



# Guyra Gazette

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## Poll shows the 'will of the people'

The result of the Citizen's Initiated Poll which was held in conjunction with the NSW State Election demonstrates an overwhelming result in favour of demerger according to the Save and Grow Guyra Group.

The results released by the group reveal that a total of 89% of the residents from the former Guyra Shire area who participated in the poll believe in, and voted for, the demerger of the Armidale Regional Council.

The counting of the votes took place on Tuesday March 26th, with the count and recount conducted in the presence of six JPs. The group has defended the validity of the result, and say it is not a surprise to see claims and counter claims given the strong result.

They say that the number of polling forms completed was more than 60% of the votes cast in the five polling booths and if you take the percentage of all election voters the YES vote is still 54.3%.



Votes were collected in sealed boxes which were opened in the presence of six JPs who witnessed the counting

A statement released by the group said that they are now taking on board the responsibility to react to what they say is an expression of the will of the people.

"The result upheld views clearly expressed and widely reported prior to the 2016 forced merger and with a result like this it seems that the amalga-

mated council and all of the accompanying "bribe money" has not changed the belief that we have been, and will be better off with, a Guyra Shire Council. The Guyra based community took this opportunity to demonstrate that we are not content to see a town sucked dry and into oblivion, in the shadow of the 'City of Armidale'."

"The process of taking a poll as people left the state election booth was the best measure available to us, as agreed by the NSW electoral commission. We are to assume people do not vote in the state election twice. Our booths were manned to give everyone a chance to vote once and in the process we looked for an emblem on the reverse side of each paper or sought an explanation. The scrutineers asked about the status of voters as a Guyra Council area resident and were advised not to enter into debate but to note any inconsistencies. Non-residents were informed of their ineligibility to record a vote. Where we were made aware of a breach, we accounted for that in our processes."

"In the case of offence being taken by a local resident expressing a 'no' vote we note that some personalities can be seen as offensive - and if offence was taken, it is unfortunate as we are sure none was intended."

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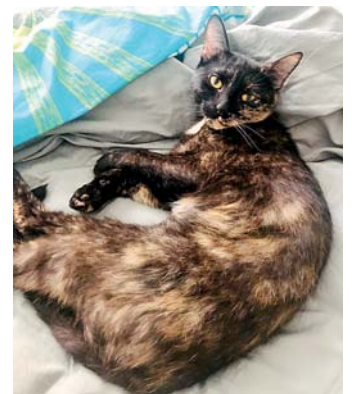
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## PET OF THE WEEK

Slinky found herself in an outback pound with her kittens before Christmas. All her babies have found homes, but she is still waiting.

Slinky is very playful and affectionate. She uses her litter tray well. Slinky is only about 2 years old.

Her adoption fee is \$50. This includes desexing, F3 vaccination, microchipping, a flea treatment and worming .



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# New name for old favourite



A new chapter for Rafter's Restaurant building, now operating as Coffee Break Cafe

The former Rafter's Restaurant building has reopened with a new name, a new look and a new direction. A favourite with the Guyra community for many years, it was put up for sale by Peter and Narelle Malcolm who had run the restaurant since August 2005. After relocating to Tasmania in 2017, the restaurant was leased by former employ-

ees, eventually closing in October last year.

The property was sold at auction by Ray White in December 2019 to Peter Cooke, who also owns the Shiralee Motel. He subsequently leased the premises to former publican Ian Cook who has been busy renovating in preparation for the launch of his new venture.

On Monday of this week, the

doors reopened with the business trading as the Coffee Break Café. It will operate as a licensed family friendly venue, selling a variety of pies, pizza and family meals dine in or takeaway. They have a barista on staff so you can be assured of great coffee.

They will be open seven days a week from 7am to 9pm.

# Ram Raid arrest

A Tamworth man has been charged in connection to a ram-raid at Guyra's Spar Supermarket.

The 23-year-old was arrested hiding in a house in Douglas Street, Armidale when detectives and the local Target Action Group (TAG) stormed the house on Friday March 29th.

Detectives questioned the man and charged him with one count of aggravated break-and-enter on a Gordon Street home the night of March 16th while the residents were home, after which a white Toyota Camry and black Mazda sedan were stolen.

He is also facing a charge of break-and-enter at a McCarthy Crescent home the same night, after which an Audi SUV was taken.

He faces an additional charge of break-and-enter with intent, accused of the ram-raid of the Guyra supermarket, in the main street, about 7.15am on March 17.

## NEW ENGLAND LIVESTOCK AGENTS



**We wish to advise our Easter/ ANZAC Day trading hours:**

Wed, 17<sup>th</sup> April - **no** Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

Thurs, 18<sup>th</sup> April - **no** Armidale Cattle Sale

Wed, 24<sup>th</sup> April - Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale  
11am start Guyra Saleyards

Thurs, 25<sup>th</sup> April - **no** Armidale Cattle Sale

*We wish you all a Happy Easter and thank you for your continued support.*

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# CHARITY GOLF DAY

SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2019

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- \$25 per player includes BBQ lunch
- Juniors also welcome \$10 per player

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# Innaccurate and misleading

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray has compared the results of the Citizen's Initiated Poll with the Brexit vote, saying that it is easy to say yes to a demerger, but how do you make that happen. He says a figure of 89% in favour of demerging as quoted by the Save and Grow Guyra group is misleading.

"I don't think it is reflective of the population and I have heard reports of people who weren't from the Guyra Shire area who were asked to vote so you have to question the process," Cr Murray said.

"If you look at the results as they have been portrayed they are inaccurate. It really should be based on the number of people who voted, not just adding up the number of yes and no votes. The figures are less impressive when the number of "yes" votes is divided by the number of election voters."

Cr Murray said that the group's claim that a significant Yes vote in Tingha was the

BOOTHS	YES	%	NO	INFORMAL	TOTAL CIP VOTES	% of Election Voters	TOTAL VOTERS **
Ben Lomond	66	71.0%	17	10	93	87.7%	106
Black Mountain	96	80.7%	19	4	119	64.3%	185
Ebor	26	89.7%	3		29	29.0%	100
Guyra	693	92.0%	48	12	753	62.0%	1215
Tingha	191	90.1%	21		212	57.8%	367
	1072	88.9%	108	26	1206	61.1%	1973
		88.9%	9.0%	2.1%	100.0%		

The table of results released by Save and Grow Guyra

\*\* Figures as at Tuesday Night March 26th.

first time they had been given a choice is false.

"Ian Tiley surveyed the town during his time as administrator, and council did a postal survey and had meetings with the community," Cr Murray said.

"Every time they were in favour of leaving Armidale Regional Council and anyway this result is meaningless because it is already a fait accompli that Tingha will move

to Inverell."

Cr Murray also defended his position on demerger, which he was quoted as being in favour of shortly after being elected.

"If Tingha was still with us I would still support the community if they chose to demerge, but without Tingha Guyra does not have the population to support its own council. Even with Tingha it would struggle to be viable,

and with only 3500 people it is not sustainable. Uralla has twice the population and it is looking at a huge rate rise to keep going."

"People may want to demerge but do they know the implications, it sounds like a good idea but how do you make it happen- what will be the costs of demerging and who will pay for long term running costs."

## Mecca for street artists

Armidale's Beardy Street Mall will become an art mecca on Saturday April 6th when two international artists transform the space as part of the inaugural Colour New England Street Arts Festival.

Chalk artist Rudy Kistler specialises in complex three-dimensional illusions and murals and will metamorphosize the mall. While the chalk piece takes shape, Armidale-raised street artist CRISP will create a new mural in Cinders Lane. His beautiful, large-scale image on the back of the Boobooks building will reflect the colours and mood of the New England region.

A spectacular kaleidoscope of colour, Illuminate Armidale, will light up the city's central business district from 7pm, featuring some of the city's most treasured heritage buildings.

The festival will be officially opened at 2pm by well-known local artist Angus Nivison, be-



Chalk artist Rudy Kistler will create a new mural

fore the Dixieland Jazz Group kicks off an afternoon of live entertainment including exciting local youth band Earth Device, NECOM's percussion group and local group Bellydance Earth and Sky round.

The Charlie Chaplin silent movie City Lights features on the mall stage from 7.30pm. City Lights is a beautiful story of a street tramp and his misad-

ventures trying to help a poor, blind flower girl and NECOM Director Russell Bauer will be on piano to provide a live sound track.

Colour New England Street Arts Festival celebrates all things art, culture and heritage, with a day full of creativity.

For more information, visit [armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au](http://armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au).

## Great turn out for P & C AGM

Guyra Central School Parents and Citizen's Association, along with the Canteen Sub-Committee, held their AGM on Tuesday March 19th. There was a great turn out from parents and community leaders wanting to be involved and support the work being done.

Office bearers elected for the P and C are President - Sarah Mills, Vice President - Prue Post, Treasurer - Renee Milmo and Secretary - Trudi Brown. The Canteen Sub-Committee is: President - Gwyn Pearson, Treasurer - to be finalised and Secretary - Karen Standen.

The committee has already made plans for future fundraising and hope to bring you details soon.

The next meeting will be at 6pm on Tuesday May 14th, with the venue yet to be decided.



P & C President Sarah Mills

# What's HOT

**JUNIOR LEAGUE** has kicked off their season with an increase in number

**ONLY A FEW DAYS** left to sign up for Soccer

**GOOD RAIN** falling over a large area. Hopefully more to come

# What's NOT

**GOING TO WORK** in the dark

**PLANNING A DAY OUT** only to have it rained out

# QUOTE of the week

In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock

Thomas Jefferson

Bureau of Meteorology

# Weather

## WATCH

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
26	Tues	14.5	21.8	0
27	Wed	10.9	15.0	0
28	Thurs	8.7	21.4	0
29	Fri	8.8	24.0	0
30	Sat	13.9	19.0	3.0
31	Sun	1.2	14.1	32.4
1	Mon	2.0	17.7	0

Rain this week	35.4mm
March rainfall	48.6mm
Rainfall YTD	157.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	171.6mm

# Healing and Recovery Concert for Tingha

A community concert is being planned to encourage and support the people in the Tingha Plateau Area who are recovering from the recent bush fire disaster. The concert will be held at the Tingha Town Hall on May 4th.

The Slogan for the concert is 'Build Back Better' and organizers hope to assist the community to recover powerfully and to greatly improve the community.

Aboriginal Elder Aunt Sue Blacklock OAM, says the community will welcome everyone to come to Tingha and enjoy a relaxing and happy concert.

As part of the event there will be an honouring ceremony and group presentation made. Members of the various emergency services involved in the disaster and also individual heroes will be guided through the ceremony by Tingha kids and a surprise football star. They will also share some of their experiences during the recent disaster.

Emergency services involved



Tingha is hoping to 'Build Back Better' Photo Brayden Vickery

in ceremony will include Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW State Emergency Service, Ambulance NSW, VRA Rescue and NSW Police

Entertainment will include a 12-piece string ensemble from the New England Conservatorium of Music, brass band and singers from the Danthonia

Community and the soulful R&B sounds of the Michael Boota Band.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall, Inverell Shire Mayor Paul Harmon, and Armidale Shire Mayor Simon Murray will be present at the event.

# Partnership opportunities celebrated

Guyra Central School recently held a 'Partnerships for Learning' Thank You Morning Tea at the school. Principal Michelle Nicholson said that it was wonderful to catch up with everyone and be able to say thank you face to face. Student leaders and staff were on hand to say thank you and discuss past and future partnership opportunities with attendees.

Mrs Nicholson said that it is always important to remember that all good partnerships provide opportunities for both partners to achieved their desired outcomes and several new learning opportunities were discussed at the gathering. Past projects and programs were reviewed and revised with commitments to continuation being given for many of our collaborations.

Work is underway with the building of a Senior Study Room which will provide senior students with adequate space to continue their studies when not in face to face classroom learning situations.

The school has welcomed



CELEBRATING PARTNERSHIPS FOR LEARNING  
Ron Vickress and Nellie Blair

Ms Michaillee Nield into the Careers/HSIE position for 2019. She has taken up Mrs Kylie Adams's position who is undertaking regional higher duties.

During 2018 there were increasing requests for student

lockers to be provided for all secondary students at Guyra Central School. The request was also put to and ratified by the Guyra Central School P & C and a survey will be circulated to parents before the end of term.



## Mayor's Message

**Armidale's water supply and favourable climate are among its great strengths to provide quality of life and drive economic development in our region.**

In comparison to the surrounding districts and many other parts of Australia, we have a good water supply to meet the needs of our population and our cooler climate tends to protect us against the potential impacts of drought. However, the current drought and consequent implementation of water restrictions have demonstrated the Armidale region is not immune to water shortages.

Council is taking the responsible action of reviewing its long-term plans for water supply infrastructure. Last week's March Ordinary Meeting voted to request staff present a report on Council's 30-year plan for its water and wastewater infrastructure.

We need to ensure the region has adequate provision for water infrastructure in the decades to come, as we push to realise our potential for significant economic and population growth.

The Malpas Dam to Guyra pipeline currently being constructed, to provide water security when Guyra's own supply gets low, is a great example of proactive infrastructure to safeguard supply.

However, any improvements to our water supply structures must go hand in hand with responsible water consumption.

Many residents and organisations in the Armidale region are already conscientious and efficient in how they use water.

Water-efficient appliances, water saving showerheads and mixers and native plants suited to our climate are prominent in many households. Recent horticultural developments in the area, such as Costa's expanded tomato production near Guyra, are harvesting rain water to be largely water self-sufficient.

But statistics show we have a long way to go as a region. Average water consumption for Armidale households is 222 litres per person per day, well behind the NSW average of 174 litres and the national average of 194.

The foresight of previous leaders has left us in a fortunate position, with the capacity of Malpas Dam modelled on a population well above current levels, but the water restrictions now in place are a reality check that we cannot be complacent and assume we are immune to shortages in extremely dry periods. Even after last weekend's rain, water levels at Guyra Dam are half its capacity, requiring Level 2 water restrictions, and Level 1 restrictions remain in place for Armidale, with Malpas Dam at 57%.

The experiences of other NSW regions, and the example set by many locals, show there are many simple steps to easily curb our consumption.

Just by bringing our usage down to the State average, we could fulfil our ambitions for population and economic growth and still have ample supply to meet our requirements in all but the most severe dry periods.

If our long-term projections and strategies still identify a need for bigger dams or other works to boost our supply, it's highly likely Council would need to look for government grants to fund these projects.

It just as likely our applications for this funding would need to demonstrate our community has done everything we can to manage our consumption. Many of the solutions are in our own hands, literally, as we reach for the tap.



Simon Murray

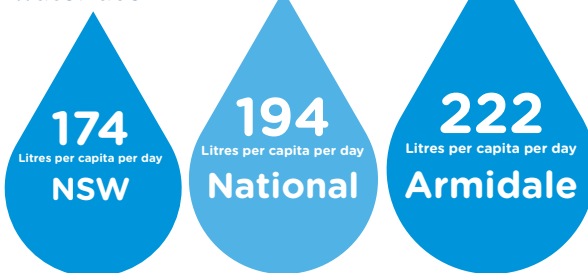
## Work together to save water

The Guyra dam continues to fall, current level is 48%.

Let's work together to reduce our water consumption. It's the little things we do in our homes and gardens that make a big difference. Water the garden (no sprinklers) early in the morning before 10am and after 5pm. Take shorter showers



### Breakdown of average residential water use



Armidale's Annual Residential Water Consumption in Comparison with State and National Level

## Notice to Water Consumers

Guyra - Level 2 Water Restrictions in place

Continued dry conditions have impacted dam levels.

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.

The restrictions below 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)

## 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. Maximum 2 hours.
Commercial general use	YES

## COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 April 2019 at the Armidale Council Chambers, 135 Rusden St, from 4pm. Public welcome to attend.

## PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 3 April 2019

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## Community Noticeboard

### Meals on Wheels

April 4th Heather Marchant  
April 5th L & R Skinner  
April 8th Michael Austin  
April 9th ARC Staff  
April 10th John Mitchell

### Street Stalls

April 4th Masonic Lodge  
April 5th CWA  
April 6th Hospital Auxiliary  
April 11th, 12th, 13th Lions

### 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

# Finlayson Cup athletics carnival

Black Mountain Public School travelled to Chandler Public School last Friday to participate in our annual athletics carnival – the Finlayson Cup.

This sporting event brings together all students from our Snow Gums Learning Alliance which includes Ebor, Ben Lomond, Bald Blair and Chandler Public Schools.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Linda Frizell and her team for organising such a great day.

*Mrs Justine Eddy  
Relieving Principal  
Black Mountain  
Public School*

**RIGHT:** Great results from Mikyla Patterson, Seth Patterson and Angus Youman.



**Left:** Jake Faint demonstrating his skills in the Discus.  
**Above:** Shylah-Lee Cutmore in action at the High Jump!

## Free night of entertainment

Ben Lomond Hall Committee will hold a free night of entertainment at the hall. The event is hosted by the Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall Committee, Arts North West and is jointly funded by FRRR Tackling Tough Times Together and the Federal Government.

You will enjoy an evening meal followed by Arts North West production "I Am My Own Wife" - (a striking piece of

dramatic theatre with local actor Daniel Gillett.) This one man show tells the story of a real life German transvestite who survived both the Nazi onslaught and the East German Communist regime.

We do especially invite people in our local area, who have been affected by drought, the skills and routines of managing droughts, the tough decisions, the relentless work load, and

the daily vista of blue sky and a browner landscape.

Have a break - join us at the hall on the 11th April from 6:30pm. We do have limited numbers and to cater for this event we do need your RSVP as soon as possible. Please reply to Joe 0267332032 or Beth 0267332014 (if unanswered please leave your name and number and "theatre night".)

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# NSW Farmers welcomes new marshall for agriculture

The NSW Farmers Association has welcomed the appointment of Adam Marshall as the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales.

NSW Farmers' President, James Jackson, said Mr Marshall's appointment came at a critical time for the agricultural industry and he looked forward to working closely with him and the Government in tackling important issues such as the drought.

"I congratulate Adam Marshall on his appointment as Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales in the Berejiklian Government. As a representative of a regional community with a significant agricultural footprint, we hope that Adam can utilise his local knowledge to continue strengthening the agricultural sector in New South Wales", Mr Jackson said.

Mr Jackson said NSW Farmers also welcomes the appointment of Michael Johnsen as Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture.

"We also welcome the appointment of Melinda Pavey as Minister for Water, and Matt Kean as the Minister for Energy and Environment. These three portfolios have enormous significance for the agricultural sector and we will work closely with them, and all ministers in the government, to deliver NSW Farmers' FOCUS agenda during the forthcoming parliamentary term."

"I want to acknowledge, in particular, the Premier's decision to appoint a dedicated Minister for Western New South Wales in her new ministry. This was one of NSW Farmers' 15 priority asks going into the election and is recognition of the importance of New South Wales

not simply standing for Newcastle, Sydney and Wollongong."

"Regional New South Wales sent a clear message to Macquarie Street at the last election. As the representative voice for agriculture across this state, NSW Farmers will work with all political parties elected at last weekend's election to ensure the commitments made during the campaign are delivered in full."

"The drought, water management, protecting the Right to Farm and ensuring New South Wales' place as a producer of high quality and safe agricultural produce are important issues facing the sector at present. There is no time to wait – the new Government has a mandate to hit the ground running and we will be working with them to ensure the best interests of agriculture are maintained", Mr Jackson said.

## New base station at Baldersleigh

Residents in Baldersleigh can now access more mobile coverage in their area following the switch-on of a new mobile base station.


Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said the new Telstra infrastructure forms part of the Liberal National Government's \$380 million Mobile Black Spot Program.


The site is among 42 new and upgraded mobile base stations being rolled out across the New England Electorate under this program.

Earlier this month it was announced \$160 million would be allocated for a further two funding rounds.

Rounds 5 and 6 will have a strong focus on improving mobile coverage at public interest premises in regional areas, such as medical centres, schools and tourism facilities.

Over the first four rounds, the Mobile Black Spot Program is already delivering 1047 new base stations nationally from \$220 million in Commonwealth funding.



 **Adam Marshall** MP  
MEMBER FOR NORTHERN TABLELANDS

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### Statement on the new NSW Cabinet

I feel deeply honoured and privileged to be appointed to the new Berejiklian-Barilaro Cabinet to serve as Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Western NSW.

The primary industries sector in NSW is incredibly rich and diverse, contributing around \$3.42 billion a year, employing more than 63,000 people directly across 46,000 farming businesses.

There are some obvious challenges confronting the sector right now, chief among them one of the worst droughts in living memory. This will be one of my first and key focus areas, along with addressing the issues of illegal trespass, invasion of privacy and protecting our farmers' interests in planning processes.

Given the continued poor seasonal outlook across the State, I will be looking quickly at the suite of assistance programs for our farmers and farming communities. These need to respond to on farm and post farm gate help for our country communities.

As someone who has lived and worked their entire life in western NSW, I'm looking forward to putting our unique set of issues front and centre around the cabinet table.

I cannot wait to get started with this work!

Lastly, it would not be possible for me to be given this opportunity without the support of the people of

the Northern Tablelands, as their representative in the State Parliament, and I want to reiterate my commitment to serving them and advocating for their needs first and foremost.

It's been quite a journey for this lad from the land at Curlewis, near Gunnedah, and I'm looking forward to the challenges and the opportunities ahead over the coming years.



Glen Innes Severn Mayor Carol Sparks, left, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall and Uralla Shire Mayor Mick Pearce present long service awards to Guyra's Glen Godlonton for 10 years' service, pictured with his father David, the Guyra SES Unit Controller

### Guyra SES Volunteers Recognised

I was pleased to be on hand to present National Medals and Long Service Awards to the State Emergency Service volunteers from Guyra, Glen Innes, Uralla and Armidale units at the Armidale

Bowling Club recently. Among the group of awardees honoured, was Glen Innes unit member Richard Cambridge who has clocked up an amazing 40 years of service.

It was a great honour to have the chance to officially recognise the efforts of the incredible volunteers who form the heart of the SES and their accumulated wisdom and experience is irreplaceable.

The SES has more than 9,000 volunteers in NSW who play a vital role responding to flood and storm emergencies, bushfires and road accidents as well as providing invaluable support for search and rescue missions.

This group of 22 volunteers has shown the type of dedication and community mindedness that is not only a credit to each of them, but also worthy of official recognition. They represent a combined total of almost 340 years of community service so it was a real pleasure to be able present these individuals with the prestigious National Medal and Long Service Awards.

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# New LLS recruits an asset to the region

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services is pleased to welcome two new recruits to its teams in Armidale and Glen Innes. Oliver Nougher joins the Armidale team in the role of Biosecurity Officer, while Daniel White takes up the reigns of Graduate Advisory and Extension Officer based at the Glen Innes Research Station. Both Olivia and Daniel bring depth of knowledge and local familiarity to their roles.

Olivia hails from Guyra where she grew up on a sheep and cattle property at Tenterden. She completed a Bachelor of Environmental Management and Ecology at Latrobe University in Albury/Wodonga. Olivia worked previously as Biosecurity Officer with Riverina Local Land Services and subsequently moved to Griffith. Returning to work on the family property, Olivia jumped at the chance to work with



Olivia Nougher and Daniel White

LLS again.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my role working with Riverina LLS. It gave me an insight and appreciation of what LLS stands for, particularly how it works so closely with the community. I am passionate about

working with livestock and enjoy the contact with producers that the role brings," she said.

"I'm looking forward to achieving improved management practices for producers and their herds and flocks.

With the current dry conditions presenting specific challenges, I look forward to being able to provide nutritional advice and support," she said.

Growing up on a property at Cowra, Daniel White spent his holidays working on the family farm that grew beef cattle and pigs. Daniel studied at University of New England where he completed a Bachelor of Rural Science. On graduating, Daniel worked on various properties carrying out sheep work, as well as in an orchard, before accepting his role with the Northern Tablelands LLS.

Both Olivia and Daniel welcome landholders to contact them for advice, assistance and support.

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## Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**March 27th** - There was a reduction in the lamb numbers, while sheep supplies increased. The quality of the lambs was very mixed. There was a good supply of well finished lambs. Plain quality and condition lambs were in fair supply. The usual processors were in attendance, while restockers were active on suitable lots.

Supply and demand were the major factors in dearer market trends through the lambs. Light weights to processors experienced improvements of \$12 to \$18/head. The better quality restocker lambs saw little change. Well finished lambs to process in the 18-22kg weight classes saw significant price improvement.

Heavy weight lambs over 22kg were the least affected to show a moderately dearer trend.

There was a large supply of Merino ewes of varying ages and condition. The majority of these ewes carried at least 6 months wool. There were some very well finished crossbred ewes penned. Demand was very high across all

categories as supply diminishes through the system. Restockers were active on all the Merino ewes with the younger lines attracting strong support. Market trends were significantly dearer with prices improving by as much as \$40/head. The very plain quality and condition ewes were cheaper.

## Weekly Wool Sales

**March 29th** - The gradual downtrend continued with the market posting its fifth successive week of losses however its remains at a level well above the commencement to 2019. The larger falls were registered on the first day of sales impacting mainly the finer types and the Merino Carding Indicator. The pattern of recent times also continued with the abundance of low yielding, poorer style types suffering the biggest losses.

The diminishing supply of better style types has seen them remain in keen demand and they were reported as selling to levels very similar to last week. 32,979 bales were sold na-

tionally for the week with a passed in rate of 11.8%.

Major buyers included Techwool, Seatech and Fox & Lillie with the top 4 accounting for over 50% of the Merino Fleece wool on offer for the week. With three quarters of the current wool selling season done AWEX auction statistics are showing a 12.4% decline in the volume of wool offered nationally. With the North, South and Western regions down 16.5%,

11.5% and 9.1% respectively. In a positive sign the market is close to stabilising the Western region closed the week slightly dearer.

## Armidale Cattle Sale

**March 28th** - There was a halving of numbers with cows and vealers making up the bulk of the offering. There were limited supplies of yearlings and grown cattle. The quality and condition was very mixed. There were some very well presented vealers along with a few well finished yearlings. Cows varied from very plain through to some high quality, high yielding heavyweights. The usual buyers were in attendance, along with extra restocker competition. There was a different live export order operating on heavy bulls.

Both competition and demand was very high through the vealers with both restockers and processors competing strongly. This resulted in dearer trends. Steer vealers returning to the paddock saw a trend that was upwards of 50c/kg dearer, more in places with a quality related component also. There were similar trends through the heifer portion and more, particularly those vealers to

processors. Yearling steers to restock and feed were quite mixed in quality, they saw a dearer trend of up to 35c/kg. The better quality heifer portion experienced a similar trend. The plainer quality and condition heifers saw a vastly improved market trend.

There was an increased supply of well finished grown heifers, they attracted strong demand from processors. Little from last week to make a comparison. Restockers were active on the plainer grown heifers with that market showing significant improvement. The cow market was 20c/kg dearer and more in places for the well finished medium and heavyweights as processors competed strongly to secure requirements. The plainer condition cows experienced strong gains also. That live export order pushed the bull market to a much dearer trend, however those purchased by processors experienced a moderate price rise.





# Gazette Footy Tipping



Ben blitzed the Celebrity tipping this week and doubled his score to take him into equal 2nd place with Soley and Vu on 28 points.

Mick remains in the top spot on 30 points, but let's not mention the (woeful) tips by the girls at the Gazette.

Who would have thought that the Sea Eagles would win a game?! Or even the Dragons! This round was a bit of a shake-up to ensure we don't get complacent in our tipping.

Eel-be-Right managed to hang on to the top of the Locals Leaderboard by the tips of their fingertips! They are joined there, however, by GG (one to watch this year) and the little Red Devils on 34 points.

Elva had a magnificent round (14 points) to start climbing up the Leaderboard a few places and the Old Chook (12 points) also had a good round this week.

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and wish to do so please complete your registration online at playfootball.com.au. Don't forget to use your Active Kids Voucher to receive \$100.00 off your registration fees.

If you have already regis-

tered but have not paid your registration fees, we would appreciate your prompt payment. The payment options can be found on the Invoice emailed to you after registration.

We are also looking for Coaches for a number of our Junior teams. If you are interested in coaching this year please contact Jo Dullaway on 0428747072 to discuss the requirements for this season.

## Women's Golf

Karen Oehlers is leading the 2019 Championships after completing the first 27 holes of play on Wednesday 27th March. Karen scored 129 gross as well as winning the 18 holes competition with 71 net. Kerry Bull won the 27 holes competition with 106 ½ net. Jenny Rogers is leading the B Grade competitors on 143 gross while Joyce Betts is leading C Grade on 151 gross.

Nearest the pins winners were Wendy George (7th), Vicki Reeves (9th), Suzanne Towells (10th) and Pip White (18th).

Our team of eight players will compete in the Pennants match play event against Walcha and Armidale at Armidale Golf Course on 8th April. A Stableford competition is set down on the program on 10th April and the starter is Kath Varley.

The Phantom

Last Sunday a quality field contested the Dick Burey

Country Kitchens individual par. The winner was Tim Ellis with Chris Newberry runner up nearest to the pins were Steven Sole on the 7th and Barry Simpson on the 10th and 18th. Next Sunday will be the Westpac Rescue Helicopter 3 person ambrose, so form a team and support a good cause. The matchplay draw is up with the 1st round to be played by Easter so come down and check it out.

*The Albatross*

## Men's bowls

There were no Bowls played over the weekend due to inclement weather.

This weekend will see the No.4 Pennant team travel to Armidale City on Saturday April 6th. The cars will leave the Club at 11.45am: Skips to arrange cars: Cost of travel to Armidale \$5.00 per player. Travel money to be paid to David Wilcox

The following will be the teams:

Team No.1: Andrew

Sparke, Barry Presnell, Robert Moore and Col Stanley.

Team No.2: Roger Cox Murray Bourke, David Wilcox and John McIlwain.

Team No.3: Michael Shiner, Ian Jacobs, Chris Kliendienst and Dan Kennedy.

Manager Both Days: John Jackson.

The above teams will also be the teams that will travel to Inverell on Sunday April 7th. Skips to arrange cars and the cost will be \$7.00 per player. The cars will depart the Club at 9.00am. Travel money to be paid to David Wilcox.

The No.7 Pennant team will travel to Armidale City Saturday April 6th. Cars will depart the Club at 11.45am, Skips to arrange the cars: Cost of travel will be \$5.00 per player. Travel money to be paid to David Wilcox.

Team No.1: John Hamel, Peter Brodbeck, Phil Kliendienst and Scott Campbell.

Team No.2: Evan Sole, Robert Walls, Cameron Pardon and Steven Sole.

Team No.3: Wayne Reeves, Mallie Walls, Paul Johnson and Anthony Bull.

No.7 Pennant teams to play Glen Innes at home Sunday April 7th.

Bowlers are requested to be at the Club by 12.30pm for a 12.45pm roll-up: Start 1.00pm.

Team No.1: John Hamel. David Lyes, Phil Kliendienst and Scott Campbell


Team No.2: Evan Sole, Robert Walls, Cameron Pardon and Steven Sole

Team No.3: Wayne Reeves, Mallie Walls, Paul Johnson and Anthony Bull

**For the Bowlers Travelling please try not to be late for pickup.**

**For those Bowlers playing at home they also are requested to at the Club by the required time.**

*The bowls bandit*



## Gazette Footy Tipping

### Locals Entry Form - Round 5

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

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# Junior league kicks off in wet conditions

Guyra Junior Rugby League has kicked off their 2019 season, sending teams to Glen Innes to play in the first Gala Day on the weekend.

The club has had a big boost in numbers this year adding extra teams including a senior league tag side and an under 14s. In terms of numbers they have added a lot of extra players to the books, welcoming back most of last year's players and quite a few new faces.

The club has entered teams in all grades from under 6s through to under 14s in the boy's division and for the first time they will be represented in all three divisions of the league tag competition with junior, intermediate and senior teams entered.

President Gina Lockyer said that they have worked hard to get the senior sides and they are confident of a good showing this year.

All teams travelled to Glen Innes on Saturday for the Gordon Creighton cup, which was played in extremely wet conditions. Guyra had mixed results



Guyra versus Glen Innes in the Intermediate League Tag

with Glen Innes and Armidale joints winners on the day.

The under 14s will be back in action this weekend when they travel to Bingara where they will be up against Ashford. The rest of the teams will have this weekend off with the bye and will be back in action on April 13th will a full round of games to be played in Armidale.



Guyra Under 8s - all smiles despite the wet conditions

## Record field for veteran golfers Pennants day

On Tuesday March 26th, the Guyra Vets hosted the third game of this year's Pennants Competition.

It was wonderful to see a record field of 106 golfers from Uralla, Walcha, Armidale, Glen Innes and Guyra on our course. There was a great atmosphere of friendly rivalry throughout the day.

The winner of the Ladies' Division was Walcha's Vicki Hefernan with 41 points, followed by Barb Mulligan, also from Walcha, with 40 points.

Men's A Grade was won by Reg Walls from Glen Innes on a countback from our Mick Kirk on 39 points. The best B Grade player was Guyra's Pat Grills with 42 and the runner-up was Ken House from Armidale with a score of 41. The C Grade winner was Jim Betts with another good score of 42 and Phil Devlin also played well to be the runner-up with 40 points.

Pip White, from Guyra, hit the Longest Drive for the Ladies and Laurie Lewis won the Men's Longest Drive. Nearest the Pins were won by Fred Marshall from Armidale on the 7th, Caroline Street from Walcha the 9th, Lee Fletcher the 10th and Armidale's Simon Cross was closest to the pin on the 18th.

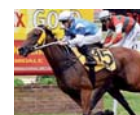
The progress scores are - Armidale 769, Walcha 747, Guyra 745, Uralla 717 and Glen Innes with 645.

Thank you for the help and generosity of so many people who made this day such so successful - the Guyra Vets, Blush Tomatoes, the golfers who lent us their carts, Betty Anne and her staff, Donna for our lunches and Len Archer and Geoff Reeves for maintaining the course so well in this dry weather.

Glen Innes will host the next Pennants Game with the date to be confirmed.

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