m bonus paid to them by the State Government for merging councils. And this is your share Guyra! Be grateful! Look at what we are doing for you!

You would not have to be a genius to come up with a brain-dead main street beautification plan. The basic idea demon-

strates a distinctive lack of initiative, imagination and foresight.

At a very first glance, any beautification works are not going to enhance a streetscape that has dilapidated, falling down, dangerous, aging shop-front awnings. And that should be the starting point!

If Guyra's "delegate" on the merged council, Simon Murray, thinks that he would be proud of what he is getting for Guyra, then he is deluding himself. There are other options.

Dave Williamson

Back to reality

I suppose we are all a little bit spoilt having cars and lots of cheap fuel to prime them up with and off we go anywhere we like, but alas what happens if there is a glitch in our pampered lifestyle – perhaps a fuel shortage, major electricity 'kaput' or dare I say it, a dreadful war, who knows?

Well back to reality, there are actually people in society even ours where luxuries of cars aren't available to all. Maybe they are not of driving age or perhaps they are elderly or just plain can't afford a motor vehicle!

Let's be certain about one point, successive state governments over the last 30 odd years are responsible for the present condition of the railway, not the people. So it's a very reasonable request to have the line reopened. I do hope people are aware that the actual rail line is in good order, heavy gauge rail which was replaced prior to disuse, what a capital investment gone to waste!

I believe this is a sensible discussion to have – not an argument for use of the rail corridor. Yes rail trails for cycling and walkways are fine ideas, but not on top of this life blood connection from our northern end to Armidale, present or future rail use.

You never know it might even make Guyra an expanding area for people to relocate giving relevance to the northern regions of Armidale. Remember the adage IF YOU WANT TO KILL A TOWN, THEN TAKE THE TRAINS AWAY.

It's our heritage not to be lost right through the centre of the New England to the NSW/QLD border.

Phil Swinton

Bias evident

I refer to the Issue dated 18th April 2018. I was astonished at the pro-rail trail bias evident throughout this Issue.

To begin, we have the "What's Hot/ What's Not" comments about the anti-rail trail signs. I for one do not find them divisive, ugly or distracting. Then there is the letter claiming that the comments by the candidate for the Shooters and Fishers Party are "distorting the real voice of the Guyra community". The writer seems to imply that HER views are the views of the Guyra Community! I can assure her they are NOT. The tone of her views would suggest that she was not even born, when the Sydney based government stole our trains. It will be remembered that originally the plan was to stop the trains at Tamworth, but there was such an uproar from the Public that the Tamworth-Armidale section was saved.

The idea now being touted is that there would be some sort of Tourist benefit in a rail-trail. Obviously the touters were not at Armidale last weekend to see the hundreds of people attracted to Armidale station to view the three Railmotors that came up from Patterson. Or the numbers who availed themselves of a brief ride on the Motors. Imagine the Tourist potential of a trip "up the hill" to Guyra !!

And nowhere do these elitists supporters of a bike trail make any provision for the very many of us who cannot ride a bike, or in my case, barely walk. At least ALL could make use of a train, but VERY FEW could use a bike trail. I am by no means anti-bike, being an active rider from 1950 to 1980, but we are talking about The Great Northern Railway FOR ALL.

Barry Evans

EDITORS NOTE:

The perceived bias comes not from this publication but from the community who have submitted their letters. We can only publish what we receive.

Trains are the Future?

Very Fast Trains in particular would seem to be a good choice in Australia. Every few years, politicians make noises about creating such a service, but as yet we have nothing. The estimated > \$100 billion (citing

Mayor's Message

An iconic piece of history was earmarked for valuable improvements and an institution of community service temporarily made Armidale its headquarters, in two major developments for the region this week.

The historic Saumarez Homestead is a tourism and heritage jewel of the district and a unique and vital piece of Australian history.

The NSW Deputy Premier, John Barilaro, during a visit to the area on Monday announced Saumarez Homestead will receive \$1.77 million through the State Government's Regional Growth Environment Tourism Fund. The funds will be used to equip the homestead with quality accommodation, to match the astonishing beauty and wonderful historic artefacts and encourage more people to immerse themselves in the history of this region.

Council submitted the funding application on behalf of the homestead management and liaised closely with the NSW Member for

Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall, who had confirmed his support for the application.

Council recently resolved to commit \$730,000 to upgrade the internal road and other infrastructure, as part of the proposed project to improve the homestead, its infrastructure and displays.

It was wonderful to be at Saumarez Homestead for the announcement, along with representatives of the National Trust, which has allocated \$200,000 to the project. Monday's announcement ceremony was told the expected tourism benefits from the \$2.7 million project was predicted to generate several million dollars in extra income every year.

I was also honoured to be involved in the official opening of the 96th NSW annual general meeting for the Country Women's



Association. Around 1000 Country Women's Association members and their families are in Armidale for the conference from Monday to Friday, with the event expected to generate about \$2.5 million for the area.

Council's Economic Development, Tourism and Events team have worked closely with CWA officials to plan the conference, which will be based at the New England Girls' School and features events throughout Armidale.

There are a number of conference events the community can enjoy, including an open house at the Armidale Town Hall and displays at New England Girls' School, both on Thursday 3 May from 9am. A special Markets in the Mall will be held on Thursday 3 May from noon until late, with around 25 stall holders from throughout the region featuring crafts, wine and other produce.

The conference is a wonderful tourism boost for our region and a great chance for locals to find out more about an organisation which has been a valued institution in regional Australia for many years.

Simon Murray

Youth conference

Young people with ideas to make the Armidale Regional Council area an even better place to live are encouraged to be part of a Young Social Entrepreneurs Conference on Thursday 24 May.

Council is partnering with NSW peak body Youth Action and education and training company The Frank Team to hold the conference at Armidale Town Hall from 9.30am to 3pm.

Participants will develop their ideas and get to pitch them to a panel of judges. They will learn practical skills, hear from successful entrepreneurs, and maybe even start their own businesses. The conference is entirely free and food is provided. Register now at <https://bayse.eventbrite.com.au/>

Top thinkers at libraries

Some of the world's great authors and thinkers will appear in the Guyra and Armidale libraries early next month, thanks to live streaming of this year's Sydney Writers' Festival.

Armidale War Memorial Library will screen Live

and Local streams on 4-6 May, while Guyra Shire Library will participate on 4 May.

Audience members in Guyra and Armidale will be able to participate in live Q&As during the sessions, which will be hosted at both facilities between 10am and 6pm.

Speakers to feature in Live and Local include Annabel Crabb, Peter Grete, Cleo Wade and Richard Fidler. For a full list of speakers, visit www.swf.org.au/about-us/live

Power to the people

A Pop-up Energy Shop will be held at Guyra Library on Tuesday 8 May from 9.30am to 2pm, to inform residents about NSW programs and services that can help households reduce their power costs.

Council is partnering with the Office of Environment & Heritage to conduct the shop, to outline energy projects happening across the region. The NSW Government's North East Regional Energy Co-ordinator will be on hand to answer questions on solar and battery storage options, assist in accessing energy

efficiency rebates and help residents better understand their electricity bills. Residents can also access information, tools and resources to reduce their energy use and cost. For more details, contact Regional Energy Co-ordinator Armidale Lauren Zell on 0455 097886

Public exhibition

Draft Revenue Policy 2018-19

The community is invited to make submissions in regard to the Draft Revenue Policy – Part A - Fees and Charges 2018-2019 and Part B - Ordinary Rate and Charges, which are on public exhibition, from Monday 30 April to Monday 28 May 2018, and can be viewed on Council's engagement website, yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au, or at Council's Service Centres. Submissions should be addressed to: Chief Executive Officer, Armidale Regional Council, PO Box 75A, ARMIDALE 2350. They can be emailed to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au (External link) or mailed to PO Box 75A, Armidale NSW 2350, or delivered to one of our Customer Service Centres at 135 Rusden Street, Armidale or 158 Bradley Street, Guyra.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 May 2018 at the Armidale Chambers, 135 Rusden St from 1pm. The public are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Thursday 3 May 2018

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Clouds clear after stormy night for Stargazers

Ben Lomond held their second annual Star Grazing Festival Public Night on Saturday April 14th.

With all arrangements including road signage and designated parking in place it became apparent that the weather would be less than favourable for viewing the heavens on the public night.

The committee had looked at the bigger picture and arranged the grounds into segments for specific purposes on the night. Changes from the 2017 event were in place to achieve better outcomes for amateur astronomers.

The concept of a telescope muster set out to develop an understanding of the use and functions of telescopes on site. It also yielded a local telescope owner who had acquired her telescope from a "tip-shop". As this telescope was trialled, and assessed it was resoundingly celebrated as a "real bargain". Belinda, the owner, is now committed to learning much more about



Spectacular stormy skies (above) and new resident Belinda Parkinson with her tip shop bargain telescope

astronomy through the information gained and connections made at the event.

Not to be deterred by a forecast of cloud, the Informative and general interest

sessions were held in the hall while awaiting the onset of darkness. The approaching cloud provided quite a spectacle only to be outclassed by a most spectac-

ular hailstorm.

The clear skies that followed provided a magnificent viewing opportunity later in the night and on the following nights.

New shades sails to cool bowlers

Locals having a roll at the Guyra Bowling Club will soon have some extra shade rink-side, thanks to a \$6,060 grant from the NSW Government's Local Sports Program.

The money will allow the club, which is also contributing \$3,000, to install 10 new shade structures on the northern side of back green at the club.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall recently joined by members of the club's executive and a host of delighted women bowlers to announce the funding, which will provide bowlers much-needed protection from harsh weather conditions.

"I congratulate Guyra Bowling Club on gaining these funds and for its continued efforts to make this a truly enjoyable facility for keen players and amateurs alike," Mr Marshall said.



Guyra Bowling Club President Cameron Peardon, left, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, Maureen Lockyer, Women's Bowling Club President Dot Jackson, Laurel Betts, Women's Club Secretary and Treasurer Bertha Reeves, Secretary Betty-Ann Bourke and club board member David Wilcox

"This project will dramatically improve facilities here at this fantastic club.

"Having adequate shade is important to attract clubs and tournaments to the venue, with players from other clubs from around the State reluctant to visit clubs without proper shade.

"There are 10 rinks here at Guyra, divided into two play-

ing areas. One of those areas already has shades; this funding means the other area will have matching shade facilities, making both areas summer-proof for players.

Guyra Bowling Club Secretary Betty-Ann Bourke was on hand to show Mr Marshall the location of the new shades.

"Without this funding there was no chance that we would have been able to afford to build new shades," Ms Bourke said.

"That sum of money is a substantial amount for our Club, so it's great that Adam was able to secure this funding for us."



Gazette Footy Tipping



There's been a bit of movement around the Celebrities Leaderboard this week, but Shona remains on top with 78 points.

Beth had an excellent week, scoring 12 points, to bring her into equal 2nd place with DeJay on 76.

Next in line are Kerrie (another great score of 12) and Vu on 72 points.

Girls 358 - Boys 326; with the Girls on top by 10 points 48-38 this week.

In the Locals, Mailman is leading on 74.

Is The Shadow revealing his true form? After a dismal score of just 2 points a few weeks ago, good form has been restored to bring him well up the list on 66 points; just 2 ahead of Uncle Grandpar!

NB to Local Tipsters: We got the Titans and Tigers mixed up in the draw for Round 9. The matches should be:

Raiders v. Titans & Warriors v. Tigers

If you want to change your tips, call 6779 2132 by Friday.

Kerrie's Tips

- Broncos
- Knights
- Panthers
- Raiders
- Warriors
- Eels
- Storm
- Roosters



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Soley's Tips

- Bulldogs
- Knights
- Panthers
- Raiders
- Tigers
- Eels
- Storm
- Roosters



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e: csole@soletaxation.com.au

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Beth's Tips

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- Knights
- Panthers
- Raiders
- Tigers
- Sharks
- Storm
- Roosters



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Jack's Tips

- Broncos
- Rabbits
- Panthers
- Raiders
- Warriors
- Sharks
- Dragons
- Roosters



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Sue's Tips

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- Rabbitohs
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- Storm
- Roosters



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Shona's Tips

- Broncos
- Knights
- Panthers
- Raiders
- Warriors
- Sharks
- Dragons
- Roosters



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Score: 78

B-&-L's Tips

- Broncos
- Rabbits
- Panthers
- Titans
- Tigers
- Sharks
- Storm
- Roosters



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Tegan's Tips

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- Knights
- Panthers
- Raiders
- Tigers
- Sharks
- Dragons
- Roosters



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Score: 62

DeJay's Tips

- Broncos
- Rabbits
- Panthers
- Raiders
- Warriors
- Sharks
- Storm
- Roosters



Roast Dinners ...

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Sunday: Roast Lamb

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Score: 76



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MEETINGS

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Gazette Footy Tipping

Mailman	74	The Shadow	66	Turkey Girl	62
Moose Knuckle	72	Uncle Grandpar	64	Shelby Heagney	60
Chris Morley	70	Nightwatchman	64	Rooster Rascal	60
Jy Starr	68	Bookworm	64	Wanwan	56
Darcey Heagney	68	Hazel	64	Men's Shed	54
Bulldog	66	Eel-be-Right	62	Elva Brazier	52
Red Devils	66				

Locals Entry Form - Round 10

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on Tuesday, 8th May

Name:

Phone:

Tigers	vs	Cowboys
Knights	vs	Panthers
Bulldogs	vs	Eels
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Men's Bowls

Well the weekend has come and gone with a full programme of Club Championships. Saturday April 28th saw a game of Open Singles played between Ian Jacobs and Chris Kliendienst. Both players started off well but Chris soon gained the upper hand and went on to take victory 31 shots to 16 shots over 26 ends. Also played was a Handicap Singles match between Mallie Walls and Evan Sole, Evan enjoyed a two shot start. This did not worry Mallie as he scored three shots on the first end and was never headed going on to victory 31 shots to 17 shots over 25 ends.

Also played was a Club Pairs game between Phil Kliendienst and Peter Brodbeck and the team of Steven Sole and Robert Walls. This was a close game for at least half the game with Robert and Steven holding a slender lead, Phil and Peter drew a four and took over the lead and were never headed from this point and went on to take a win 23 shots to 20 over 21 ends.

There was a Major/Minor 3 Bowl Pairs also played between Dan Kennedy and Grahame Starr and the team of Robert Moore and Cameron Peardon. Dan and Grahame started the game by going to an early lead only to have Robert and Cameron wear down the lead and go on to victory 26 shots to 19 shots over 25 ends.

Sunday April saw two more Club Championship games contested.

In Open Singles Col Stanley and John McIlwain played each other, as I was on the rink next to this game I was able to observe the progress from time to time. Col eased to a handy lead with consistent draw shots and by end 22 held a lead 24 shots to 12 shots. This did not sway John as he set about closing the gap and by end 36 he not only had caught up but had taken the

lead. Then came the fight back by Col and by end 38 the scores were even 30 shots all. With only one shot needed by either player it was all concentration, Col held the shot for game and John was unable to convert the shot with his last bowl and as a result Col claimed victory 31 shots to 30 shots after 39 ends of entertaining bowls.

There was also a Club Pairs played between John Jackson and Barry Campbell and the team of Scott Campbell and Boyd Stanley. Scott and Boyd jumped out of the blocks with a bang going to an early lead one that John and Barry were unable to overtake. Scott and Boyd went on to win the contest 23 shots to 17 shots over 21 ends.

There will be no Club Championships this weekend as there is the two day carnival of the Annual Guyra Club Major/Minor Three Bowl Pairs. Game commences 9.00am Saturday May 5th. There will be three rounds of 18 ends Saturday and Sunday May 6th will see two games of 18 ends. Cost of entry will be \$40.00 per team.

For any further information on this event or any other event please feel free to contact the Guyra Bowling Club during working hours.

The Bowls Bandit.

Sports Council

The next meeting of the Guyra sub committee of the Armidale Regional Sports Council will be held on Wednesday May 9th at 6pm at the Bowling Club.

Information and application forms for funding allocations will be available to sporting groups who attend this meeting.

Grants are available to spend on Guyra facilities and attendance at the meeting will provide your club with the best chance of accessing some of the funding.

Jason & Jess

Men's golf

Last Sunday saw an 18 hole stableford for the Spar Express prize. The winner was Steven Sole with Pat Grills runner up. Nearest to the pins were Roger Grills on the 7th with Barry Simpson claiming the 10th and 18th. Next Sunday will be an 18 hole stroke for the Jones, Cracknell and Starr trophy to be played in conjunction with the May monthly mug.

The Albatross

Vets golf

A cool but fine day saw 11 Vet golfers play a Reg Taylor stroke event on Tuesday.

The best stroke score went to Ian Taylor with a score of 88. Runner up with 93 was Herb Wilson.

The best putter was Roger Grills with only 28 puts.

Nearest the pins were Paul Redden on the 7th and 10th and Roger Grills on the 18th.

A Vet

Junior soccer

Under 16 Pumas (Kylie Wilson) Carly Harman, Gemma Sisson, Nick Graham, Courtney Reeves, Matthew Sisson, Kye Baker, Leavi Dalton, Jessie Baker, Samuel Graham, Jake Wilson, Harrison Dowden

Under 14 Gladiators (Hayden Raper), Emily Lockyer, Georgie Mayled, Hugo McIlwain, Abby Jackson, Claire Flynn, Ashley Donnelly, Harris Dullaway, Robert Sisson, Kye Raper, Dylan McGinty, Charlie Wark, Wil Tarrant, Tyler Gibson, Jack Lockyer

Under 12 Lil Caspers (Craig Lockyer) Tom Lockyer, Kiralee McIlwain, Sebastian Brazier, Aidan Purvis, Jonathon Wilson, Emily Jackson, Tyler Nguyen, Reegan Jackson, Jaymie Donnelly, Oliver Flynn, Lucy Campbell, Rocco Brazier

Under 12 Ravens (Jamie Williamson) Trisha Varley, Cooper Reeves, Lincoln Brown, Jake Tibbs, Courtney Spradbrow, Olivia Wilson, George Williamson, Leigha

McElroy, Anna Grills, Angus Dullaway, Joseph Reeves, Jason Mowbray, Ethan Tribe

Under 10 Rockets (Mark Evers) Daniel Grills, Elizabeth Evers, Ryan Saunders, Harry Purvis, George Bradford, Jack Campbell, Archie Jackson, Ella Vidler, Jack Soraghan, Felicity Bailey

Under 9 Cobras (Michael Colvin) Archie Colvin, Blake Raper, Dominic Nguyen, Lily McFarlane, Aidan Brown, Isaac Hayes, Clancy Munsie, Eli McGinty, Hannah Evers

Under 8 Jets (?) Noah Brennan, Henry Cox, Camilla Grills, Edward Grills, James Grills, Logan Lockyer, Olive McFarlane, Ruby Menkens, Thomas Graham, Samuel Reeves

Under 8 Vipers (Jami Byers) Lacey Cruickshank, Jannali Byers, Connor Montague, Lily Rolff, Maxwell Schaefer, William Schaefer, McIlwain Ajna, Clement McKemey, Stevie McElroy, Tyler Cameron

U7 Jaffas (?) Myles Cox, Elle Bavea, Rachael Jackson, Willson McElroy, Zac Raper

U7 Skittles (Roy Soraghan) Micah Evers, Jack Watters, Ava Williams, Noah Cannon, Ruby Soraghan, Lillie-Anne Dell

U7 Goannas (?) Emily Champion, Henry Evans, Alexander McKemey, Isabella Purvis, Taharn Masuk-Purvis, Kaitlyn Champion

U7 Squirtles (Jayde Brazier), Kayne Brennan, Teo Starr, Charles Drew, Jack Wesley, Braxton Hutton, Benji Archibald

U6 Smarties, (Mitchell Hope), Indi Roberts, Darcy Sisson, Hugo Sisson, Tom Bradford, George Hope, Callie Cameron

U6 Geckos (Trudy Brown) Sharnahleiah Bishop, Hamish Brown, Toby Cussen-Chase Floyd, Lachlan Ellis-Colley, Tyrell Fitzpatrick

Under 6 Gators (?) Darcie Campbell, Abbie Kelly, Austin Kelly, Flynn McFarlane, Lachlan Cruickshank, Oskar Lain

Spuds dodge a bullet against Bingara

The Super Spuds dodged a bullet last Saturday. In fact they dodged a whole team of them.

The home side put the pressure on in the first half at Bingara and led 12-8 nearing halftime.

Earlier, Jayden Field and DJ Patterson had posted tries for Guyra before the Bullets fired back with two of their own.

It took a Chris Wilson try up the middle to give Guyra a two-point lead at halftime.

Field bagged his try double early in the second half and that began a much more convincing half for Guyra.

Skipper Ben Vidler scored from dummy half to extend the lead to 14 and Brad Waters was next to cross to make it 30-12. Alipate Kaufana split the defence and linked with Rodney Bull for the last Spuds try and the win was in the bag.

The Bullets hit back late to make it 36-18 at fulltime. Bull scored most of the individual points for the day, but Beau Or-



Beau Orchard impressed in the game against Bingara

Photo Grant Roobertson

chard, Jack Mooney, Jayden Field and Matt Duthie also impressed.

Earlier, the Spudettes shot to a 16-nil lead before Bingara mounted a comeback. Natalie

Hammond, Taylor Waters and Britt Youman scored Guyra's tries but the home side scored the next two to make it 16-10 at halftime.

Emma Barwick ensured the Spudettes began the second half well with a try from a Nicole Dixon kick, but 20-10 turned into 20-14 and then 20-all as the home team fought back again.

With only one player on the bench, the Spudettes started to run out of steam and had to settle for a draw.

Hammond, Youman, Sophie Gaukroger and Waters were the standouts.

Guyra has the bye this weekend and then heads to Ashford for another away game.

In the meantime, supporters can help the club by buying a ticket in the '200 Club' fundraiser.

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