



# Guyra Gazette

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## Smashing start to Sunday at Spar

Staff and early morning customers were shocked to arrive at the Spar Supermarket in Bradley St. on Sunday morning to find the front window smashed by a car following a ram raid which happened at around 7.15am.

The owner of the supermarket, Asim Shahid, was alerted by staff, arriving soon after to survey the damage.

"It looks like somebody came over the footpath straight into the shop," Mr Shadid said. "There was quite a bit of damage to the front of the shop including the automatic door, front windows and counters."

"I think they came for the money and valuables which were all locked up, but they didn't get anything," he said. "Hopefully it will deter them from trying anything like this again."

Mr Shadid, who has owned the business for around six months, said up to now there had been no trouble.

"It's been a great local com-

munity and the street is usually quiet, so this is really disappointing," he said. "We hope to be open again in the next few days once the shop is made secure again."

Police are investigating the raid which involved three vehicles which were stolen during break and enter offences in Armidale in the early hours of the morning.

One of the vehicles was driven through the front of the Bradley Street store, with three offenders entering before leaving in the other two cars. The men have been described as Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander appearance.

After the incident, one of the cars was burnt out on Starr Road, while the final vehicle was involved in a brief pursuit with police in Armidale, which was terminated and the vehicle was then recovered nearby.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Armidale detectives on 6771 0699 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.



Spar Supermarket shortly after the vehicle was extricated from the front of the building Photo Joanne Presnell

### Remember to VOTE [YES] on Saturday to ...

- ✓ Restore democracy
- ✓ Return the Guyra Shire
- ✓ Secure our financial future
- ✓ Representation for Guyra residents

As we fight for the right to undo the mergers, we will not lie down and die quietly.

**Ballot boxes will be at:**

Ben Lomond, Black Mountain, Ebor, Tingha and Guyra

**Anyone wanting to do a postal vote can contact:**

Beth White 6733 2014

Gordon Youman 0467 202 648

**It's OUR independence - let's regain it this Saturday!**

### PET OF THE WEEK

Picatso is a beautiful 5 months old kitten who would love to find a home of his own.

Picatso is an intelligent boy, he is a very affectionate playful kitten and loves cuddles.

He is fully litter trained. He is a handsome kitten with beautiful markings.

His adoption fee has been reduced to \$90 and we offer a 2 week trial period.

Adoption includes vaccination (F3), flea treatment, worming, desexing and microchipping.



**Please call or text: 0423 685 694**  
or message Friends Of Fred Animal Rescue  
Facebook page for more information

## MOUNT VIEW – CLEARING SALE

Saturday the 6th of April 2019 – Commencing at 9.30am

818 Glassers Road, Aberfoyle via Guyra NSW

# Machinery – Plant – Sundries

OVER 500 LOTS EXPECTED



**Plant & Machinery:** Daedong DK901C Tractor - 3PL scarifier 8ft - Carry-all - Front end loader - Tractor blade - Chamberlain champion hay forks - Pencil augers - Tractor bucket - McCormack pallet forks - 18ft combine seeder - 1000L trailing boom spray - Post Driver - Moldboard plows and harrows - New Holland rotary hoe - Horwood bagshaw 19tyne scarifier - Honda firefighting pump - New Holland crop/silage carrier - Vennings 36ft auger x 6" - Carry all trailer - Grain cracker - Davey fire fighter - Harrows - Harrow bars - Quad trailer - Steel pipe harrows. John deere 145 ride on mower - Tents and camping equipment - Atom lawn hedger - Stihl brush cutter - Esky's and thermo's - Assorted tennis gear and table tennis table - UHF radio long range - 20L oil and pumps - Meat band- Buckets - Saddles - Bridles - Crosscut saws - Hoes - Post hole shovel - Watering cans - Drag chain - Oil drums/pumps - 44gallon drums and pumps - Ladders - Lincoln PTO tractaPac welder - Pressure washer - Scaffolding - Air compressor - Jarret ute hoist - Jerry cans - MSA hand mower - 3 wheel motor bike - 12v battery charge - firebug - Milk can - 12v jump starter - Poly pipe accessories - Cement mixer - 319cc generator - Endless chain - Dog and chain - Spot sprayer (12v) - Rifle case - storage container - Rapid spray reel - Hoses - Shovels - Axes - Mattock - Postdolly. **Vehicles:** 95 Nissan Patrol - Commer Tipping truck - Polaris Ranger (800cc) 2014 model with full cabin. **Furniture:** Lounges - 6 seater extender table and chairs - VHS player - DVD player - Leather recliners - 4 seat table and chairs - Disability swivel chair - Horn sewing cabinet with Elna sewing machine - Bedside tables - Beds - Dyson handheld - Samsung TV - Queen size waterbed - Miele vacuum cleaner - Photo copier - Printer - Office desk and chair - Games table - Westinghouse upright freezer - Glass cafe table and chairs. Other House hold items - Toaster - Crockery - Cutlery - Silver - Sandwich press - Saucepans - Bar unit - Viner and Hall silver cutlery set - China tea sets - Royal doulton - Handmade lace and embroidery fabrics - Pictures and frames - Mobility walkers x 3 - Reading lamps - Pool table. **Livestock equipment:** Jetting race - Gas branding box- Ute stock crate - Sheep Feeders - Foot setting - Load bars and indicators - Sheep yard panels Lamb marking cradle - Branding irons - Various scrap metal items. Wool shed: Grinder - D pieces - Brooms- Wool bale frames x 7- Woolpress, 1 x Rumeet wool press (Rumevite)- Wool table- Wool classers table- Wool packs- trestle tables- BBQ- Assorted wood- Oil pots- Brushes- Wool hooks- TV cabinet- Plastic chairs- Tool belts - wool scrapers. **Workshop:** Professional Workshop specialising in High Tech Small Engines & Welding - 20T shop press - Paint spray guns - Jump starter - 200mm bench grinder - taps & dyes - Gear puller set - Battery charger - Split pin set - vices (various) - soldering iron - hole maker (35) - Flue cleaner - Pipe bender - Hacksaw - Sander - Biscuit joiner - Rotary drill - ARB recovery kit - Hammer drill - Borsch sander - Multiple spanner sets & tools- Hydraulic jack- Metal drop saw- Metal bandsaw - 6" belt sander (Delta-industrial) - Guillotines - Porta weld migweld - Engine hoist - Trolley jack - Hydraulic sheet metal bender - Tsquares - Sandblaster - Air compressor - Welding masks - Endless chain - Jaymec welder - Welding curtain - Oxy - Milling & drilling machine - Metal lathe - Socket sets - Bench drill - Industrial vacuum cleaner - Reversing camera - Oz vice - Drill piece sets - Wedges - Hose reel - Angle drill - Vices - Plasma cutter - Miniature engines - Models - Tools & equipment. Fencing: Wire spinner - Steel posts - Wire netting - Electric fencing/wire/tape/accessories - Fence droppers - Timber split posts - Corrugated iron - Sheet metal Steel pipe. **Antiques:** Antique 1930s Massey Harris tractor - various Looms, Spinning wheel, wool and accessories (1980s) - Vintage biscuit tins - Milk jugs - Gas lanterns - Vintage mixmaster - Shoeing equipment - Vintage car (wrecks) - Australian Mirror woman's magazine 1930's-1950's - Kerosene lamps - Crystal - 2 x treddle Singer sewing machine - 2 x electric Singer sewing machine - Cane cot + vintage suitcases + hundreds of other assorted items.

**Terms:** Strictly cash or approved cheque on the day of sale, EFTPOS not available, I.D will be required, number system will operate, buyers must register before sale, NO GST.

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Visit the Elders website to view full details. [eldersrural.com.au/classifieds/plant-machinery-clearing-sales/491/](http://eldersrural.com.au/classifieds/plant-machinery-clearing-sales/491/)

**Contact Agents:** Paul Harris 0428 600 510 Wayne Jenkyns 0428 293 556

# Life lessons for local ladies

The CWA Guyra Evening Branch hosted a High Tea to celebrate NSW Women's Week at Juneils Café on the weekend. Over 47 ladies from around the district attended and listened to two inspirational speakers.

Marni Hietbrink and Kylie Woods are members of the CWA Guyra Evening Branch and their presentations were heartfelt, emotional and at times challenging.

The Guyra Evening branch is a new branch and this was the first event held to raise awareness of both mental health and health for rural women and men.

The theme was 'Balance for Better' and the guest speakers were able to provide life lessons about balance in their lives.

Marni is a psychologist and spoke about mental health in rural areas, healthy emotional wellbeing, happiness and the challenges that stress brings to our lives, while Kylie shared her personal story of her young son and his eventual diagnosis of



**CWA HIGHTEA:** Aileen MacDonald, Leonie Hawkins, Marni Hietbrink, Kylie Woods, Diane Gray and Anne Starr (standing)

'Type 1 Diabetes'.

CWA members from many branches were in attendance from the Northern Tablelands

Group, and also among those in attendance was Karen Weller from the Tamworth Evening branch.

"The largest women's organisation of Australia, the Country Women's Association (or CWA for short), never ceases to amaze me through their support network and advocating to improve the lives of women and their families," Karen wrote of her visit. "The newly formed CWA Guyra Evening Branch has proved to be a friendly, inspirational, youthful-toned and welcoming bunch of ladies."

President Aileen McDonald said that it was a lovely 'High Tea' and thanked everyone who attended.

"I am sure we all went away uplifted and inspired by the speakers as well as the friendships," Aileen said. "Our special thanks go to our supporters who donated raffle prizes - Black Mountain Nursery, Brisk Trading, Hairy Tales Comb True and the Guyra Flower Farm.

"Here's to strong women, May we know them, May we raise them, May we be them - Happy International Women's Day."

## Do you want Guyra Shire back?

The Save and Grow Guyra (SAGG) group will be out and about at electoral booths this weekend to collect voting slips in their Citizen Initiated Poll, which were mailed out to households last week. They are asking residents of the former Guyra Shire to give their views on whether Armidale Regional Council should be demerged, allowing Guyra to take back control of its own destiny.

They have been granted permission by the Electoral Commission to set up outside the polling booths in Guyra, Tingha, Ebor, Black Mountain and Ben Lomond. Residents are being asked to make sure their views are heard by marking yes or no and returning the slips when they go to vote in this weekend's State election.

Representatives from SAGG say that the poll is being conducted along similar lines to the election with secure boxes and independent observers, to ensure the integrity of the votes. They say that promised savings from the mergers have not eventuated and that this view is backed up by a recent financial analysis con-

ducted by the Save Our Councils Coalition (SOCC).

The SOCC regional and country analysis of 13 merged councils shows a combined deficit of \$48 million, whilst the study of seven metro council operating results will deliver a \$114 million shortfall. The report entitled "Council Amalgamations: A Sea of Red Ink" claims that despite combined grants totalling \$375 million to help with the amalgamation process, merged councils are not delivering the results promised.

Professor Brian Dollery, from the University of New England has spent 25 years looking at reform in local government and has examined local government amalgamations including forced amalgamations across NSW in 2004 and QLD in 2008.

"After ten years, we compared councils that were forcibly amalgamated with those that weren't and found no difference in the financial performance, so it was all for nothing," Professor Dollery said. "If you look at Tamworth, where the Regional Council was formed in 2004, it was the small communities that suffered in the

process due to centralisation".

Professor Dollery believes that when a three-year moratorium protecting jobs of council employees ends the same will happen in Guyra.

While he thinks that in principle Guyra can stand alone, he is not optimistic and says it would be a long haul.

"The question is really whether the State government is prepared to allow councils to de-amalgamate," he said. "The current government has no plans or processes that would allow that to happen and have still not ruled out further amalgamations."

"The Shadow Minister for Local Government Peter Primrose has indicated that Labor would allow it to happen if there is sufficient support, so it really depends on who wins the election and whether they honour that promise," he said. "The same thing happened in Qld with communities promised a referendum and the opposition changed their tune after the election making it very difficult to do so. Only four were successful in applying and they were forced to pay the costs."

## Unprecedented investment

The Armidale region is in the midst of an investment boom with at least \$400 million being spent over the next few years in key economic growth areas.

Armidale Regional Councillor and Chair of the Regional Growth Advisory Committee Peter Bailey said Council is working closely with both the Federal and State Member to maintain momentum and drive investment in the Armidale Region.

"This is not only an investment boom but also true employment growth for the Armidale region as many of the projects are or will create new employment for the region," said Cr Bailey.

Mr Bailey noted a number of significant projects underway or recently completed. These include the Costa Tomatoes 3rd stage expansion in Guyra and Malpas Dam to Guyra Pipeline.

In Armidale the Hospital expansion, Armidale Secondary College, the relocation of the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority and the Airport Business Park, are some of the projects currently underway.

# What's HOT

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE** this weekend and while you are there support local fundraising

**CRICKET FINALS** - good luck to all the teams playing this weekend

**WATER CONSERVATION** while we wait for the rains to come

# What's NOT

**FOOTY SEASON** without a local team to cheer for

**RANDOM ACTS** of violence in our main street

**LOUD NOISE** in the middle of the night

# QUOTE of the week

All you need is love. But a little bit of chocolate now and then doesn't hurt

Bureau of Meteorology

# Weather

## WATCH

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
12	Tues	12.4	26.4	3.0
13	Wed	11.2	26.2	0
14	Thurs	12.2	25.6	0
15	Fri	13.3	25.2	0
16	Sat	12.5	19.9	0
17	Sun	10.8	21.4	1.4
18	Mon	10.8	23.7	5.0

Rain this week	9.4mm
March rainfall	13.6mm
Rainfall YTD	122.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	157.6mm

# Trip of a lifetime

Three Guyra girls will begin fundraising this week in preparation for the trip of a lifetime in January 2020. Guyra Central School students, Colleen Pearson, Stephanie Cameron and Lauren Irvine have signed up to travel on the 2020 G'Day USA program with Educational World Travel.

The students are travelling under the supervision of Gillian and Chris Davis, who are the Group Leaders working in cooperation with Educational World Travel. Gillian is Principal of Emmaville Central School and was the former Deputy Principal at Guyra. They are travelling as part of the New England Community Group totalling 20 students from Guyra, Glen Innes and Armidale.

The G'Day USA Tour is conducted by Educational World Travel and has been running in the Australian school system for the past 30 years. It is a short term student Cultural Exchange visiting Los Angeles and San Francisco before taking part in a ten-day stay with an American family.

All travellers are encouraged to work towards financially supporting their tour and additional costs rather than seeking sole financial assistance from their families.

The girls will kick off their fundraising this weekend with a



**FUNDRAISING THIS WEEKEND:**  
Lauren Irvine, Stephanie Cameron and Colleen Pearson

wood raffle, kindly donated by Paul Campion. They will be selling tickets outside the polling booth at Guyra Central School at this weekend's State Election and will also have for sale some homemade cakes and biscuits. You can also take part in a guessing competition or buy tickets in their 100 Club. Tea, coffee and hot chocolate will also be available along with freshly made scones with jam and

cream.

Their fundraising will continue over the next six months, so watch out for more activities coming up. They have also opened a bank account at the National Australia bank in Guyra and donations are welcome.

Account details are **BSB:** 082634 **Account:** 738 354 753 **Name:** Gwyneth Pearson G'Day USA account.

## Level 2 water restrictions still in place

Recent falls of rain in the area have made no impact on the catchment with the Guyra Dam level continuing to fall at approximately three percent a week.

The recent Bureau of Meteorology forecast of below average rainfall and the extremely dry catchments means there is little prospect of getting respite, at least in the short term.

As of Sunday 17 March the Guyra Dam level was 54 percent of capacity. Council continues to urge the Guyra community to conserve water and adhere to the level 2 water restrictions in place.

- NO Sprinklers or fixed hoses
- Hand held hoses, drip irrigation and watering of new turf can only be done for 2 hours after 6pm

• Washing vehicles with a hose can be used for two hours after 6pm

• Washing down surfaces with a higher pressure cleaner is OK

• Washing down hard surfaces with a hand held hose is not allowed

• Buckets and cans are OK

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Cr Simon Murray said it was important for Guyra residents and businesses to continue to conserve water.

"Unfortunately the rain that fell last weekend was not as much as hoped and there has been no improvement in the dam level," said Cr Murray.

"Guyra residents are doing an excellent job in conserving water but we need to continue to do more around the home to save where we can.

"We have also spoken to the

tomato farm who are also actively conserving their water usage above their normal water recycling levels."

Council would like to encourage Guyra residents to go beyond the level 2 restrictions and implement water conservation measures more broadly around the home at all times.

• Take shorter showers to save water and money!

• Use sprinklers or hoses in the early morning or evening.

• If there's rain in the forecast, let the rain do your watering for you.

• In the laundry, look out for the WELS label - this is displayed on the product or a swing tag.

• Water can be wasted around the home due to leaking pipes and dripping taps. Check for leaks and take action now!

## Mayor's Message

**Recent Federal and State commitments to upgrading the Kempsey Road have been a significant victory for a joint campaign between the Armidale and Kempsey councils.**

Half a million dollars in funding was announced by the Federal Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, this month to upgrade a 2.3km section of Kempsey Road. The money, provided through the Drought Communities Program, will assist an \$800,000 upgrade Council will soon begin between Oaky River Dam Road and the start of the sealed section of Kempsey Road just before Oaky River.

That announcement was followed just days later by confirmation from the State Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall, that \$4.6 million would be provided through the NSW Fixing Country Roads program. An additional 14.4km section of Kempsey Road will be improved using those funds, including the notorious section known by locals as Big Hill.

Staff and elected members from the Armidale and Kempsey councils have been working together since early last year, seeking a long-term commitment from government for improved maintenance of Kempsey Road. Delegates from both council attended a residents forum in Lower Creek in late April, when the condition of the road was the hot topic.

Kempsey Road is a vital arterial link for the various communities along its length, as well as a regionally important link between the Northern Tablelands and the coast.

Our shared campaign includes a push for the restoration of Regional Road status for this important link. That status was removed for the Armidale local government area section in 2008, leaving the council with

the responsibility of maintaining Kempsey Road when it doesn't have the budgets to give the road the attention it needs.

As voters prepare to go to the polls for this weekend's State election, Council has been heartened by commitments given about Kempsey Road's future status.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported last weekend's New England Festival. It was terrific to be part of Saturday's street parade and see the many people lining the new route.

As the event, previously known as the Autumn Festival, moved to a new name and a greater emphasis on activities in the Beardy Street Mall, the heart of the city was buzzing.

The bands again brought magnificent colour and sounds, while the parade was another great celebration of our region's multicultural diversity.

Attention now turns to the inaugural Colour New England Street Arts Festival on Saturday 6 April. Local artists, musicians, writers, performers and crafters will converge on Beady Street Mall for a day of fun and creativity from 2pm. Attractions include international chalk artist Rudy Kistler, who will transform the centre of the mall with a 3D artwork - and the creation of a mural celebrating the region's wonderful autumn colours, long days and wide open skies. Kids and adults can also enjoy plenty of hands-on activities.



Simon Murray

## Tank removal completed

**Contractors have finished removing disused fuel tanks from beneath Guyra's main street, clearing an obstacle for a major upgrade of the town's central business district.**

A total of eight steel tanks were found and removed between 19 February and 7 March, all under the eastern side of Bradley Street.

Tests using ground penetrating radars late last year indicated there could be as many as 19 disused fuel tanks beneath Bradley Street and the footpath.

However, excavations at the identified locations ultimately found seven in front of Burgess Garage and another in front of the former Thrifty Link Hardware site.

Materials excavated during the tanks' removal are now being analysed, which is expected to take around three weeks and will indicate what remediation of the sites is required.

"We will then know the full cost of removing the tanks and treating the sites, which will allow us to determine the final budget and scope for the main street upgrade," Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said.

The \$2.7 million main street upgrade will complement the historic architecture of the street, create a more consistent theme throughout the street landscape and provide a safer environment for pedestrians.

## Notice to Water Consumers

Guyra - Level 2 Water Restrictions in place

Guyra's town water supply, Guyra Dam, has dropped to 53% of its capacity (at 19 March 2019) and Guyra is now in Level 2 water restrictions. Regulation 137 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 permits the use of water to be restricted in the Armidale regional local government area if there is a shortage of supply. This notice will remain in effect until further notice. The restrictions (see right) apply to the use of water supplied through the Armidale Regional Council water reticulation system for the township of Guyra:

To see the dam level triggers for each restriction level and for water wise tips around the home visit [www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au](http://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au)

Under the Local Government Act 1993, the maximum penalty that may be applied for a breach of imposed water restrictions is \$2,200 for corporations and \$220 for individuals.

## Domestic and commercial

Activity	Level 2 - Moderate
Hand held hoses, drip irrigation for lawns/gardens	2 hours. Not during the heat of the day. 10am - 5pm
Buckets/cans	Not during the heat of the day. 10am - 5pm
Sprinklers and fixed hoses	NO
Buckets for vehicle washing	YES
Vehicle washing - Hand held hose	NO
Filling private swimming pool	With Council permission. Up to 5KL
Topping up swimming pool	YES
Commercial lawns/garden	Hand held hose only. Maximim 2 hours.
Commercial general use	YES

## COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 February 2019 at the Guyra Council Chambers, 158 Bradley St, from 4pm. Public welcome to attend.

## PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 20 March 2019

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## Community Noticeboard

### Meals on Wheels

March 21st St Marys/S Adams

March 22nd Steve Adams

March 25th NEM Staff

March 26th Lesley Credland

March 27th Guyra CWA

### Street Stalls

March 29th Hospital Auxiliary

April 4th Masonic Lodge

April 5th CWA

April 6th Hospital Auxiliary

### 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

#### St Mary's Catholic

Saturday Mass 6pm in Guyra, Sunday 9am, 1st Sunday of month Ben Lomond, 3rd Sunday Wards Mistake, otherwise Guyra 7am Wards Mistake, 9am Guyra Father Steven O'Shea

#### St Columba's Presbyterian

Guyra Sunday 9.00am, Ben Lomond Service, first Sunday of even-numbered months, 2.00pm Rev Andrew Campbell, Ph. 0447 724 536

#### 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 6779 1257

**ROTARY CLUB** dinner meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6pm for 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen MacDonald 0417 079 307

# SES volunteers awarded for service

A group of 22 State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers from Armidale, Guyra and Glenn Innes Units were officially recognised for their outstanding community service at the annual regional awards event last week in Armidale. Among the group of awardees honoured, was Guyra unit member Glen Godlonton who has clocked up 10 years of service.

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, representing Emergency Services Minister Troy Grant, presented National Medals and Long Service Awards to the volunteers at the Armidale Bowling Club.

NSW SES Western Zone Deputy Commander Heath Stimson paid tribute to the group.

"The SES draws its strength from the volunteers who give up their time to serve their communities and these individuals embody that community service tradition," Commander Stimson said.



Guyra's Glen Godlonton was awarded for 10 years' service, pictured with Adam Marshall MP, Uralla Mayor Mick Pearce and his father David, the Guyra SES Unit Controller.

"It's great to see their years of dedicated service acknowledged with the presentation of these awards, and I

look forward to each of these individuals continuing their association with the SES."

## Partnerships for Learning celebrated



On Wednesday the 13th March, Stage 3 Indigo and Purple from Guyra Central School visited the White Rock wind farm, as part of their science unit, Essential Energy. They had a lot of fun exploring the turbines and the solar farm.

It was fantastic to see a total of 40 Partnering organisations attend Guyra Central School's 'Partnerships for Learning Celebration morning tea' which was held on Thursday March 14th.

This was as an opportunity to say thank you to the many organisations that have formed existing partnerships with the school and provide opportunities to students, improving equity across the school to assist to improve learning outcomes by providing real-life learning opportunities for students.

It was also an opportunity to discuss with organisations the opportunity for future partnership's to

continue providing opportunities to students that class-room learning cannot provide.

Guyra Central School will be celebrating 'Harmony Day' on Thursday, 21st March 2019. Harmony Day is a celebration of Australia's cultural diversity, it coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The SRC will be holding a colouring in competition which will be open to all students to enter with prizes being awarded to each year group. Students are encouraged to wear orange and purple clothing bringing along a gold coin donation.

All proceeds from the gold coin donations will be donated to local charity, Tingha Bush Fire Relief.

Recently appointed Creative Arts Captains, Colleen Pearson, Melissa Hawthorne, Jason Mowbray and Rebecca Evans have been working closely with Principal, Michelle Nicholson and Mr Barry Wilson to create a 'Student Art Gallery' featuring art works created by students in the corridor of the Guyra Central School Main Office.

Visitors to Guyra Central School are invited to have a look at the amazing display of artwork from the students.

# Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**March 13th** - Guyra sheep and lamb numbers eased, with most of the decrease seen in the lamb section. Overall quality in the lighter categories was plain, although the top end of the heavy lambs showed good finish. Re-

stocker competition was quite strong, and all other operators were present.

Light lambs saw cheaper trends owing to the lack of quality. This eventuated in the light restockers selling to cheaper trends. Shorn

restocker lambs sold to slightly dearer trends, particularly the fresher lambs. Quality trade lambs sold to dearer trends, while lambs showing dryness sold to cheaper prices. Heavy lambs also saw prices ease, with a top price of

\$180/head.

Trade ewes sold to cheaper trends, while the light restocker sheep with only light wool cover saw dearer trends. At the time of reporting, no wethers had been sold.

Rural Market Reports

## Weekly Wool Sales

**March 15th** - Further losses were recorded by the wool market this week over both selling days. All sectors gave up ground with a fairly uniform fall across the spectrum. Once again it was the abundance of wool showing imperfections that suffered the heaviest falls as buyers became more selective in their purchases. AWEX report that the average yield for Merino fleece wool this week was 63.6% which is at the lowest level in over 10 years. The more stylish higher yielding types remain keenly sought after and fell by less than half of the overall market quote. 35,682 bales were sold nationally for the week

with the passed in rate climbing to 12.5%. Major buyers included Seatech, Tianyu and Techwool. Next week's national offering has ballooned out to an expected 44,000 bales which is substantially above what was predicted this time last week. Weekly offerings are then expected to fall below the 40,000 mark for the following fortnight. State Wool Production Forecasting Committees are due to meet over the coming week and with AWTA and AWEX data all tracking lower than the previous forecast the outcomes from these meetings will be interesting.

## Armidale Cattle Sale

**March 14th** - There were a few less numbers throughout, with a slight increase in yearlings and a similar cow offering. Quality overall improved, particularly cows that saw considerable increases. Restocker competition saw cow grades improve for the lighter drafts, while the trade responded to the improvement in quality of the heavy cows. Young cattle quality also improved, conversely, there were still large numbers plainer heifers on offer and these categories saw mainly cheaper trends. All the regular operators were present, along with an extra store cow order and some local restocker activity on the weaner cattle.

Light weaners to restock saw dearer trends of 14c to 18c/kg. The

offering of some plainer quality heifer weaners saw cheaper trends of up to 30c/kg. Good quality steer yearlings to feed sold to dearer trends of 30c, as did medium weights, also up over 30c/kg. There were drafts of lesser quality yearling heifers offered, the lighter drafts to feed back 11c, while the medium weights were back 9c to 17c/kg to restockers.

Heavy steers to the trade were 10c better, while the heifers to the trade saw dearer trends of 20c/kg. All cows saw an increase in trends, with light D1 cows up to 19c/kg better. D2 categories saw prices increase 6c to 13c, while D3 and D4 cows sold to rising trends of 20c/kg. An average bull offering saw cheaper trends throughout.

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# School leaders inducted

The last couple of weeks has seen students at Black Mountain Public School working hard and demonstrating an absolute love of learning. As I walk into classrooms and in the playground, I continue to see our students being supportive, and positive, something that I think should be cherished in a school culture and continually nurtured as our youth continue to grow and learn.

At our first School Assembly for the term, it was wonderful to see

so many parents and family members celebrating their children's achievements. This assembly was particularly special as we inducted Wahkeem Patterson, Jake Faint and Gabriel Beard into their new roles as school leaders. Jake, Wahkeem and Gabriel showed great maturity and confidence when they met with Mr Matthew Hobbs, our Director, Educational Leadership, recently.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal*



**SCHOOL LEADERS:** Gabriel Beard, Jake Faint and Wahkeem Patterson



## Gazette Footy Tipping



Eel-be-Right, who made such a determined challenge for the Wooden Spoon last season, is the first to the top of the Locals Leaderboard on 14 points; sharing top spot with new entrant The 3 Bunnies.

Red Devils and Bookworm are in 2nd place on 12, followed by last season's winner Jy on 10 along with newcomers Pete and GG. Bulldog is also sharing 3rd place on 10 points.

In the Celebrities competition, the publican was the best tipster with 12 points. We then have last year's Wooden Spooner, Soley on 10 points along with Vu at the Pharmacy.

With the fight-back from our Wooden Spooners this will make this year's competitions in both Locals and Celebrities very interesting to follow.

We welcome "fun" photos if any Celebrity wishes to submit one!

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## Ladies' Golf

On Wednesday 13th March we played a Stroke/Flag event and counted the putts. The competition was sponsored by Jenni Jackson. Karen Oehlers blasted the field shooting an 80 off the stick and winning the day with a 69 net. Vicki Reeves was runner up with 72 net. Karen and Vicki won the putting competition with 28 putts apiece.

On Wednesday 27th March we will play the first 27 holes round of the Championships combined with the 2nd Golf NSW Medal. The starter is Wendy George. Please note the earlier starting time of 9 am.

*The Phantom*

## Men's Golf

Last weekend saw another successful Top of the Range golf tournament, congratulations to Wendy and her team on the well run event.

This Saturday the Soccer Club will be holding a three person ambrose so anyone can play and enjoy the course. Sunday the 31st will be the Dick Burey Country Kitchens individual event.

The midweek competition has been finalised, congratulations to Sultans of Swing with their one-point win over the Fourways team. The individual honours went to Steve Kliendeinst - well done Steve.

*The Albatross*

## Vets golf

On Tuesday 12 Vets played a 4 Ball Best Ball. The winners, with a great score of 48 points., were Jim Betts and Doug Archibald. Graham White and Custard Mulligan were the runners-up with 41 points. John Prisk was nearest the pin on the 7th and the 18th.

Next week we will host the next Pennants game. Please contact Nancy on 0438791057 or by email nancyprisk@bigpond.com if you haven't done so. We will be providing morning tea, so would you please a plate.

Congratulations to Wendy Jackson and her team of helpers for organising "The Top of the Range" golf weekend. It was a very successful tournament for all the golfers and for our club.

*The Vet*

# Cricket finals underway

The cricket season is coming to end and this weekend will see two out of three senior teams represented in the finals, along with the Under 12s who have been the club's stand out team this season.

The first grade side will take on Easts in the semi-final with the game to be played at the Armidale Sportsground. Guyra have been struggling with form in the second half of the season and come into the game after a two week lay-off.

They have only had one win since the Christmas break and that was the first game of the year in January. However, they will take heart from their last outing against Easts that finished in a tie, meaning that they are well in the hunt for a chance at the final the following week.

In the final game of the regular season third grade had a good win against City. After restricting City to 7/131 at the close of their innings, Guyra got runs on the board early and managed to get the win in the 26th over. Best with the ball was Ryan Walker with 4/5 and Grub Cameron top scored getting 45 runs.

Third grade will now take on Easts Anytime at Harris Park in Armidale in their semi-final. The two teams have met twice this year for a win each, however Guyra will need to improve from a resounding defeat in their last clash.

The second grade side finished off their season with a big win over City, with Shane Wolfenden finding form with the bat to record his first century of the season finishing with 114 and Corey Torrens also hit the ball well to finish with 64 runs. Guyra closed their innings at 9/264 and the bowlers set about demolishing City in just 20 overs with just 95 runs on the board. Justin McKay was the star bowler collecting a five wicket haul.

The Guyra Under 12s are grand final bound. Last Saturday morning's match captain and birthday boy, Lincoln Brown, won the toss and elected to bowl. Having played Hillgrove twice this season and losing both times the boys thought they would switch up tactics.

Hillgrove happily took to the crease with Brendon Landsborough opening the bowling for Guyra. Wickets did not come easy and fielders had to work hard to keep the run rate down. Tom Lockyer lead the bowling with 2/11 off 3 overs, his enthusiasm and passion for the game was on display. Others who impressed with the ball were Angus Dullaway with two wickets including a caught and bowled; Jack Soraghan and Jason Mowbray's bowling resulted in one wicket each.

Fielders kept their eye on the game as Angus Dullaway and Emery Levy took a catch each; Jack Soraghan and Jared Frost getting a run out. Hillgrove were still very buoyant as they ended their innings 7/104.

George Bradford has been chomping at the bit to open the batting and finally got the chance pairing up with the dependable Jared Frost. George did not disappoint and had an absolute cracker of a game finishing 26 not out off 15 balls. Brendon Landsborough made 22 not out and Jared Frost 15. Hillgrove's bowling was on song and proved challenging for some batters.

In what proved to be a very tight match with some quality cricket from young players, Guyra finished 8/100. Five runs short of the total required.

Although Guyra did not get the points on Saturday they are still second on the ladder, which qualifies them for the Grand Final. The Grand Final will be played this Saturday, with the game to be played at Newling Oval

# Junior Hockey

Guyra Junior hockey is now taking registrations for this coming season. The competition will start on the 11th May 2019. We will be holding a training and try afternoon this Wednesday 20th March from 4pm – 4.30 at the Recreation Grounds on Ryanda Street. We are taking registrations for U9, U11 and U13. To register go to <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/shamrockshc/> The active kids voucher is able to be used for registration. We have some fun and exciting new things happening at training this year to help develop more skills. There are lots of fun opportunities with carnivals and training days with Junior hockey. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Jenette on [wilearth@bigpond.com](mailto:wilearth@bigpond.com) or 0428791642.

## Men's Bowls

Saturday March 16th saw Guyra No. 4 Pennant team play host to Inverell East No. 4 Pennant team, and with both teams winning their first two rounds this matchup had the hallmarks of a great afternoon.

Team 1: Michael Shiner, Ian Jacobs, John Jackson and Dan Kennedy played P Morris, N McCosker, T Cuttmore and C Job and came away with a win 40 shots to 4 shots. Team 2: Andrew Sparke, Barry Presnell, Robert Moore and Col Stanley played S Dodd, M Mansur, A Onrul and D Curtis and were defeated 22 shots to 10 shots. Team 3: Roger Cox, Murray Bourke, David Wilcox and John McIlwain played C Paton, A Miller, B Olney and W Brn were defeated 27 shots

to 20 shots. All games were played over 21 ends. As a result of the win that Dan Kennedy and his team were able to amass Guyra were able to emerge the victors 70 shots to 53 shots over 63 ends. This result gave Guyra a 8 point to 2 point win, this gives Guyra 3 wins out of 3. Totalling 27 points.

The No. 7 Pennant team travelled to Glen Innes.

Team 1: Evan Sole, Robert Walls, Cameron Peardon and Steven Sole played A McCarthy, P Perkins, P Hutton and L Kiehne, coming away with a victory 23 shots to 20 shots. Team 2: Wayne Reeves, Phil Kliendienst, Paul Johnson and Anthony Bull played A Haywood, V Ioane, C Baker and B Orvard, also coming away with a win 28 shots to 24 shots. Team 3: David Lyes, Barry Campbell, Boyd Stanley and Scott Campbell played B Grange, B Thomas, S Stewart and B Dawson and again came away with a victory. All games were played over 21 ends. Final score Guyra 71 points Glen Innes 63 points. Guyra won on 3 rinks and a Final score of 10 points. This gives the No. 7's two wins one loss a total of 20 points.

Now to this weekend's fixtures:

Saturday March 23rd: Guyra No. 4 Pennant team will host Armidale Ex Services No.4's.

Guyra No. 7 Pennant team will host Barraba No.7's.

Both games will start at 12.30pm. **SO BOWLERS PLEASE DON'T BE LATE.**

*The Bowls Bandit*



## Gazette Footy Tipping

Eel-be-Right	14	The PIA	8
The 3 Bunnies	14	Nightwatchman	8
Red Devils	12	My Name Jeff	8
Bookworm	12	Phantom	8
Jy Starr	10	Chris Morley	6
Pete Collins	10	Hazel	6
GG	10	Elva Brazier	4
Bulldog	10	3 PS	4
Fire Breather	8	Old Chook	2

## Locals Entry Form - Round 3

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**GUYRA RSL sub-Branch AGM** will be held on Monday, 25 March 2019 at 3.00pm at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall. All members, and those eligible to be members, are encouraged to attend.  
**GUYRA ADULT LEARNING ASSOC. INC.** will hold its AGM on Thursday 28th March at 5.30pm at The GALA Centre.

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The family of the late Nancy Archibald wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many kindnesses, condolences and for the support we have received. Our thanks also to Dr Jey, Dr Sen and all the staff at the Guyra MPS. Thanks also to Phillip and Patsy Horder at Horder Family Funerals.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

*Diane, Peter, Michael, Errol,  
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*Jo, Jamie, Brittany, Billy*

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# Super Spuds sidelined for 2019

The Guyra Super Spuds will not take to the field this year following poor attendance at training and the lack of players willing to commit to for the season.

It is a disappointing result for club President Michael Wilson and his committee. The decision comes 18 months after a push to reform the team and just 6 months after the team finished on a high, winning the 2018 Group 19 second division premiership.

The decision to withdraw came after a committee meeting on Monday night. Preparations for the season were well in hand and they already had sponsors on board and had spent a considerable sum of money to outfit the teams. The only thing missing was the players.

"We only had around five players turning up at training for the men's team and couldn't get the interest going this year," Michael said. "The girls were

starting to get a team together with a few younger players coming on board so this is especially disappointing for them."

Michael said he is hopeful that someone else will pick up the ball for next season, and said that the finances are there waiting for a fresh start in 2020.

"We couldn't have done what we did last year without the community so I feel bad for all of those who threw their support behind us," he said.

"On behalf of the committee I would like to thank the community, supporters and sponsors and hope that they understand why we had to make this decision, -

"Everything will be moth-balled and hopefully there will be renewed interest next year."

"On a personal note I would like to thank the committee and volunteers for their hard work, they put in a lot of hours and I really appreciate their dedication to the club."

## Carnival a resounding success

The Top of the Range Golf Carnival at Guyra was a resounding success due to maximum fields of players trying their luck, with the varied yet interesting format of competitions, on 15, 16 and 17 March.

At the Sunday afternoon presentation of trophies Wendy Jackson, our carnival co-ordinator, thanked the generosity of the following sponsors: Costa Group, Opal Cove Resort, Rabobank, TWM Armidale, Mal and Jane Moffatt Ground Spreading, Ray White Rural Guyra and Armidale, Kelly's Transport, Tangley Grazing, Williamson's Earthmoving, Jackson Pastoral Company, Guyra District Veterinary Services, Trent Jones Rural Contracting and Steve Bishop (House of Golf). The staff members of the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club were thanked for their support of the successful event.

Congratulations to the following winners; especially recipients of the 36 holes individual Stableford prizes of the Opal Cove Resort accommodation packages: Women's - Cheryl McDonald 77 points and Men's - Brad Waters 89 points.

### Saturday 4BBB Par

**Men** - Terry Varley and Ken Fuller +14, r/up Len Stanley and Andrew Youman +9 c/b; Scratch winners Michael Kirk and Richard Burey, r/up Ian Taylor and Mal Gaukroger; Front 9 Anthony Dittman and Brad Waters; Back 9 Chris Newberry and Mitch Rogers.



### Presentation of Trophies at Top of the Range Golf Carnival

Pip White (Tangley Grazing), Belinda Lenehan (Women's Captain), Cheryl McDonald (Walcha), Brad Waters (Guyra), Peter Davis (Costa Group) and Wendy Jackson (Jackson Pastoral Co, Carnival Co-ordinator).

**Women** - Joyce Betts and Julie Walker +9, r/up Pip White and Jenni Jackson +6 c/b; Scratch winners Wendy George and Jenny Rogers, r/up Karen Oehlers and Vicki Reeves; Front 9 Patti Hill and Shona Mulligan; Back 9 Julie Presnell and Rose Baumer.

**Mixed** - Murray and Dim Fenwicke +11, r/up Doug and Cheryl McDonald +8; Scratch winners Tim Murray and Wendy Jackson, r/up Angus and Pip Monie; Front 9 Lee and Ruth Fletcher, Back 9 Craig and Prue Morgan.

NTP Richard Burey (7th), Jenni Jackson (9th), Len Stanley (10th) Andrew Youman (18th)

### Sunday 4BBB Stableford

**Men** - Anthony Dittman and Brad Waters 50 pts, R/up Chris Newberry and Mitch Rogers 45 pts; Scratch winners Mal Gaukroger and Robert

Moore, R/up Matthew Jackson and Matthew Schaefer; Front 9 Jim Betts and Phil Devlin Back 9 Reg Walls and Tim Ellis.

**Women** - Anna Barnier and Tanya Alcorn 45 pts c/b Julie Presnell and Rose Baumer; Scratch winners Wendy George and Jenny Rogers, R/up Donna White and Debbie Burey, Front 9 Karen Oehlers and Vicki Reeves, Back 9 Judy Elks and Lyn Campbell.

**Mixed** - Doug and Cheryl McDonald 44 pts c/b Tim Murray and Wendy Jackson, Scratch winners Murray and Dim Fenwicke, R/up Lee and Ruth Fletcher, Front 9 Craig and Prue Morgan, Back 9 Angus and Pip Monie.

NTP Angus Monie (7th) Karen Oehlers (9th) Jenny Rogers (10th) Brad Waters (18th)

## Laurel Betts runner up in women's singles

The final of the New England District Women's Bowls Association women's singles was held in Guyra on Saturday March 16th.

Guyra's President Laurel Betts played Glen Innes Brittany Camp.

Laurel made the final after winning three games in the preliminary rounds, however she was unsuccessful going down 15 shots to 25 shots over 22 ends. A very enjoyable game to watch.

*Jenny O'Neil*



Winner Brittany Camp and runner up Laurel Betts