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Wait over as new gym opens

A Glen Innes couple have expanded their fitness business to Guyra with a new 24-hour gym opening on the weekend.

Nigel and Karen King opened their first gym in Glen Innes in 2014, after identifying demand in that community. Prior to opening Karen said they did a lot of research in to what works in small communities.

"We found that it was important to have 24-hour access, to offer a good variety of equipment and classes and also to cater for everyone from body builders to mums with kids," Karen said.

"We started coming to Guyra in March and offering Jin Ryu Kan Karate and it took off straight away. The feedback we got was that there was definitely a space in the market for a gym so we decided to expand and see how it would go."

"The tomato farm has brought a lot of people in to



Gym owner Karen King and branch manager Leigh Bush

the town, but it is similar to Glen Innes in that there is not a lot for them to do. Glen Innes has really taken off and we hope that we can fill this void in Guyra as well."

King's Gym & Fitness is located in Nincoola Street in the

building that previously housed Multi Motors. Branch Manager Leigh Bush will be on site every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to deal with enquiries and offer assistance.

Sign up can be done online by visiting the King's Gym and Fitness website and make sure you opt for the Guyra membership. Once you sign up you get an access tag that opens the door allowing you to set your own hours.

Membership cost \$60 a month which can be paid weekly, fortnightly or monthly - there are no lock in contracts or sign up fees. The only extra is the \$10 fee for the tag which gains you access to the gym 24 hours a day. The fee covers everything including classes which they hope to start in the coming weeks. Classes will include regular circuit classes as well as boxfit, pilates, yoga and Zumba depending on demand. Nonmembers can also participate in classes for \$10.

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'Tanks' for the memories

Progress on the upgrade of Bradley Street has come to a halt after exploratory excavations and tests by specialist contractors uncovered up to 19 underground fuel tanks in the section of Bradley Street earmarked for the upgrade.

The disused fuel storage tanks, which are located beneath the road, footpath and a number of buildings, pre-date official Council records of infrastructure in the street. Anecdotal knowledge, and the presence of business premises that previously sold fuel, prompted Council to test for the abandoned storage tanks.

Council staff were guided by the knowledge of long-standing residents and business owners and Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said that whilst they were expecting some tanks, the actual number has exceeded what everyone was expecting.

"Council's priority now is to fully evaluate the underground structures and how to deal with them as part of the main street reconstruction," Cr Murray said.

"We will need to determine which tanks can be, or need to be, left in place or if any need to be removed for the reconstruction to proceed.



Work has stopped until council can decide how to deal with underground fuel tanks

"Some of the tanks are now directly beneath the foundations of existing buildings and Council is working closely with the Environmental Protection Authority to ensure compliance with regulations and determine whether decommissioning or removal of the tanks is required to protect public safety during and after the reconstruction works," he said.

"We want to have the full picture before continuing with the reconstruction works, so they can then proceed smoothly and with minimal in-

terruptions.

"That is essential to ensure the project can proceed cost effectively and without unnecessary inconvenience to shoppers and business operators."

Council hope to have that in-

formation during the next fortnight and will continue to liaise with business operators, including a regular newsletter, to update them on timetables and what work will be undertaken at each phase.



Dr David Smith and his colleagues from the Moredun Institute in Scotland are presenting in our region.

This is a unique opportunity to meet with those who have developed the Barbers Pole vaccine. You will have the chance to learn about Barbervax and ask specific questions relating to this region and your farming enterprise.

The drought will break and the worms will be back. Plan now for the next Barbers Pole season.

Date: Wednesday 22nd August 2018

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: Landmark Guyra

27 Boorolong Street, Guyra

Josh Lawlor

6779 1025

LANDMARK GUYRA

RSVP:

27 Boorolong Street, Guyra

Phone: 6779 1025

Josh Lawlor - 0429 668 002



End of an era for Kolora

Armidale Regional Council has officially handed over the management of the new Kolora Aged Care Facility.

As part of the agreement between McLean Care and Armidale Regional Council, Council will continue to own the new facility, with McLean Care taking up the lease for its management and operation.

The transition took place on Wednesday, August 1st. As a final gesture of thanks, a special morning tea was held last Tuesday for staff, many of whom are long-term employees.

ARC Mayor Simon Murray said that it was important for council to acknowledge the dedication and service provided by staff over many years.

"Today is all about saying thanks to the staff for their commitment to Kolora and the community," Cr Murray said.

"We have been fortunate to have people of their calibre work with Guyra Shire Coun-



Back I to r: ARC Mayor Simon Murray, Maggie Herta, Graeme Hoade, Anne Hulbert, Mark Piorkowski ARC Group Leader Service Delivery, Krista Schmidt ARC Service Leader Community and Customer Service Front: Jenny Vidler, Caresse Thompson, Jan Brazel

cil and also with Armidale Regional Council since the amalgamation."

"While some of the staff will stay on, others have chosen to retire or move on," he said.

"To all of them, we say thank you and all the best whatever the future holds."

Increased drought support welcomed

The NSW Farmers' Association has welcomed the federal government's additional financial support to help drought affected farmers.

Changes to the Farm Household Allowance will see additional payments of \$12,000 for farming couples and \$7,200 for individual farmers battling drought, and will mean that farmers and their families will

be better supported to cover their everyday costs and reduce some of the pressures they face in managing their farms and feeding their fami-

President of NSW Farmers' Association, James Jackson, said the Association is pleased that a key issue raised with the Government - that the assets test was too low and disqualified many farmers in real needhas been addressed in this announcement.

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said the \$190 million package of immediate relief including support for mental health services, was the result of concerted efforts to push for more assistance for farmers across the New England electorate.

"I want to make sure farming families and communities get all the support they need to get through the drought, recover and get back on their feet.

"These extra FHA payments will help get cash in the door so families can pay their bills and get their kids to school. This will flow through to small businesses across the New England."

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RAIN - not enough, but better than none

What's NOT

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Guyra Central go down in round 6

Guyra Central Schools Primary Rugby League team have been participating in the NSW PSSA State Knockout Competition.

After knocking Glen Innes Public School out of the competition at the end of term 2, the team travelled to Bingara to play round 5 and 6 of the Knockout Competition in a GALA Day.

Warialda Public School were knocked out of the competition after Guyra Central School defeated them 30-6 in the first game for the day.

The final round saw Guyra Central School matched against a tough Westdale Public School side. This game was an entertaining game to watch, and Guyra Central School were unlucky to be knocked out of the competition going down 34-24 to Westdale.

The players are to be congratulated on both their effort



Ryan Williams prepares to take a kick for Guyra Central

and their sportsmanship throughout the duration of the PSSA State Knockout competition.

Thank you to Mrs Sjaan Mitchell for co-ordinating the

event, Mr Luke Blyton for coaching the team and to all the parents/carers for supporting and transporting the students to Bingara.

QUOTE of the week

Be so happy that when others look at you, they become happy too

Weather WATCH

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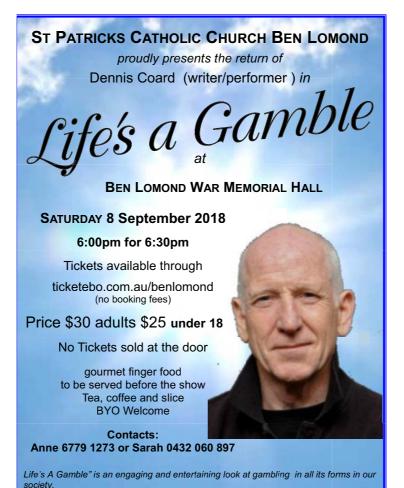
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Rainfall last YTD 747.2 mm

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PET OF THE WEEK



Basil is a sweet, quiet 2 year old cat. He was surrendered to the pound by his elderly owner who could no longer care for him.

Basil has a lovely soft sleek coat. He uses a litter tray very well. If you want someone to keep your lap warm this winter, please consider adopting Basil.

His adoption fee of \$100 includes desexing, worming, flea treatment, microchipping and vaccination.

Please contact us at: friendsoffredanimalrescue@gmail.com or call/text 0401 855 677

From two flies up a wall to virtual online casinos; from 2-up to the Melbourne Cup. Like a drug, hope surges through our veins, desire embedded in our DNA, in the flip of

a coin, the press of a button, the click of a mouse the dream begins

Fig Tree Park Angus go round again

This Sunday 12th August will see Fig Tree Park Angus hold its second annual bull sale on property at "Strabanne" 9992 Guyra Rd Wandsworth, 24km West of Guyra. Starting at 1pm, fifteen quality yearling bulls and one two-year- old bull will be offered for sale by Helmsman Auction through Davidson Cameron, Guyra.

This year's draft of bulls includes some outstanding yearling bulls sired by EF Complement 8088, Deer Valley Patriot, JMB Traction, Kansas Aberdeen F84, Glenmorgan Bartel Man L114, Lawsons Incredible L660 and the first son of Baldridge Compass C041 to sell in Australia. A large proportion of the draft, are heifer bulls.

Grandsons of Bald Blair Right Answer J94, who was entered into Cohort 5 of the Angus Sire Benchmarking Program, and is in the top 1% of the breed for 200 Day Wt, 400 Day Wt, 600 Day Wt, Carcase Wt and top 5% for Scrotal Size will sell. There are not many bulls in the country which weigh 1382kg as a five-year-old in the paddock after being used as a yearling and that still have an EBV for birth weight of 3.8.



Selection for temperament, structural soundness, phenotype, fertility, calving ease, growth, muscularity, eating quality and longevity underpin breeding decisions. Whether you are supplying the domestic supermarket trade or export markets, bulls will be for sale that will help you better meet market specifications.

In an attempt to help local producers drive profitability, in 2016 we purchased our new herd sire Lawsons Incredible L660 as the equal top price bull of the Lawsons 2016 Spring Online Sale. He is in the top 1% of the Angus breed for all four \$ Indexes, has an IMF EBV of 3.5 and will have three sons in the sale this year and nearly the whole draft in 2019.

Morning tea and a BBQ lunch will be provided on sale day with Teys Grassfed Beef being served. For a catalogue or further information please contact Jason on 0428 392 043 or email figtreepark@bigpond.com.

Sporting stars

Guyra Central School students Oscar Atkin and Archie Dowden travelled to Mudgee as part of the North West Touch Football team to participate in the PSSA NSW Touch Football Championships.

The North West team played a series of 14 games of touch football over the three day event against another 11 teams which consisted of the best Touch Football players across the state.

The competition was tough requiring a high level of fitness to get through each game and although North West finished the carnival in 12th position, the entire team are to be commended for their dedication and sportsmanship throughout the duration of the carnival.

Coach, Craig McDonald awarded Oscar Atkin the North West medal for his enthusiasm and leadership during carnival.

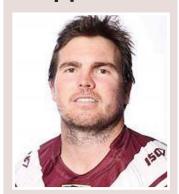
Guyra Central was also represented at the 2018 NSW Cross Country Championships which were held at Eastern Creek on Friday 27th July.

Archie Dowden competed in the 12/13's 3000m PSSA event, while Riley Campbell competed in the 12's 3000m CHSSA event.



Riley Campbell at the NSW Cross Country Championships

Calling all Manly supporters



Sea Eagles, Parramatta, NSW and Australian legend Jamie Lyon will be visiting Guyra next Monday (August 13) and all local sporting clubs and fans are invited to meet him.

Lyon will be the special guest of the Guyra Super Spuds at the Guyra Hotel from 7pm that night.

He won the NRL premiership with Manly in 2008 and 2011 and the Super League title with St Helens in 2006, played 10 Origin games and eight tests for Australia.

Stop in and say hello.

Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

8th August Wendy Lockyer 9th August Sue Adams 10th August Golf Club ladies 13th August Darrel Taylor 14th August Joyce Betts

Street Stalls

10th & 11th Augst Guyra Llons 23rd August Can Assist

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

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

Enquiries: 6779 1587

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 Rafters Restaurant, 6pm for 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

St Mary's Athletics Carnival



Last Friday, students at St Mary of the Angels participated in their annual School Athletics Carnival.

Students had been busily preparing for the events at the carnival since Term 2 and were very eager to get started.

The day kicked off with the 100m age races with students demonstrating their sprinting and fast running talents. Students then rotated through the field events including Shot Put, Discus, High Jump and Long Jump.

Congratulations to our Athletics Champions Ben Reinke, Lucy Campbell, Reegan Jackson, Tom Lockyer, Brooke Newberry, George Bradford, Annie Williamson, Lily Mc-Farlane, Archie Foster and Olive McFarlane and our Athletics Runners Up Harrison Emily Jackson, Brazier, George Williamson, Shanae Wark, Joe Reeves, Isabell Brazier-Kraan. Kasper Mayled and Scarlett Newberry.

The day offered a fantastic opportunity for students to

showcase their athletics talents and to give all activities a go in a safe and non-threatening environment.

Thanks to the parents and staff who helped out on the day without your assistance events such as these would be unable to happen. A team of students have successfully made it to the next level of representation and will be attending the Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Tamworth on August 24. Congratulations to this team and good luck at the next level.





Ty Mulligan (left), Lucy Campbell (above) and Annabelle Williamson (rigth)



Council News GUYRA

Specialist investigations help guide underground tank management

A clearer picture is emerging on how Council will deal with disused fuel tanks found beneath Bradley Street, following inspections by two consultants as part of the Guyra Main Street Reconstruction.

The upgrade site was visited on Monday by an environmental consultant specialising in soil contamination and a contractor for tank removal, as part of an investigation into whether the tanks needed to be removed or decommissioned and if rehabilitation of the surrounding soil was necessary before the road upgrade could proceed.

Their assessments will be integral to a strategy being developed this week, as Council looks to resume the reconstruction as soon as possible.

Council announced last week the project had been rescheduled to later this month, to allow necessary soil testing and other investigations, after it was discovered in late July the extent of the disused underground tanks far exceeded expectations.

One set of tanks was exposed last week, at the same time as Council completed other preparations for the main street upgrade. Council crews had begun preliminary works on the main street upgrade on 16 July, including initial test excavations to



A work compound has been establish in the Guyra main street for the reconstruction.

look for possible underground fuel tanks at the work site.

Anecdotal evidence suggested there could be a number of disused storage tanks beneath the road, footpath and a number of buildings. The tanks appear to pre-date official Council records of infrastructure in the street but the knowledge of long-standing residents and business owners prompted the test excavations.

The exploratory excavations and tests by specialist contractors indicated there could be as many as 19 underground tanks in the section of Bradley Street earmarked for the upgrade

Council's priority now is to fully evaluate the underground structures, to determine which tanks can be, or need to be, left in place or if any need to be removed for the reconstruction to proceed.

Council is working closely with the Environmental Protection Authority to ensure compliance with regulations and determine whether decommissioning or removal of the tanks is required to protect public safety during and after the reconstruction works.

The first tank exposed was found to be still full of fuel and the top of the tank had several small holes, prompting concerns about the possibility of contamination of surrounding soil.

Council is keen to have the full picture before continuing with the reconstruction works, so they can then proceed smoothly and with minimal interruptions. That's essential to ensure the project

can proceed cost effectively and without unnecessary inconvenience to shoppers and business operators.

Concrete cutting on the footpath has already been completed, to allow a trench to be dug for water, electricity, CCTV and other services. Those excavation for the trench, from Ollera Street to MacKenzie street, will be part of the first round of works when they resume.

The round of works is also planned to include laying underground stormwater pipes, constructing new kerb and guttering, laying footpath pavers, rebuilding the road pavement and installing new street furniture.

There will be interruptions to traffic travelling north along Bradley Street during the excavation and construction work. Work will be limited to sections of 20 metres to minimise the impact on businesses and shoppers and the worksite will move progressively south. Vehicle movements and parking on the eastern side of Bradley Street will not be affected during the works. However, parking will not be available adjacent to the worksite on the western side.

Further information is available on Council's website, on the Works & Projects page, or by contacting Council on 1300 136833.

Quotation request

RFQ ARC18/2792

Council invites quotations for the Disposal of five vehicles and one trailer. The vehicles are not currently registered but have been within the past 12 months. These quotations for disposal are lump sum amounts, not subject to change once submitted. Full details are provided in the tender documents which will be available free of charge from the etendering portal at the website www. tenderlink.com/nesac or Council's website www.armidaleregional.

nsw.gov.au

Requests for further information should be directed to Liz Ferris on 0419 019 345.

Quotations with the reference number ARC18/2792 and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, will be received up until closing time 2.30 pm Tuesday, 14 August 2018. Chief Executive Officer Susan Law

council@armidale.nsw.gov.au Civic Administration Building, 5 Rusden Street, Armidale PO Box 75A Armidale 2350

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 August 2018 at the Armidale Council Chambers, 135 Rusden St from 4pm. The public are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE -Wednesday 25 July 2018

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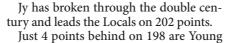












Master Darcey and Mailman, who made a big effort this week to achieve one of the best scores of this round.

Although not such a great score this week, The Shadow is in 3rd place on 196, closely followed by the Red Devils and Chris on 194 points.

Bookworm slipped a bit, perhaps being occupied with other matters and taking her eye off the form guide this week!

Sue and DeJay cracked the 200 barrier this week. Unfortunately, we are bidding farewell to DeJay this week and wish him

Shona still leads the Celebrities on 206 points, followed by DeJay (now The Gazette) on 204 and Sue on 200.

Vu had the best score this round with 12 points.

Girls 970-Boys 920. The Boys had a win this week: 38-32.













Kerrie's Tips

Cowboys Knights Roosters **Titans** Sea Eagles Eels **Tigers**



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Soley's Tips

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Sharks

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Sharks



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B-&-L's Tips

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Tegan's Tips **Broncos**

Knights Roosters **Panthers Bulldogs Dragons Tigers** Storm



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Gazette's Tips

Broncos Warriors Rabbits **Panthers** Bulldogs **Dragons Tigers Sharks**

Guyra Gazette

Regrettably we bid farewell to DeJay this week. The Gazette will continue the tips in this space. Contact us on: news@gala.org.au advertising@gala.org.au

6779 2132

Score: 204

Phone: 02 6752 5552 Fax: 02 6772 5026 Email: northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au

\$5,000 for Guyra Men's Health Night

I was thrilled to help the Guyra Local Health Committee secure \$5,000 in funding to support their Men's Health Night on 19th October at Ben Lomond.

Guyra's Local Health Committee has identified men's health in the region as a key priority area and the health night is designed to bring men together for a relaxed evening to talk about their health and wellbeing.

I know all too well that men often shy away from talking about health issues and tend to avoid having basic checkups. Nights like these help break down that reluctance to speak about health issues and give men a chance to engage with health topics specific to them.

The guest speaker on the night will be former NRL and rugby union international Wendell Sailor who, since his retirement, has been helping raise awareness of men's health issues by travelling around Australia talking about health topics that men still see as taboo - such as prostate health, testicular cancer and depression.

There will also be presentations from local clinicians and other health service providers.

This event is shaping up to be a great night and I encourage all local men to head along in October.



Last week I visited the Guyra MPS and joined the hardworking Hospital Auxiliary for their AGM.

L to r: Nancy Davidson, Dianne Burey, Adam Marshall MP, Trish Fields, Lesley Croft Regional UHA representative, and Gail Montague

Drought Relief

The NSW Government will offer a transport subsidy of up to \$20,000 per farm business and the relief measure will also be back-dated so farmers can access additional subsidies for freight expenses incurred since 1st January, 2018.

The three major elements of the \$500 million Emergency Drought Relief Package are:

- Approximately \$190 million for Drought Transport Subsidies;
- Approximately \$100 million for cutting the cost of farming fees and charges - by waiving Local Land Services rates, waiving fixed water charges in rural and regional areas, and waiving class one agricultural vehicle registration costs, among other initiatives; and

• \$150 million to bolster the Farm Innovation Fund (FIF) infrastructure program.

The package also includes funding for:

- Counselling and mental health;
- Critical services in regional communities including transporting water and drought related road upgrades and repairs; and
- Animal welfare and stock disposal.

The NSW Rural Assistance Authority will begin processing applications from Monday, 6th August.

For more information on the NSW Government's emergency drought relief package visit: www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au or call 1800 678 593

2019 Seniors Festival Grants

Seniors are some of our community's most active members and the hugely popular Seniors Week activities is just one way to celebrate their contributions.

I encourage local councils and community organisations to consider applying for \$200,000 in seed funding from the NSW Government to help celebrate the role seniors play, during next year's Seniors Week Festival.

Community groups, councils and volunteer organisations can apply for up to \$10,000 in funding to support their Seniors Week activities and I encourage everyone who is thinking of hosting a Seniors Week event again or would like to get one up and running in their area to apply for funding.

The 2019 NSW Seniors Festival will run from 13th to 24th February and organisations are encouraged to plan events now, with three funding categories available:

- Tier 1 grants of up to \$1,000 for small-scale local events or activities targeted at community organisations and schools;
- Tier 2 grants from \$1,001 to \$5,000 for local events targeted at larger community organisations: and
- Tier 3 grants from \$5,001 to \$10,000 for broader community events targeted at local councils in partnership with organisations and groups.

Applications are now open and close at 5pm on Friday, 10th August 2018.

Grants to reuse or recycle organic waste

Northern Tablelands groups interested in running projects to reuse and recycle food and garden waste are being encouraged to apply for special NSW Government grants to do just that.

The NSW Organics Infrastructure Grants Program is a great opportunity for local councils, waste companies and not-forprofit groups to win grants of up to \$3 million.

This is a wonderful way for local groups who have plans for projects that can tackle the

organic and green waste that ends up in landfill, to get some government investment to do just that.

These grants give councils and community groups the chance to fund projects that could make a real difference when it comes to organic waste.

Applications are now open and close on 30th August 2018.

For more information, visit the EPA website www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/organic-large-small.htm

Guyra Lagoon up for \$459,000 overhaul

Guyra's Mother of Ducks Lagoon and Nature Reserve is a much-loved recreation space for locals and visitors and now the Armidale Regional Council has a plan to upgrade this beautiful community facility, I will be asking the NSW Government to contribute \$459,182 to undertake the work.

Created as part of an Australian Bicentenary project in 1988, many of the lagoon's facilities are looking old and tired.

The toilet block is too small for the numbers of visitors the lagoon attracts. There are not

enough shade shelters, the interpretive signage requires updating, and the walking tracks desperately need improvements as well as a need for public barbecue facilities.

All of these deficiencies take away from what could be Guyra's key attraction, which is why I'm getting fully behind Armidale Regional Council's upgrade plans for the reserve.

With even a small two per cent increase in overnight stays at the lagoon reserve, Guyra has the ability to increase visitor expenditure in the town by almost \$2.75 million each year.





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MEETINGS

GUYRA CYCLING GROUP 2pm on Saturday, 18th August at High on Bikes.

RAFFLE RESULTS

GUYRA GARDEN CLUB - 1st Cathy Wheatley (Gift voucher Black Mountain Nursery) 2nd Gloria Cook (GV Cedar Nursery), 3rd Teena Willis (Scarf), 4th Wendy Newton (H & G @ Glenmore Book). Lucky door prize Kate Blackmore.

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Senior Hockey

Guyra Green played Flamingo's for the last time this season for double points and came away with the win 3 - 1. The game was tough from the beginning and was made harder due to the warmer weather that the players are not used to. Everyone played a very good game and are working well together as a team. With only three games left before the finals, Guyra Green are sitting second on the ladder and are hoping for a strong finish to the season. The finals commence on 1st September.

Lastly, the Guyra Hockey Club are combining with the Guyra Rugby League Club to hold their end of season event which is a Drought Relief and Awareness Ball and Fundraiser. It will be held on Saturday 6th October at the Guyra Community Hall.

The night includes dinner, raffles, live entertainment by Rough Justice plus much more. Tickets are on sale now for the early-bird price of \$40 per person or \$400 per table. Tickets can be purchased online at https://www.trybooking.com/ WZLT or from the Gala Centre. All funds raised on the night are being donated to the One Bucket of Hope appeal - for more information on this visit http://www.onebucket.com.

Tegan Mendes

Ladies' golf

Good contingents of Guyra lady golfers represented our club at Delungra Open Day on Wednesday 1st August as well as the Graham Betts Holden Challenge Final at Armidale Golf Course on Sunday 5th August.

At Delungra no major winners were recorded. However, we were pleased when Debbie Burey and Pip White took out nearest the pin prizes, Wendy Jackson won the longest drive and several players were lucky to win prizes in the raffles.

At Armidale, in the Graham Betts Challenge Final, Pip White won 4th place with 32 Stableford points, Wendy Jackson won nearest the pin on the tricky 7th hole while Jenny Rogers played an accurate shot into the 11th hole and was waiting on news from the remainder of the field for the pro-pin.

Set down on the programme for Wednesday 15th August is a Par Medal and the starter is Jenny Rogers.

Stop Press: Congratulations to Meg Simpson, an outstanding competitor and our golfing friend, who won the Molly Sole Final against a strong field on Saturday 4th August.

The phantom

Men's golf

Last Sunday saw a good field contest the CT Electric trophy, as well as the August monthly mug and the final of the mug of the year. The winner was D Hill who claimed the CT Eectric prize and the August mug with C Newberry runner up. Nearest to the pins were D Hill on the 10th and B Simpson on the 7th and 18th.

In the mug final the mug of the year is the ever consistent C Newberry. Saturday was the final of the Molly Sole with Meg Simpson being victorious. Next Sunday will be an 18 hole stableford for a club trophy.

The Albatross

Men's bowls

The Zone 3 Champion of Champions Singles was played over the weekend and the Representive from the Barwon District (Lighting Ridge) was the eventual winner.

Now to the local news. In the Major/Minor Pairs: David Wilcox and Paul Johnson played Robert Moore and Cameron Peardon. With both teams away to an even start and by end 7 the scores remained square but David and Paul drew ahead over the next 4 ends. Robert and Cameron not to be out done fought back and by end 14 the scores were once again level. From this point on Robert and Cameron managed to draw ahead with David and Paul nipping away at their heals but by end 25 Robert and Cameron had held off their challenge and took the game 20 shots to 16 shots.

Games set down for this weekend:

Saturday August 11th: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: Barry Presnell.

Major Singles: Chris Kliendienst to play Dan Kennedy marker Barry Presnell.

Sunday August 12th: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: John Jackson.

Handicap Singles: John Jackson to play Chris Kliendienst marker Mallie Walls.

The Bowls Bandit.

Junior Hockey

On Saturday the Guyra Shamrocks Under 11 team played against NEGS. NEGS came out very strong and put a lot of pressure on our defence. Our Goalie Ingrid Geere had a fantastic game and cleared away a lot of shots at goal. Ingrid is doing a fantastic job as our goal keeper and has taken great ownership of this position. Ingrid had great help from our back defence with Jessica Taylor and Brooke Grills really taking on some strong hits and tackles from NEGS.

Our mid fielders played an awesome game with Ursula Geere providing fantastic defence as well as passing the ball through to our strikers, she manages to cover a lot of ground each game and is proving herself a very handy mid fielder. Charlie Wilson covered the field well with her defence as a mid fielder and slipped into the back line as well to help cover the goals.

Tessa Jackson did an amazing job slipping into all positions this week and playing each position well. Tessa played in the back line as well as up in the striker position. She does this each week and always with a smile, Fantastic Job!!

We managed to defeat NEGS 1-0. This was one of the toughest games we have played all season. Ashlee Morgan scored our only goal and this was set up beautifully by Darcy Grills. Ashlee played strong in her position and managed plenty of shots at goal. Darcy Grills had a fantastic game as well this week and held his position well for the game. Darcy also had many shots at goal. Annie Williamson played a strong game in the striker position and played strong on her tackles and hits as NEGS had a very strong defence. This proved very hard for Darcy, Ashlee and Annie to

Jenette Williamson

Locals Entry Form - Round 23 Gazette Footy Tipping Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on Tuesday 14th August Name: Jy Starr 202 Bookworm 180 **Darcey Heagney** 198 Uncle Grandpar 178 Phone: Mailman 198 Wanwan 178 Rabbits **Broncos** VS The Shadow 196 Bulldog 176 VS Sea Eagles Titans Red Devils ٧S 194 Elva Brazier 176 Eels Storm VS Chris Morley 194 Eel-be-Right 170 **Panthers** Knights VS Hazel 190 **Tigers** Dragons Turkey Girl 160 ٧S Moose Knuckle 188 Sharks Cowboys Shelby Heagney 160 ٧S Rooster Rascal 184 **Bulldogs** ٧S Warriors Men's Shed 156 ٧S 182 Nightwatchman Raiders Roosters

Spudettes bow out after tough year

The Spudettes finished their year with a 48-6 loss against Uralla after starting with only nine players.

Natalie Hammond scored Guyra's try and it was one of the best of the year, while skipper Britt Youman booted the conversion. Alli Burey was players' player.

It was a tough year for the Guyra girls but they never gave up and finished with two wins and a draw.

It was a different story for Super Spuds who are just a win away from a home grand final after ripping minor premiers Uralla apart on Saturday.

Needing to win to secure second place and earn another shot at the Tigers in the major semi, the Spuds ran in four tries before the home side knew what



Dan Vidler scores the first of his three tries Photo Grant Robertson

hit it.

Dan Vidler led the way with the first of his three tries and when Rodney Bull sent Corey Torrens on a long run to the line it was 10-nil up inside five minutes.

DJ Patterson was next to score and Vidler added his second to make it 18-nil before Uralla found a reply

The Tigers also scored after halftime to make a game of it at 18-10, but it didn't become a true contest because Vidler's third and Patterson's second reestablished Guyra's dominance.

Brock Laybutt then swooped on a kick to make it 32-10 and the final try of the day came when Anthony Dittman took an intercept pass and sprinted 80m to score.

The 36-10 success was one of Guyra's best of the year and it will enjoy a week off before heading to Uralla for an even bigger re-match on August 18.

The Geoffrey Bell Players' Player award went to Rodney Bull while the other player points were shared among Bull, Vidler, Tremane Patterson and Beau Orchard.



Junior footy reps

Pictures I to r:

Brodi Campbell, Oscar Atkin, Harrison Brazier and Archie Dowden who were members of the Group 19 representative side which played in Gunnedah against group 21 and Group 4 on the weekend



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