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We have not forgotten



Delivering the Anzac Day address, Martha Weiderman with RSL sub-branch President Hans Hietbrink(back) and parade marshal Jamie Mills (right) and members of the 337 Sqn Air Force Cadets who provided the Catafalque Party

The commemoration of Anzac Day in 2019, began with a spectacular sunrise greeting around 300 people who attended the Dawn Service.

Martha Weiderman delivered the commemorative address at this year's main Anzac Day Service in Guyra. In September 2017 Martha travelled to Belgium to attend the commemoration ceremony for the centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele.

Martha recounted her journey in the footsteps of around 150 men from the Guyra area who volunteered to fight in the first world war, one of whom was her father Arthur Weidermann.

"Over the last 4 years we have commemorated the centenary of Anzac - what it's about, and what it isn't about," she said.

"The story of Anzac is a story that has been one of the unifying forces in Australian life. The power of that unifying force can be seen in the size of the crowds at Dawn Services held throughout the country and in the number of Australians who travel to services at Gallipoli

and Villers Bretonneux in France each year."

"Even our own Dawn Service is growing in numbers. People who get out of bed in the black of night, not because they are told to, but because they want to. The centenary of Anzac, more than anything else is about commemoration. It has nothing to do with the glorification of war."

"It is right to remember Gallipoli, but we should not let it crowd out what happened afterwards on the Western Front.

We lost 8,700 young Australians on Gallipoli. We lost 46,000 in France and Belgium."

"Today we simply need to remember all the men who fought in the Great War. If we remember them, and the 40,000 others who have died fighting in wars since 1918, that means they haven't gone entirely.

"By coming here this morning, by standing quietly and reflecting, we are saying that we have not forgotten, and we will not forget."

Mothers' Day High Tea on Bradley St

Sunday, 12th May - 10am to 1pm



102 Bradley Street • Phone: 0467 315 915

All baked in store • Champagne on arrival Entertainment by local musician - Jack Vivers

Limited numbers
Bookings essential & close on:
Wednesday, 8th May 2018

Adults - \$35
 Under 15 - \$15
 Under 6 years - Free





Above: RSL sub-branch President Hans Hietbrink, Warren McCowen, Ron Vickress and Garry Starr led the veteran contingent **Above right:** Former Guyra resident Josh Wilson (with sister Sharni Douglass) laid the wreath on behalf of number 1 Squadron RAAF Amberley







Above:

Local schools participated in the march and ceremony

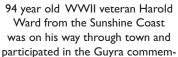
Above left: Black Mountain Public School Xavier Maunder, Jake Faint and Principal Justine Eddy

Middle: St Mary's students Jessica Taylor, Shanae Wark, Tom Lockyer and Ethan Tribe

Above right: Guyra Central School students Carly Harman, Brayden Cameron and Sophie Mitchell laying a wreath

Right: Bald Blair's Ursula Chilcott-Geere read the Prayer for Peace





orations, and rode in the jeep driven by Dean Heagney

Right:

102 year old Ted Mulligan, patron of the Guyra RSL sub branch, with daughters Maureen and Lorraine driven by Warren Tribe

Far right:

Flight Sgt Dean Hogan





SAY HIP HIP HOORAY for emergency services

The first event of the 'Thank You' to emergency services and police campaign is to be held on May 4th 2019 in Tingha NSW, which was cut off by bushfires for five days in February this year. The concert and campaign which emerged from these events, has triggered a nationwide call to thank emergency service workers.

Whenever you are in trouble, when you have a car accident and you need help, if there is a fire or you're in any kind of emergency situation the men and women from the emergency services come to help and save the day.

The word 'Thank You' has been almost lost to the Australian vocabulary. But it's an incredibly strengthening, self and community empowering act when we can acknowledge the help that others give us.

So this is the beginning of an Australia wide campaign to say 'Thank You' to the emergency services and police who day by day, save the day for each one of us in the community when we need help.

The campaign's aim is to get every shire council across Australia to include 'Thank You' Events like the one to be held in the tiny rural community of Tingha on May 4, International Firefighter's Day. Events where the community gets together with emergency services, and thank them for their day to day work and have an afternoon of relaxation and entertainment at a community concert event.

It is a grass roots campaign initiated by survivors the Tingha Plateau bushfire, who had the thought to have a community 'thank you' concert. Finding a very positive response they saw the value in letting other ordinary people across Australia know it is totally possible to get out there and do something good to support the work of the emergency services and police. Great thing can happen you just have to ask.

If you hear about this and want to have a thank you event in your area contact the network for tips and information on previous events. Get creative let the network and campaign grow with a life of its own by contacting may4firefighter@gmail.com

The Campaign also aims to get all Australia School nation-wide to have in their curriculum educational activities informing the kids about the role of emergency services in the community, including craft activities and having representatives of emergency services come to the schools and talk to the children about their jobs and let the kids know there is someone there if they are in trouble.

Eight in election contest

Independent candidate Natasha Ledger has snared the number one spot on the New England ballot paper for the upcoming federal election. She is one of eight candidates, three of whom are independents, for the poll which will take place on May 18th.

The ballot was drawn by the electoral commission in Armidale last Wednesday with Christian Democrats' Julie Collins second on the ballot, followed by Labor's Yvonne Langenberg, Nationals MP Barnaby Joyce, Greens' candidate Tony Lonergan, independents Adam Blakester and Rob Taber, with Clive Palmer United Australia Party candidate Cindy Ann Duncan sitting last on the list.

Pre-poll voting has opened for people unable to attend a polling place on election day. The closest early-voting centre is in Armidale which opened on Monday April 29th. You can also vote early in Inverell and Glen Innes in the week prior to the election.





What's HOT

GREAT FOOD and service at Glencoe Tavern

STAR GRAZING – relaxing, fun and informative if a little chilly

BACK TO SCHOOL for the kids and back to work for everyone else after holiday time

AUTUMN weather & colour

What's **NOT**

ANOTHER month almost over and no sign of rain

HOT WEATHER casualities at the Anzac service

EARLY MORNING chaos and school runs

QUOTE of the week

The closest we ever become to perfection is when we write our resumes

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra Hospital

 Date
 Day
 Min
 Max
 Rain

 23
 Tues
 9.5
 16.2
 0

 24
 Wed
 9.2
 18.2
 1.0

25 Thurs 8.6 21.4 0

26 Fri **8.9** 20.1 ⁰

27 Sat 6.4 21.8 0 **28 Sun 3.1** 20.1 0

28 Sun 3.1 20.1 0 **29 Mon 4.4** 20 0

Rain this week 1.0mm
April rainfall 3.6mm
Rainfall YTD 161.0mm
Rainfall last YTD 190.8mm

Around the world



Above: Lachlan Cruickshank, Kayne Brennan, Benji Archibald, Peter Grills and Teo Starr **Right:** Anthony Dinh



On the last day of Term 1, students from St Mary of the Angels held an 'Around the World Multicultural Day' to raise money for Project Compassion. Students dressed up in traditional costumes from around the world, performed cultural dances and made a coin line around a chalk drawn map of the world in the quadrangle. There were some amazing outfits and the students had an absolute ball all in the name of compassion and charity.

Left: Annabelle Williamson and Camilla Grills

Right: Freya Bray





What we should have done at a Clearance Sale

Wow, our 1st Clearance Sale. We were excited so we poured over the sale brochure, checked with the agent over the logistics of registering and after deciding on the items we were vaguely and intensely interested on, thought we were ready, right.

Nope, these are the guidelines that we should have followed:

- **1**. Have a really good look at the items you think you're interested in.
- **2.** If you are with a partner, relation, friend or the person down the street, communicate. Otherwise

the comment that something looks interesting is not going to mean, "I want that" to your bidding buddy.

- **3.** Decide on your limit. There's a reason the agent gives you a card with spaces, lines and headings on the back. Write down what you've bought. It makes it easy at the end of a long and tiring day.
- **4.** Be quick, the agent can't hang around waiting for you to make up your mind.
- **5**. Of course, the one thing you really want is right at the end of the day, which is a pain, but hang in there.

We had a great day regardless, buying a few things, meeting new people and seeing more of the district.

The most important thing we learnt though is that everyone loves a bargain whether they are dealers or ordinary buyers.

However, it was sad to think of a family's life walking out the gate and realising that it could easily be our end.

Ramblings from the (new) Guyra Ghost

Memories of six brothers who served

Descendants of six Guyra brothers who fought in World War II have presented a photo montage of the siblings to the Guyra & District Historical Museum.

Nancy Herford Williams) collected the photos of the brothers, and put them frame with their in ล mother Theresa's Female Badge, presented Relative the closest woman relation of Australians serving overseas.

Guyra & District Historical Society President Martha Weiderman welcomed the donation and said the photo montage would be a great addition to the museum's collection. It will take pride of place in the war room, just below the portrait of the Queen.

The Williams family lived south of Guyra, on a property near Lilygrove. Three brothers served in the army: Staff Sgt Herbert Stanley Williams, Sgt Ernest Francis Williams, and



A framed reminder of the war service of the Williams family handed over to the Guyra Museum by Nancy Herford Pic: Nick Fuller

Corporal Edward (Ted) Churchill Williams; and three in the air force: Gunner Hercules ("Herky") Claude Williams, LAC Percy Roy Williams, and LAC Reginald Allen Williams.

All six returned safely from

the war, however in a tragic twist of events Percy drowned shortly after his return while trying to save one of his children.

Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall officially opened the renovated front section of the Museum and said he is looking forward to working with the Historical Society to realise their vision for the museum.

Mr Marshall acknowledged the hard work of the Guyra and District Historical Society and Armidale Regional Council for their funding and assistance to complete the work. Graham Wilson, of the Armidale & District Historical Society, advised the Guyra society about the redevelopment.

Work is still underway on renovations which will hopefully be completed by the end of the year. Once work is complete the final task will be to complete the reorganisation of the thousands of items which have been donated or collected from the local area.

The museum is currently open is to the public each Sunday 11am to 3pm thanks to volunteers.



ANZAC Day in the region

I joined the communities of Inverell, Gilgai and Tingha as they came together to commemorate ANZAC Day and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in war, and those who serve to keep us safe.

It is one of my favourite days of the year, and it seems that with each year that passes – attendances increase, especially for the dawn service. Inverell's dawn service was no exception with a huge turnout and I was thrilled to spend the morning with my good mate Senator Wacka Williams and Mayor Paul Harmon.

I stopped in for the annual march and service at Gilgai, with a good turnout in that vibrant little village.

For a small community, Tingha has a huge heart, which was on display again yesterday with a large contingent of locals paying tribute to their local veterans at a solemn ANZAC Day service. It was an honour to take part in the service and offer a few words about my perspective on ANZAC. Well done to President Bob Clarke and all the members of the small but mighty Tingha RSL sub-Branch.

Northern Tablelands population on the up and up

Great news for our region: Population figures released late last month by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) confirm that every single local government area in the Northern Tablelands is

growing, and some quite rapidly.

According to the ABS, since the last census in August 2016, the Northern Tablelands electorate has seen an overall growth rate of 2.5 per cent to 30 June 2018 – an increase of 1,987 residents.

This almost 2,000 resident increase, pushes the Northern Tablelands overall population past the 80,000 mark for the very first time, to an estimated population of 81,220.



With the Catafalque Party at the ANZAC Day service in Tingha

Figures for each LGA are:

- Armidale Regional (population of 30,707), increase of 1,258 people at 4.3%;
- Inverell (16,844) with 361 new residents at 2.2%
- Moree Plains (13,350) added 191 people to the

community, a growth of 1.5%;

- Gwydir (5,349) grew by 91 residents at 1.7%;
- Glen Innes Severn (8,908), increase of 72 people at 0.8%; and
- Uralla (6,062) grew by 0.2%, with an extra 14 residents.

I've said for years that the Northern Tablelands is the best place to work, live and invest and now we're seeing that reflected in the numbers. As a region, we're bucking the trend compared to many other areas across country NSW, which are sadly not faring well.

A number of our communities are growing at better than the New England North West average and are streets ahead of the trend across regional NSW. A growing region will attract better services, new employment opportunities and greater investment.

These results show the strength and resilience of our Northern Tablelands communities during drought and this trend bodes very well for the future. If we can continue to grow during a crippling drought, just imagine what we can do after it breaks!

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Community Noticeboard

Meals on Wheels

May 2nd Heather Marchant May 3rd L yn & Richard Skinner May 6th Kath Varley May 7th Don & Betty Mayled May 8th John Mitchell

Street Stalls

May 2nd Anglican Church May 3rd & 4th Masonic Lodge May 9th ,10th, 11th Lions Club May 16th Can Assist

Church Notices

St James Anglican

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

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 Stephen 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

Sale of 'Guyra' assets raise concerns

The sale of some of its Guyra based assets by Armidale Regional Council is being questioned by locals. Residences which were set aside by the former Guyra Shire council for staff, and housing built to assist in attracting doctors to live in the community are listed for sale as is the former Kolora Hostel building.

Gordon Youman has been outspoken on a number of issues since the amalgamation and says he 'just a concerned citizen' who doesn't want to see the town go backwards.

"Selling these assets is gutting the community of wealth built up over a number of years," he said. "Kolora was built with money raised by the community and Guyra should have a say as to where that money is spent. If they sell the doctor's house it means Guyra will not have a resident doctor here in the future, and they did this with consideration or consultation with the community."

After Mr Youman raised concerns, CEO Susan Law said that the properties were Guyra council assets that then became Armidale Regional Council assets after the merger. The sale of the Kolora Hostel was already being considered prior to the merger, to contribute to the cost of the new Kolora facility.

Ms Law said that selling these assets and similar properties in Armidale provided money for general works and maintenance around the region, and that to continue to beat the Guyra drum is really a bit nonsensical, because they have a single set of accounts.

Mr Youman said he very disappointed with the response from ARC who said they can't run two sets of books. He also took aim at a number of organisations who came out against a forced merger and are now taking a back seat and allowing council to dictate what is happening, without raising concerns or speaking up on behalf

of the community.

"Where is the Chamber of Commerce, and the NSW Farmers and National Party? They all stood up at the meetings and said they were against the merger but are now silent when they should be speaking out."

Dave Bearup is another 'concerned citizen' who has raised questions over the sales.

The former councillor and real estate agents wants to know why the properties which are up for sale are not listed with any of the local agents.

"If they are selling houses in Guyra they should offer all the local agents the opportunity to make the sale. They are the ones who are in the best position to know the true value and get the best price," he said.

"If they are trying to operate as regional council then every agent in the region should be given the opportunity to sell assets on their behalf whether the house is in Guyra or Armidale or anywhere else."

Have your say.....

What social problem?

Having lived in Bradley Street for the whole of last year we were surprised to hear that, in the minds of some, there is a social problem there.

When the shops close, it is like living in a ghost town, especially on the weekends. The only locals we ever saw was the odd drunk, or someone sprinting from his vehicle to access the ATM. Then there was the occasional traveller looking in vain for somewhere to have a coffee, wandering up and down disconsolately.

Have your say Email:

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Apart from the lost souls, we had the workers from the tomato farm, sitting quietly in small groups and chatting in low voices. It was a welcome sight, and a friendly acknowledge-

ment and a cheery smile brought a similar shy response. Thank goodness for the tomato farm and these well behaved young men – they give life to an otherwise desolate street.

We would agree, however, that it would be a good idea to have a community games room where they can meet and enjoy each other's company out of the elements. Perhaps their employer could consider renting one of the empty premises along Bradley St for this purpose. Heaven knows, there is no shortage of those.

Barbara and John Ross.



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Council News GUYRA

Mayor's Message

The greatest strength of regional and rural communities is their ability to rally together – to deal with adversity and to make moments of celebration truly memorable.

Few events unite a community more than a natural disaster and the current drought gripping most of NSW has been a particularly harsh challenge for the Armidale region and many populations.

Long-term farmers in our region are saying this is the driest they have ever seen this area and many come from families who have run their properties for generations.

As the drought's grip continues to tighten, their assessment has been backed by scientific analysis which has rated this extended dry as the worst experienced by NSW for around 400 years. These are highly exceptional circumstances, by any interpretation, and they require a fully united and supportive response from our community.

Last week's announcement that Armidale town water customers would join Guyra on Level 3 water restrictions has received strong support from much of the community. It's the first time restrictions have been implemented for Armidale for at least half a century, since the current Malpas Dam water supply was brought on line, and many residents can see the reality of the plight we now face.

However, there have been a couple of concerning developments in recent weeks.

The first is that while water consumption in the Armidale and Guyra town water supply area has dropped slightly, in line with seasonal trends as weather conditions cool, the reduction has not been as great as required to protect our water supplies.

Armidale's progression from Level 1 to Level 3 restrictions is a response to this lack of reduction, to provide a clearer and simple message for all town water users in the Armidale region and to take necessary steps to safeguard supplies amid an outlook that does not include significant rain in the foreseeable future.

The second concern is an emerging blame game, as some people look to point the finger.

We all need to honestly appraise how we are responding to this challenge of dwindling water supplies, whether it's Council, industrial and commercial



Indeed, Council has significantly adjusted its water use and is constantly reviewing how it can further curb its consumption – balanced with our obligations, including the need to maintain playing fields and other open spaces to provide safe environments and the most cost effective way to manage the public areas that are such as asset for our region.

Council is also constantly examining how to best spread the word about the restrictions and what they entail. We are striving to keep as many people as possible as up to date as possible. But it must be a cost-effective approach, at a time when Council is scrutinising its spending more than ever to put the organisation in a stronger financial position.

At the same time, Council is working closely with major water users, including large-scale industry and the University of New England, to help them contribute to the region's watersaving efforts.

Maybe the divisive finger pointing is a symptom of our social media age that encourages and enables us all to widely express our opinions. However, what is needed most is a unified community effort that is supportive, rather than critical.

The real adversary here is the sometimes cruel forces of mother nature and this exceptionally dry period is posing a huge threat to our quality of life if we don't work together.

Simon Murray

Paid parking at airport

Paid parking is scheduled to begin at the Armidale Regional Airport carpark from 2pm this afternoon (1 May) to improve the availability of parking for airport users and provide a more equitable mix of income for the regional facility.

The fees have been set at a level that keeps

parking affordable, while improving the availability of parking spaces for airport users and helping to share the cost of operating and maintaining our first-class regional airport.

The first two hours are free before fees apply (to assist with pick-up and drop-off).

Visit www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au for more information.

Water restrictions Armidale & Guyra level 3 - high

The forecast is for continued below average rainfall. Unfortunately water consumption has not reduced to the levels needed.

The following restrictions apply to the use of water supplied through the water reticulation system in the Armidale Regional Council area:

Domestic and commercial

Activity	Level 3 - High
Garden sprinklers and fixed hoses	NO. Aged and disabled only: 15 mins on Sunday & Wednesday
Hand held hoses, drip irrigation for lawns/gardens	NO
Buckets/cans	2 hours only. Not during the heat of the day. 9am - 4pm
Vehicle washing - Hand held hose	Buckets only. Not during the heat of the day. 9am - 4pm
Washing down hard surfaces - high pressure cleaner only	NO
Washing down hard surfaces - hand held hose	NO
Filling private swimming pool	NO
Topping up swimming pool	Buckets only. No fixed hoses.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

An Extraordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 May 2019 at the Armidale Council Chambers, 135 Rusden St, from 4pm. The meeting will consider Council's Operational Plan and Budget for 2019/2020. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings.

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The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 May 2019 at the Guyra Council Chambers, 158 Bradley St, from 4pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings.



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Ben Lomond Hall marks centenary

Ben Lomond Hall welcomed around sixty people to a short formal Anzac Day service. This occasion marked a centenary of the addition of the brick front room considered to be "an expression of grief and an acknowledgement of service, but at the same time providing a practical memorial for community use."

It was once a reading/meeting room and war museum, housing books, relics and souvenirs of the war. The flags, machine guns and bugles, were dispersed to the Australian Comfort Fund in 1939. Photographs of the men and women who served remained and were upgraded in 2006. They remain on permanent display within the foyer of the hall.

Mr Greg McGuire mentioned his connection with our

local area through his wife Liz, a child of a British migrant family sponsored by the Ward family of Wandsworth. He spoke of his background and the journey in research for the details of service personnel.

We thank Greg for having researched all of the names on both the WW1 and WW2 marble tablets at the front of the hall. The publication he complied records all of the pertinent information relating to each name and the committee is thankful for the copy he presented to the Ben Lomond War Memorial Hall Committee for the community's benefit.

Anne Thrift presented a photograph of Tony Wall to add to the hall's display of personnel who have served. Don Stride accepted the photograph as a representative of the committee.



Don Stride accepted a new photograph of Tony Wall which

will be displayed at the hall **Right:**

Greg McGuire has researched the service records of Ben Lomond residents who served during

WWI and WWII



Cloud free and crystal clear

Cloud free and crystal clear but decidedly crisp were the conditions for the Star Grazers at Ben Lomond Recreation Reserve on Saturday April 27th. At dusk and into the evening, 25 adults and children viewed space as seen by the naked eye and viewed through telescopes.

A key part of the evening was to differentiate between planes and satellites just after sunset. The satellites count at dusk was about eight satellites and we kept on counting, while this perfect viewing sky exposed the river of air traffic between Sydney /Brisbane and Brisbane/Adelaide.

The International Space Station passing in a low arc on the southern horizon as it passed over Tasmania was just visible from northern NSW around 6:12 pm, was quite a spectacle closely followed by the Hubble Space Telescope passing high up into the northern sky about 6:23 pm. A few falling stars were also noted.

Lachlan with Mum, Tracy came from Glen Innes in daylight hours to learn how to set up their telescope, (a 6" Newton-



Gathered at Lachlan's telescope, he teaches the adults about astronomy. The UNENTAS telescope (blue), a 10" Meade Cassegrain telescope is in the foreground. Thank you to UNETAS for making this available the modified Moon Shed behind.

ian Reflector, Dobson mount), ready to use throughout the evening. With that accomplished Lachlan returned the favour and shared his astronomy knowledge and demonstrated his favourite App 'StarWarp2.'

Margaret, from Armidale UN-ETAS group pointed out 'The Emu in the Sky' Unlike the constellations, which are made up of groupings of stars, the aboriginal cultural story lies in the pictures made by the dark spaces between and among the stars, in this case The Milky Way. The Emu in the sky appears in April/May and appears to have eggs. Tradition is that while the symbol appears in the sky emu eggs may be collected. Later when that sign is gone it is too late to harvest the eggs as they will soon be hatching.

Rusty's special roast potatoes

with sour cream, tomatoes and coleslaw available from the Moon Shed 'hit the spot' with a hot drink, as the chill of the evening set in. Thanks to Tom and Rusty for their work on modifications to the so that light for cooking does not impact on astronomical viewing conditions. Thanks also to the Recreation Ground Committee, those mowing the oval and preparing the site for this event.



Gazette Footy Tipping









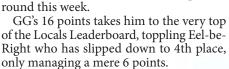












Congratulations to Vu (Celebrities) and GG (Locals) who both scored a perfect

Ben at IGA is still leading the Celebrities, on 74 points, but he is only 2 points ahead of Vu and Mick. June and Soley are sharing 3rd place on 62.

No doubt everyone noticed the Gazette's

pathetic attempt at tipping this week! We are quitting; throwing in the towel; even the dummy will be spat. Reserves from the bench will be called in!

With GG leading the Locals on 78, we have Pete and the Red Devils (who both scored 14 points) in 2nd place on 74. Next we have Jy on 72 who is making steady progress after faltering in the starting gates.

Rumour has it that there could be trouble brewing in a family syndicate.

Sue's Tips Rabbits Cowboys Storm **Panthers** Sea Eagles Roosters



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Eels



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Score: 62

June's Tips

Warriors

Eels

Rabbits Cowboys Storm

Raiders Sea Egles Roosters

Warriors **Dragons**



Meals Snacks ... Cakes allat Juneils 102 Bradley St Guyra Cafe

0467 315 915

Score: 62

Ben's Tips

Rabbitohs Cowboys Storm

Raiders

Bulldogs Roosters

Warriors Eels

This week's specials: Lettuce - \$2 each Australian whole Eye Fillet - \$26 kg Carlton Dry stubbies

\$46

6779 1555

Score: 74

B-&-L's Tips

Rabbits Titans Sharks Raiders **Bulldogs** Roosters Warriors

Eels



Fourways Service Centre

Maxxis Tyres & other leading brands Mechanical repairs Log book servicing Rego inspections



87-89 Bradley Street 6779 1284

Score: 58

Vu's Tips

Rabbits Cowboys Storm

Raiders

Bulldogs **Tigers**

Warriors Eels



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Hockey

Following the Easter break it clearly showed that some Guyra C grade players had over done it as the game against United was not pretty. Fortunately, with some courageous work in the centre, Guyra came away with the win.

Andrew Woods and Tim Catterall played well as forwards up in the wilderness area with some very good link ups. A special mention must go to Scott Behrend standing in for goalie especially when he had his eyes open and to Jake McRae for filling in. Thank you to the supporters attending, all two of them. Guyra C grade have a bye next week

Unlike the men, the Easter break seems to have done the women's team the world of good. After an undesirable start to our season, Saturday's game showed some promise with a win over Harlies. In the heat of mid-Saturday afternoon, we began to show some class. Our attackers showed their hunger getting the ball through to Tegan Mendes, scoring three nice goals past a very talented goalie. As always, our defence was controlled well with the backs keeping things tight and our new, young goalkeeper Ingrid Chillcott-Geere made some great saves.

We get the weekend off this week playing a mid-week game on Monday night, fingers crossed we can continue our winning streak.

Tegan Mendes

Ladies' Golf

Vicki Reeves played an outstanding round of golf on Wednesday 24th April in the Stroke Competition which included the 3rd Golf NSW Medal Round. Vicki shot 82 gross which gave her a 66 net, taking only 23 putts. Jenny Rogers was runner up on 70 net and nearest the pins were won by Kath Varley (9th), Belinda Lenehan

(10th) and Kate Dugdale (18th). We were pleased to welcome the six Armidale players who have now qualified for the Graeme Betts final.

On 8th May we will compete in a Stableford sponsored by Donna White.

The Phantom

Men's Golf

Last Saturday the mixed championships were held, sponsored by TWG. The winners were Scott Mendes and Vicki Reeves and the Nett winners were John and Nancy Prisk. Nearest to the pins were Steven Sole on the 7th, Debbie Burey on the 9th, Scott Mendes on the 10th and Ian Taylor on the 18th.

On Sunday an 18 hole stableford was played for the Spar Express trophy and April monthly mug. The winner was Richard Burey, with David Lyes runner up. Nearest to the pins were Darrin Towells on the 7th, Ian Taylor on the 10th and Steven Sole on the 18th.

Next Sunday an individual stableford will be held for a Club trophy and May's monthly mug.

The Albatross

Vets Golf

Tuesday April 23rd was a cool and breezy autumn morning, with 14 Vets playing an Individual Stableford Event. We welcomed Graham Wyles from Armidale as the Armidale greens were being cored.

The winner of the day was John Prisk with 39 points, followed by Paul Redden, with a score of 38. Terry Varley and John Prisk were the best putters, putting only 27 times. Herb Wilson was closest to the pin on the 7th hole, Terry Varley the 10th and Paul Redden on the 18th.

We will be playing a 4 Ball Best Ball game in Guyra on June 11th to qualify for the New England 4 Ball Best Ball Final. The Guyra teams with the three best scores will travel to Glen

Innes on Tuesday August 13th to play in the district final. The winners will be eligible to play in the NSWVGA Final in Port Macquarie on September 30th October, 1st. Think about finding a partner for this event.

On Tuesday April 30, 18 Vets played a 4 Ball Multiple. The winners, with a massive score of 90 points, were Phil Devlin and Custard Mulligan. Jim Betts and Doug Archibald also came in with great score of 84!

Nearest the pins were awarded to John Prisk on the 7th, Nancy Prisk the 9th, Warren McCowen on the 10th and Jim Betts was very close to the pin on the 18th.

22 Vets will be traveling to Walcha on Thursday for another Pennants game and Glen Innes will host the last Pennants game for this year on May, 21st.

The Vet

Men's Bowls

The Guyra Bowling Club's Major/Minor 3 Bowl Pairs will be played this weekend Saturday May 4th and Sunday May 5th.

Each team is to consist of one major graded bowler and one minor graded bowler. The team may consist of two men, two women, or one man and one woman.

They will play three games of 18 ends on Saturday and two games of 18 ends on Sunday, with an Open Draw to be conducted at 8.45am on Saturday May 4th. Play will commence 9.00am both Saturday and Sunday

Total prize money \$1,450.00. Entry fee \$40.00 per team. Entries have closed.

Bowls Bandit.

Junior soccer

The 2019 Junior Soccer season kicks of this Saturday, 4th of May. Our first round games are in Armidale. There have been some changes to the draw published last week so this week's games are as follows:

16A Jnr Caspers v Armidale City White Harris Park 2 8.30am 14A Ghosts v TAS Blue TAS Adamsfield 10.00am 14B Lil Caspers v North Arrrows Phil Wheaton Oval 10.00am 12B Spirits v Walcha Wolves Phil Wheaton Oval 11.10am U10 Cobras v DK Castles Rologas 11 10.00am **U9 Vipers** v DK Saints Rologas 14 9.00am U9 Jets v DK Rockets Rologas 15 11.00am **U8 Jaffas** v DK Blades Rologas 16 9.00am U8 Skittles v DK Saxons Rologas 14 10.00am **U7 Jellybeans** v East Bears NE Sportsground 2 10.00am U7 Smarties v East Rhinos Harris Park 5 9.00am U6 Spooks v Armidale City Blue Harris Park 5 10.00am

Thank you to all of the Coaches that are volunteering their time this season. It is greatly appreciated. We are still confirming a Coach for the Under 8 Skittles. Most training times have been confirmed and are as follows:

Tuesday U8 Jaffas (Cordy Lloyd) 3.30pm U9 Jets (Jess Brennan and Scott McFarlane) 3.30pm U9 Vipers (Brianna Merritt) 3.30pm (Please note: for this week training will be on Thursday 2.4.19 at 3.30pm)

Wednesday **U12 Spirits** (Dullaway Family) 3.30pm **U16 Jnr Caspers** (Adam Brennan) 5.00pm

Thursday U6 Spooks (Lorna and Steve Ahern) 3.30pm U7 Jellybeans (Trudi Brown) 3.45pm U7 Smarties (Mitchell Hope) 3.30pm U10 Cobras (Michael Colvin) 3.30pm U14A (Hayden Raper and Paul Dullaway) 4.30pm U14B (Craig Lockyer) 4.30pm

Please remember to check out the Guyra United Soccer Club Facebook page as we post updates and information regularly. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Dullaway on 0428747072. See you on the sideline!

Jo Dullaway

Guyra Sheep & lamb Sale

April 24th - There was a reduced penning of 4040 sheep and lambs at the Guyra saleyards last week. Lamb numbers almost halved from the previous sale on April 10th to 1230, with sheep down by a third to 2810. The quality of the lambs was fair to good. There was not a lot of restocker activity, some from feedlotters, while the regular processors operated.

Comparing the market trend to the previous sale two weeks ago, plain condition light weight Merino lambs sold to cheaper trends. The lack of restocker competition was a factor. Good quality crossbred lambs to the feedlotters sold to a slightly cheaper

trend, easing as much as \$5/head. Once again, the lack of restocker competition was a factor.

Well finished lambs in all weight categories to processors remained firm, while there was an odd sale \$1 to \$2/head dearer. There was reduced restocker competition in the sheep market despite a good supply of light weight Merino ewes carrying some wool. The reduced restocker competition, combined with weaker demand from processors saw market trends cheaper throughout. The few well finished heavy weights were least affected.

Weekly Wool Sales

April 18th - The Northern region sale was held at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, giving the wool industry exposure to a large audience. Signs of the market stabilizing proved correct with some small gains being managed from the headline indicators. This ended a seven-week downtrend that had been the longest running in over 15 years. 40,774 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 10.3%.

Major buyers were Seatech, Tianyu and Techwool with good support evident from most of the trade. The finer Merino types continued to come under downward pressure due to quality issues with the better style types reported as slightly dearer for the week.

The broader Crossbreds continued their record breaking run up with the 28-micron indicator now 34% dearer than the corresponding period last season. Forward market prices remained firm out until June with levels available very close to current physical market prices.

The industry entered a brief oneweek recess for Easter with sales resuming the week commencing the 29th of April.

PUBLIC NOTICES

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM open on Sundays 11am to 3pm. Enquiries or group bookings: 6779 21322

The FOOD PANTRY IS CLOSED until 3rd May. It will then be OPEN on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of the month from 11am-12pm and then in the afternoon from 1pm-3pm.

After 10 years of operation in Guyra, Hairy Tales Comb True Salon will be closing on Thursday, 9th May 2019.

Edna, Tegan, Natalie, Trent and Laurie would like to thank all their loyal customers for their support over the years, and also thank staff for their dedication and service during that

If you are holding a Gift Voucher from the Salon, we ask that you redeem this prior to 9th May 2019.

We wish Cath and Hannah all the best in their new venture and urge Guyra residents to continue to support Guyra's local business first.

LAMB/SHEEP DRIVE

Donations of lamb/sheep for sale at the

Guyra Sale on May 15th

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RETURN THANKS

CONNIE NEWBERRY

The family of the late Connie Newberry wish to extend our sincere thanks to relatives and friends for their messages of sympathy, floral tributes, food, cards, phone calls and support.

Our thanks also to the doctors, MPS staff, Kolora staff and Horder Family Funerals for their care of Mum.

Please accept this as our personal thanks. Graeme & Jenny, Barry & Trixie, Leonie & Ian Taylor and Joy & David Saunders and their families

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Eel-be-Right Nightwatchman 3 PS	70 70 70	Elva Brazier Fire Breather Chris Morley	64 60 58	Sea Eagles vs Broncos Bulldogs vs Knights Warriors vs Dragons
Bookworm Bulldog	68 68	Old Chook My Name Jeff	58 44	Storm vs Eels Roosters vs Raiders Rabbits vs Cowboys

Three on a trot for Caspers

The Caspers' first grade side took to the field on Saturday, taking on South Armidale in the third round of the local soccer competition. They were keen to keep their early good form going into the game, but did not know what to expect with the Souths team made up of refugees whose national sport is the round ball game.

Guyra started the game brilliantly and were controlling possession using their wide players with Tyson Burey and Harrison Dowden getting plenty of ball. It wasn't long before the Caspers got an opportunity which was calmly put away by Vanuatuan striker Charles, adding to his already large tally of goals. Five minutes later, with some great build up, Charles had his second calmly knocking it in to an open goal.

At this stage it looked like the flood gates might open, but to South Armidale's credit their game picked up. They were starting to create opportunities of their own catching the Guyra boys on the counter and looking ominous. To Guyra's credit the defence was solid with Will, Ash, Lukey and Simmo filling in defensively for the game shutting down anything that Souths threw at them.

Just before half time the Guyra boys were rewarded with a direct, given after Coach Corby was bought down in the box. B.J Kliendienst calmly put the ball past the keeper to make the Half Time score 3-0. Coach Corby was happy with what he thought was the boy's best half of soccer to date and wanted the boys to continue in the same manner.

South Armidale picked their game up to another level after the break and started looking very dangerous with the ball, and the Guyra boys missed a few good opportunities to add to the score. Late in the game they leaked a late goal when a ball fell loose in the box giving the Souths' team a goal they had worked very hard for, making the final score 3-1.

The boys were a bit disappointed but overall their effort was great and they will only get better with every game they play. Tyson Burey had a great game and received 3 points, with B.J. Kliendienst controlling the middle well getting the 2, and Harrison Dowden getting 1 with another great game out wide.

The boys are excited with their next clash being TAS in Armidale and are looking forward to testing themselves against a team that has dominated the competition for a few years now. Support would be great to see away from home so come along and enjoy what should be a great clash.

Second grade notched up

their first win of the season with a hard fought win against Souths. The game started slowly for the Guyra side with Souths on the attack early but some great scrambling defence and keeping, kept Souths out time and time again.

Guyra missed some first half opportunities to go into the break 0/0. The second half started much the same as the first, with Souths straight on the attack. Guyra dug their heels in and defended multiple corners to finally get out of their half with a counter attack led by Matt Sisson who got tackled from behind in the box leading to a dot shot. Scotty Miller stepped up to bury it to give Guyra a 1/0 lead. The game ended on that score with all the players giving 100%. Sarah Rosten got 3 points, Matt Simpson 2, and Eunice Blair 1 point to wrap up the points for their big efforts in the game.

EXPORT TRADE with our ASIAN NEIGHBOURS...

As previously stated, ERE was gazetted as a Schedule 3 [Notifiable] Australian Rabbit Disease in May 1999.

On 3rd September 2012, Biosecurity Australia (BSA) stated: "To date, NO Infectious disease AGENT has been Identified". BSA still acknowledge the existence of ERE as a Disease with only 14 Days Quarantine in Australia.

RHD TESTING - CONFUSION:

For our largest trading partner, China, the "Health Certificate" signed in Canberra on 18th June 2004 states that ERE exists & can only do the OIE Approved "Primary 'CODE TEST", being the "HI TEST". Yet, in February 2005, AQIS/BSA advises Government of INDIA-DAHDF that ... "MUST do the Elisa Test". The Elisa Test is an alternate, non OIE approved, SECONDARY/Alternate Test Manual/ Alternate TEST.

ALL three FINAL Australian Government "Health Certificates" being [For TRADE to INDIA]:

- ONE: Perhaps AHC 300707 Approval to Dr Bandyopadhyay on 24th November 2008
- TWO: AHC 300707 May 2010 After Ministerial Visit to Hon Tony Burke, in February 2010 THANKS TO HON TONY WINDSOR
- THREE: AHC 300707/130312 Approved 12th March 2013.

Kindly Note: Despite all my efforts & paid Agricultural Expert Consultants/ Laboratory Expert Consultants, etc at great cost.

The Govt of INDIA-DAHDF required in Item #5 of the Protocols approved by Australian Govt/AQIS/BSA "Health Certificate" that the INDIAN Protocol & Australian "Health Certificates" under Item #5" REQUIRED Negative Test Results.

Kindly note Ministers, the Elisa Test, DEMANDED by Australian Govt, gave POSITIVE test results. So the Export was impossible UNLESS Dr Grave did both Tests. The ONLY Laboratory to be able to do this was the OIE Approved Rabbit Lab in Brescia, ITALY.

The Indian TRADE had the full support of an Indian ex-PM & had the potential to be a Multi-Billion Dollar Export. Dr Grave won the Contract through the British Trade Commission, commenced February 2003; money allocated for Contract 31/3/2005 to 31/3/2007 & extended.

BLOOD TESTING CERTIFICATION for International TRADE & Lloyd's of London Class One Livestock INSURANCES using Mr Tim HARRIS, World Expert on Animal Transport [Lloyd's insists on this].

The Australian Govt/AQIS/BSA had NO REASON to get involved – at all. Dr Andrew CUPIT & Dr Robyn Martin thought otherwise. Following March 2013, Health Certificate Approval WHICH WAS TOTALLY FALSE.

AQIS/BSA determined they NEEDED to APPROVE an Export Blood Certification Document. An "MTA Agreement". This took years & was never finalised to Dr Grave's Export satisfaction. NO SURPRISES here, that it took years to

achieve nothing.

That is when, on 16th August 2016, I had a "Harassment Claim against Dr Grave" referred to the FRAUD Section of Federal Dept of Agriculture authorized by Hon B Joyce.

This stopped any further correspondence & any Import/Export enquiries were ignored. That was over 20 Months ago.

OVERSEAS EXPORTS:

For the Indian Protocol & Export TO INDIA [G B Pant University] in December 2008, Dr Grave did DOUBLE the Blood Test requirements at EMAI Lab in Sydney. Blood Tests 30 days &15 days BEFORE Export, AHC -300707 dated 24th November 2008.

[Kindly note: the Head of EMAI & many researchers are MEMBERS of "Foundation for a Rabbit Free Society/ Australia, based in SA.]

Also Note: BSA sent two differing letters to the Indian Officials from Dr Robyn Martin & Dr Michael Hibbert. BSA Canberra was in effect 'bullying the Indian Authorities'. The Australian Agricultural Ambassador [Dr David INGHAM] in New Delhi went AWOL, his Secretary was sick for over 2 weeks; Canberra went quiet, especially Dr Andrew CUPIT. The Export failed.

TULARAEMIA TESTING:

Australian Govt/BSA DECLARED in writing: "Australia is free of Tularaemia". Ministers, kindly refer to the Australian web-site.

For example, Dr Grave could do

Tularaemia Testing at the OIE Brescia

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Lab; BUT the Tularaemia RESULTS could not be "Certified by AQIS/BSA, NOR accompany the export shipment".

BORDER DISEASE TESTING (Sheep):

Àustralian Govt/AQIS/BSA declare, IN WRITING to DAHDF-Govt of India: "Australia is FREE of Border Disease". Regrettably for the Indian Delegation from Ladakh & Kashmir, trying to purchase Merino Rams at Dubbo Ram Sales [2005], some of the tests & re-testing proved POSITIVE for Border Disease'. Is this one of the reasons there is NO TRADE\$ Agreements with INDIA??

The Australian EXPORT to India, in 2003, of 200 Dairy Heifers by a WA pig farmer [breach of confidentiality by Dr Robyn Martin], saw the Dairy Heifers still in New Delhi Quarantine in April 2008 [Dr. Grave in New Delhi on Rabbit business with Australian Agricultural Ambassadors].

DAIRY HEIFER EXPORT (Cattle)

The Quarantine Issue: Blue Tongue in all the 200 Dairy Heifers. Australia did not follow the correct protocols. A SCAM by the Exporter [Denmark WA Pig Farmer with a questionable Quarantine Station. Taranaki Farmers in NZ were scammed by this man & closed their Co-Op Business in NZ].

Is this another reason for NO Trade Agreements? And the Embarrassing High Court Cases in New Delhi about these sacred cows. This was an unmitigated disaster for Australian Trade.