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Aged care needs up for discussion

The aged care needs of the Guyra community was the subject of a forum held last week by McLean Care. Residents of the Kolora Aged Care facility, their families, and members of the wider community were brought together to discuss issues surrounding the delivery of services.

The event was an opportunity for locals to meet the board and executive team of McLean Care and share their opinions about aged care and disability services in the community.

Organisers were more than happy with the attendance saying they were there to listen and that feedback is important so that the community gets what it wants for the future.

Focus groups were asked to consider four main areas, the first of which was 'What does McLean Care do well?' Most agreed that the facility was first and foremost a 'home' and that residents were well cared for. High quality meals and a range of activities including arts and craft, bus trips and physical activities were all seen as positive. Volunteer involvement was one of the things that was valued by both residents and staff.

On the flip side, when asked what was not well done, partic-



Kolora Manager Melissa Scott led one of the discussion groups last Monday

ipants felt that a registered nurse on duty at night was something that would enhance their sense of wellbeing and security. The lack of access to outdoor areas was seen as a drawback, as was limited telephone access and limited television reception. Staff smoking on the grounds also came in for criticism.

Input was also sought into

the needs of people in the wider community and ways in which McLean Care could assist.

Alicia Eugene, McLean's business development partner, said that the open and honest feedback provided was exactly what they were looking for.

"The next step will be to collate all the information and look at issues that were identified," she said. "Some things

that have been suggested are very doable, and the board will look at the information and see what we can make happen."

"It has been a valuable exercise, and there have been some great ideas which we are excited to move forward with. We will certainly be back again next year."

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Polding winter trials

Guyra's driest April for 22 years



Jessica Taylor



Shanae Wark

On Friday May 3rd, two students from St Mary of the Angels represented the school at the Polding Winter Trials in Tamworth.

Shanae Wark (Soccer) and Jessica Taylor (Hockey) had previously competed at the

Diocesan Winter Trials and were picked in the Polding Teams for their relevant sport.

Both girls played extremely well but unfortunately were unsuccessful in gaining a spot in the PSSA State Champi-

onship team. The girls had a lot of fun and enjoyed the experience.

Congratulations girls on this achievement and for being such great ambassadors for your school.

As the drought of 2018/2019 intensifies the April rainfall total of just 3.6 mm was the lowest for the month of April since 1997 which recorded 3.4 mm

APRIL SUMMARY

(Long term average in brackets)

Rainfall: 3.6 mm (48 mm) on 3 days

Average maximum temp: 19.6C (18.1C)

Average minimum temp: 7.6C (6.9C)

Highest:

23.2C on the 8th

Lowest maximum:

15.4C on the 2nd

Lowest:

2.0C on the 1st

Frosts: 1 (2.5)

Sunny days:

15 (15)

Days with thunder:

0 (1)

Source: <http://www.weathermidale.com/guyra.html>



Guyra & District Chamber of Commerce Inc.

Morning tea for new residents

Guyra & District Chamber of Commerce
is hosting a Morning Tea to welcome new residents to Guyra. Locals are very welcome to come along, bring a new friend, enjoy morning tea, and meet new people.

on: Saturday, 11th May at 10.30am
at: Coffee Break Cafe, New England Highway

RSVP by: Thursday, 9th May
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Untreated water for tomato farm

. At last week's meeting of Armidale Regional Council (ARC) it was decided to move ahead with a proposal to encourage the Elm St glasshouses operated by the Costa group to use untreated water from the Malpas Dam Pipeline.

First established in 2004, Costa has been producing tomatoes on the original site for 15 years and currently use around 40-50% of the water produced by the Guyra water treatment plant. Currently operating at near full capacity, pumps that transfer treated water to Guyra are undersized and the town's two reservoirs are also too small to meet peak daily re-

quirements. ARC Mayor Simon Murray said that council is working with the Costa group to see if they can use untreated water once the Malpas pipeline is complete.

Council has supplied water quality data to the Costa Group for initial assessment of what treatment would be required so they can assess the costs associated with treating water from Malpas Dam

"If that occurs, it will reduce the amount of water which has to be treated and will allow council look at other water uses," Cr Murray said. "Council is looking at supplying untreated water at a rate which is comparable

with other intensive horticultural users around the State.

"It will cost a significant amount of money for Costa's to install their own plant and providing a two-year grace period will enable the tomato farm to assess the economics of switching to an untreated water source."

CEO Susan Law will continue negotiations between ARC and the Costa group.

Tomato production at the Costa group's second farm north of Guyra uses water harvested on site, and treated water is used only for domestic use such as showers and toilets.

No plant upgrade for town supply

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray says that there will be no new water treatment plant for Guyra, amid confusion over an announcement made by Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall.

In announcing funding for the Malpas Pipeline earlier in the year Mr Marshall said that an upgrade was part of the funding package that would end the ongoing problem of 'discoloured, foul smelling and poor quality potable water from the local water supply', promising

that *'the pipeline and the construction of a new treatment plant to replace the old one will permanently resolve those issues'*.

This week Mr Marshall stood by his earlier announcement saying that the pipeline in itself will not improve the quality of the water supplied to the township of Guyra.

"The pipeline itself doesn't do the job," Mr Marshall told the Gazette.

"As far as I am concerned the second part of the project was an upgrade of the treat-

ment plant."

Cr Murray said that the treatment plant was never part of the pipeline project and is unsure of why Mr Marshall thought it was.

He said that the construction of the Malpas Dam to Guyra pipeline includes building a powered activated carbon unit at Council's Guyra depot, which will pretreat water in the pipeline.

"In a sense I think this is what created the confusion and with the funding application."

\$5000 for kitchen upgrade at Showground

A new state-of-the-art kitchen is a dream for many keen community cooks, and Guyra Show Society now has \$5000 to put towards upgrades thanks to a Community Kitchen Grant from the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Foundation (RAS). Nowra East Community Garden Kitchen Project Team, Nowra East Public School and Nowra East Community Pride Group along

with Narrabri and District Pony Club were also successful applicants.

The Community Kitchen Grant provides recipients a share of over \$30,000 worth of kitchen cabinetry, benches and kitchen appliances every year to towns in NSW that successfully demonstrate the benefits a kitchen upgrade would have on the local community. This year the kitchen and appliances

have been generously donated by IKEA.

The RASF Community Kitchen Grant winners were announced at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. RAS Foundation Executive Officer, Cecilia Logan, said the calibre of entries was high with more than 60 applications from communities across NSW received.

"It was tremendously difficult to choose a winner as

Drug arrest

A 20-year-old female has been charged in relation to an alleged network supplying a large quantity of illegal drugs from the Newcastle area to the New England Region.

On Friday May 3rd, investigators arrested a 20-year-old Guyra resident at Armidale Police Station. She has been charged with knowingly take part in supply prohibited drug, commercial quantity. She was refused bail and was due to appear before Armidale Local Court on Monday.

Strike Force JANIAN was commenced by Investigators from the New England Police District in October 2017 to investigate the supply of prohibited drugs into the New England area and surrounds.

In May 2018 Strike Force FABLE was established by Coffs/Clarence Police District and worked jointly with New England Police District to investigate the source and ongoing supply of large-scale prohibited drugs in to the Armidale area.

New England Police District Commander, Superintendent Scott Tanner said that the investigations and subsequent arrests of JANIAN and FABLE have dismantled what was a lucrative drug syndicate. As inquiries continue, further people can expect to be arrested and put before the courts.

there are just so many worthy communities," Ms Logan said. "The winning applications demonstrated active, close knit communities able to achieve great things with a fabulous new kitchen.

"A key factor was that the kitchen will receive broad use by different community groups and can attract new groups or events, resulting in additional revenue streams for local organisations."

What's HOT

COOL CRISP morning air and a carpet of leaves on the ground

RAIN that boosts your spirits and your garden (even if it wasn't as much as we had hoped for)

GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP by Junior League players who filled in for Ashford so everyone got a game

FOUND in main St necklace - now with Guyra police

What's NOT

NOT GETTING your Gazette delivered on time

QUOTE of the week

There is no experience better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
30	Tues	6.5	17.4	0
1	Wed	10.1	16.8	0
2	Thurs	10.6	19.1	0
3	Fri	9.6	16.1	0
4	Sat	11.1	14.9	6.2
5	Sun	2.1	12.8	1.6
6	Mon	2.4	15.0	0

Rain this week	7.8mm
April rainfall	3.6mm
Rainfall YTD	168.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	190.8mm

Lions Easter Raffle

The Lions Club of Guyra were kept busy prior to Easter selling raffle tickets at Kirks IGA. The club would like to thank everyone who supported this raffle and all their other fundraising and community activities.

They appreciate the continued support of Kirks IGA for allowing the use of their store for selling tickets.

Prizes went to 1st Ross Heagney, 2nd David Pearson, 3rd David Saunders. Easter Eggs Irene Graham.

Right: Harry Kirk drew the winning ticket with the help of Lion Geoff Reeves



Have your say.....

A new way

To begin the way of a new way to help nurture your land, being anyone owning any land, or also living among the new way wave of helping our planet remain as a grass growing, tree staying, and water-holding land, then a very need is to plant tree lines from this coming winter. We very much say a Coles group is funding a need. Well done Coles. Can the receivers then plan a tree line way on every western fenceline from this winter. Using funding to slow wind effects that dry, and also can shade the livestock producing grass fed meat. When only a feed, water-storage need is the only answer to a possible continuing dry, then why are we not supporting a tree growing way also, to support the care and nurture of land offering this grass fed meat way. Can a land manager, being those with a tree line growing now need, very well see the need to plant many one line rows of trees that can offer shade, shelter, and also catch any moisture that is carried by wind currents and swirling rain events. The need is to offer shade any way to every animal in a paddock, if not there, from this day now. This is a very vital need in the rain-catching way rain, such as dew,

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mist, frost, and also the unknown way a night-time need to release the evaporating tree way a tree provides a microclimate around itself, to water itself at night. Every night in the Northern Tablelands, and elsewhere, a rain effect takes place around trees. It is a need to stop clearing any trees presumed "in the way" of a new fence also. Consider the time taken to grow a old tree. Years it takes to reach a very needed size that shades a land, or animal, from western sun-drying, wind-drying, and also the not well known effect of soil supporting, being the very tree need from this day on. Trees create our land. Not grass. Old trees laying down rot and become our humus. Meaning. Many new ways can be found by observing tree places on or near your land. Then the recognition of how we all need trees here, in

every way they may be on your land, or elsewhere, meaning planet Earth as a whole needing the stopping of tree clearing this second. We must revere the every single original tree we have here this day. Planting a single row on a west fenceline from this winter, and possibly only planted in the cool months, due to hot air from the unbroken wind on these very hot days still being experienced, is the need from this winter. Please walk land today. Meaning everyone take a walk today. A walk, not a drive through please. Sit and observe everything around you then and there, meaning not from a ute or bike please. Sit on earth, or a fallen log, and sense the need your land speaks clearly every single moment of a day. Practice a very quiet mind for this time and hear ways you can offer the soil, tree, land needs you now know will appear clearly, as this continuing dry is still here. Plan a wide single row of a tree being a need in your land. Observe your need as you sit by a west fenceline for which may be suited right there. Offering a wide width tree growing space, meaning width of fence to plant one row, is the future seeding of many you plant in a one row from this winter.

Ali Cairns BSc

Problem dogs - what happens

Following recent reports of dog attacks, we quizzed council on the responsibility of dog owners.

Council say they receive infrequent reports of dog attack in the Guyra township. Three separate attacks in Guyra were reported and acted upon during the first half of April but it is rare to have such a high frequency of reports.

Under NSW laws, dog owners are required to keep their animals properly restrained by a responsible person while in public. At all other times, pet dogs must be kept in a secure yard. Dogs owners are responsible for any damage or attacks caused by their pets.

Council rangers respond promptly to reports of incidents or concerns involving dogs. That includes out-of-hours responses for reports

of dogs attacks. Patrolling rangers will also act if they see dogs roaming unaccompanied. These dogs are impounded and, if the dogs are microchipped and the owners can be identified, the owners are notified. Owners may be infringed for failing to secure their dogs. Incidents involving dogs, including roaming dogs, are recorded for future reference.

If dogs are identified as causing a problem, the animals are impounded. If the dogs are microchipped and the owners can be identified, the owners are notified. Incidents are then considered on a case-by-case basis and, if the matter is considered to be serious enough, dogs can be destroyed.

Dogs are never immediately destroyed. If a dog has been implicated in a dog attack, the matter is investi-

gated and if the dog is then found to have committed an attack the owner will receive an infringement notice. The owner is also issued with a notice to declare the dog as 'Nuisance', 'Menacing' or 'Dangerous', depending on the circumstances.

If a dog has been seized as part of a dog attack, the normal process applies in regards to finding the owner of the dog. If a stray dog has been seized and the owner cannot be located or identified, the dog will be held and cared for at the Armidale Companion Animal Shelter. For a non-microchipped animal, the owner has one week to contact the shelter and arrange pick-up. The holding period for microchipped animals is two weeks (fees apply). If no owner has come forward before the respective periods expire, the dog is

then available for adoption by members of the public.

It is important to note, medical and behaviour assessments are conducted on all dogs and cats to determine their suitability for rehoming. If they have aggressive behavioural qualities, they are euthanised, to prevent the risk they might hurt any other person or animal.

Residents are encouraged to make reports by phoning Council's 24-hour phone service, 1300 136833, or they can go to Report It on the Council website, <https://www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/report-it> Online reports can be done easily on mobile devices. Reports can also be made in person at Council's offices in Guyra and Armidale.

RABBIT EXPORTS

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The Doolan Enquiry was set up by Hon Warren Truss in 2003 to investigate the "Illegal Commercial IMPORT of 9 Rabbits from USA". Enquiry [June 2003 to 23rd November 2003] by Mr Alan Doolan.

On the first day of the Enquiry, Dr Grave telephoned the US Embassy in Canberra and spoke to Mr Dennis Hannipal. He said: "It was all sorted, all fixed up." I offered my details, but he told me they were not necessary. Later that day, about 2pm, Mr Hannipal telephoned my Surgery in Sydney. He asked who I was. I told him I was a Dentist in Sydney. He told me he thought I was in the Ag Dept, so "Forget all I said" & hung up quickly.

The ENQUIRY was Fixed before it began. Organised by the Chief Advisor to Anderson/Truss & McGauren, Dr Chris PARKER, now Head of APVMA [Canberra & Armidale, Hon B Joyce's "BABY"]. Kindly note: it was asserted by Ms Meryl Stanton's staff & PA's, that she was more than holding hands with Mr Dennis Hannipal. Interesting.

On 4th November 1998, 9 Rabbits arrived from USA. 14 days quarantine at Wyong [Mr & Mrs Bridges]. Quarantine Station conditions a "real joke, total B-S by Dept Officers." Only trouble was: when quarantine release was done & completed on 18th

November 1998, AQIS/BSA then realised there had been NO PRECAUTIONS for ERE & the USA shipment had European Meat Rabbits [Harlequin Meat Rabbits from EU]. AQIS/BSA tried to get a further 6 months quarantine, but some of the progeny had been sold interstate & to ACT.

Dr Narelle Clegg addressed the Senate Committee with a monumental cover-up. BUT Grave was then hammered with 14 MONTHS QUARANTINE [December 2001 to March 2003] & an illegal Quarantine Station Approval [authorized a PAQF Quarantine Facility; should have been a QAP - Quarantine Approved Premise].

After 14 months QUARANTINE, Dr Narelle Clegg CLOSED the PAQF immediately.

This led to a Ministerial meeting with Hon Warren Truss in April 2003 in Canberra Ministerial Offices [but changed to his Chief Advisor, Dr Chris Parker]; & a meeting with Executive Director AQIS, Ms Meryl Stanton, on 30th May 2003 in SYDNEY. She thought the whole Rabbit IMPORT Protocols were a joke. She laughed at the loss of a \$100 Million per annum deal in Switzerland.

[AQIS promised the Commercial Documents on 1st July 1998. The

Companion/PET Rabbit conditions were Issued on 1st July, 1998 BUT NOT the Commercial Conditions until 22nd December 1998. We lost the \$100M per annum Contract to the Chinese Govt Company on 4th August 1998. Contract with Mr Rolland Hoffacher, MEDIMA Mills, Schaufhaussen, SWITZERLAND.

My Partner Suicided in early 1999.

The Doolan Enquiry was released on 23rd November 2003. Dr Grave had brought an ERE Expert to Australia, Dr Pierre Coudert, for the Canberra meetings to resolve the 'ERE Situation/Road-Blocks'. All I found out was he had been "PAID for a Literature Review" from the "AQIS Slush Fund" [as said by Dr Robyn Martin & she had not done an Official Contract, but only an Email, & payments were to his wife's account in Brussels]. The arguments ensued about his further payments & unpaid Invoices. ERE was NOT RESOLVED.

Our official meeting at 4.30pm with Ms Meryl Stanton never happened. She just went AWOL. The Late Dr David Banks was furious, but we left Canberra empty handed & NO RESOLUTIONS re ERE.

So, this was enough to alert Govt of Australia/AQIS/BSA to review the whole Export/Import Procedures.

TRY THIS ...

So the Rabbit EXPORT to China [10/11/06] 75 Pet/Companion Rabbits, stamped officially on 10th November 2006, Certificate #206-000153, went to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia so no-one could track the consignment to China. The Official Chinese "Commercial Import Conditions" document [signed 18th June 2004 in Canberra] was NEVER USED. Why would it, when it authorizes ERE as a Schedule 3 (Notifiable) Disease?

I am advised there were at least 14 such shipments. This Certificate #206-000153 was faxed to Dr Grave, in error, because the Exporters had falsely claimed these were: "The very best Guyra Rabbits". The implication was that the Rabbits had been through 14 months of quarantine & strict AQIS/BSA Protocols.

The Header of the fax reveals, supposedly, the name where funds are sent to allow the exports. This is in Hon David Littleproud's Electorate, the current Minister of Agriculture. There is a clear path from the Former Minister of Agriculture, Hon B Joyce, BUT absolutely nothing is asserted by myself of any impropriety, re defamation, as Hon Barnaby Joyce is very clear on this.

Hon B Joyce, has other Issues to answer, like ...

Meals on Wheels

May 9th Joyce Betts
May 10th Golf Club Ladies
May 13th Michael Austin
May 14th ARC Staff
May 15th Bob Furze

Street Stalls

May 9th, 10th, 11th Lions Club
May 16th Can Assist
May 17th Hospital Auxiliary
May 18th Rotary

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

Reunion planned for class of 1983

A reunion is planned for the class of '83 on the 26th October 2019 from 6pm at the Guyra Bowling Club. We are looking for anyone who was part of our class throughout the years (started school in 1973, year 6 1979, year 10 1983).

Please contact Judith Woodland (née Chapman) via email at woodland@aapt.net.au or Warren Ramage via email at warrenramage@hotmail.com or contact Warren on 0428001919.

A Facebook group has been started but we know a lot of people aren't on Facebook. If anyone is in contact with people who were in our class please let them know so they can contact us.



Spread the word if you were in this group who started school in 1973 and completed Year 10 1983



“Look that up in your Funk and Wagnalls”

Ramblings by the Guyra Ghost

To most of us over 60 that was the catch cry of the Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In, (Google it if you are under 60), and also what we did to complete homework and find out “things”.

Now of course, we Google anything from the chemical compound of chocolate; do fingernail clippings contain DNA or why do people open their mouths when applying mascara.

Every school and local library had a couple of sets and if you were lucky, Mum and Dad had

bought a set, on a plan, from a man selling door to door. Your own set at home wasn't so great as it cut down your legitimate excuses for Not Doing Your Homework.

So what will happen to all the Funk and Wagnalls, Encyclopaedia Britannicas, dictionaries and other reference books? Some will be collected by people with interest in the printed word, others by those who worry about the crash of the internet. This is understandable as we don't need to

bother about remembering anything these days; however, there may be more catastrophic results from such a crash as everything seems to depend on the net.

What about my sets? I really hate throwing away any book so it's been quite a wrench but I've decided to put them to good use. My solution as a keen gardener is to line the bottom of raised garden beds. Yes, I know, it seems a waste, but so is sending them to the tip.

Guyra wool up with the best at Sydney

Guyra wool producers Frank and Pip White of 'Tangley' took home the ribbon for the Reserve Champion fleece at the recent Sydney Royal Easter Show, with Mark and Lesleann Waters of Edington Merino Stud, Armidale entering the champion fleece.

It was the first time a stud merino breeder and purchaser of their rams for commercial were named champion and reserve champion. Both fleeces were in the open superfine class. The Edington fleece had a fibre diameter of 17.6 microns, greasy fleece weight of 5.7 kilograms, 100 per cent comfort factor and standard deviation of 2.8 per cent. The reserve champion fleece from the Whites at Tangley had a FD of 17.8 microns, GFW of 6 kg, SD of 2.7, CF of 99.9 per cent

Entrants this year were up on last year, with 172 in total. Sheep Committee Chairman, Greg Andrews, said this was largely due to an improvement in the number of entries from regional shows.

"That's something we've been pushing because we



Frank White with some of his award winning fleeces at this year's Guyra Show

haven't had a great representation from regional shows before, this year is the best we've ever had, that class was up by 50 per cent," Mr Andrews said. "The standard of entries was excellent given the current seasonal conditions."

Merino wool from the Guyra

district featured prominently among the winners. As well as the White family winning a number of classes, Graham and Wendy Baxter were among the winners and the Stewart family from "Moray" also featured.

"It is a credit to the produc-

ers that the wool is equal to the best from previous year's despite the tough conditions," he said. "Guyra wools are renowned for their soundness and brilliance and this was evidenced with the results."

Treat yourself at Kirks IGA

Customers at Kirk's IGA may notice a few changes to the delicatessen. Deli Manager Aleisha Clarke has revamped the display and added a new line of shaved meat products and invites customers to check out the fantastic new look.

They have also expanded their heat and eat range with some tasty offerings including Thai Beef Noodles,

Beef and Black Bean and Garlic Prawn Fettucine now available.

You will find a great selection of cheeses from all over the world with a variety of goat's cheese, and wide range of soft and hard cheeses. If you can't find what you are looking for they are more than happy to source products for you. You will also find many types of delicious olives and a good selection

of antipasto treats.

With winter approaching you can change enjoy a variety of roast meats which are ready cooked – you can pre order your lamb, beef or pork roasts for a quick and easy family meal.

Lunch specials are available every day including pork cutlets, bangers and mash, lasagne and they will be introducing stuffed

potatoes for winter.

If you are entertaining at home Kirk's can supply a range of food platters, including savoury, fruit, cold meats, salads – call in to discuss your needs and place orders.

While there have been some changes, rest assured they are still stocking all your favourites, just ask the staff if you can't find what you are after.



Nurture funding helps drought proof farm

Guyra district cattle farmers Bill and Jacqui Mitchell, of Glenbrook Pastoral, have received a grant from Coles to help them drought proof their property.

The Mitchells have sold grass-fed beef to the Coles supermarket chain for nearly a decade. However, last year's drought brought a halt to their business.

Now, funding from Coles is helping them put their meat back on grocery shelves. The Mitchells have received \$330,000 from Coles to build a single large water storage tank, a dam, and a hay shed.

The Mitchells are among 16 farmers and food producers in Australia - five of them in NSW - chosen to share \$5



million from the Coles Nurture Fund to protect their businesses from drought in

the long term.

The Mitchells were among the first farmers in the coun-

try to supply grass-fed beef for a then-new range, 'Graze', in 2014, and appeared on Channel 7's My Kitchen Rules segments to promote the product.

The supermarket giant created the Nurture Fund in 2015, promising to allocate \$50 million over five years in grants and interest-free loans to farmers and food manufacturers to fund the development of new market-leading products, technologies and processes. Last year they pledged to provide \$5 million in grants and interest-free loans from its existing Nurture Fund to help farmers across Australia combat drought.

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

May 1st - Lamb numbers doubled to 2545 while sheep supply eased by 900 head to 1950. There was an increased supply of well finished heavy and extra heavy weight lambs penned, those carrying more weight than the previous week. Restockers and feedlotter were also well supplied. The usual processors

were in place, along with increased Southern restocker and feedlotter competition. Demand from Southern orders was very strong resulting in dearer trends from \$10 to \$17/head on both the restocker and feeder lambs. This trend carried into the light weight lambs to processors. Well finished lambs to process-

ing met keener demand, with market trends also showing strong gains. The increased weight in the extra heavy weights was the determining factor for large improvement in the higher prices. There was a good supply of well finished heavy weight crossbred ewes and woolly Merino's. Processor

demand was high, particularly for the well finished lines and the longer wool Merino's. Competition was very strong and as a result, the market trend was significantly dearer across all classes. Not often does it happen that the highest price of the day was for grown sheep.

Armidale Cattle Sale

May 2nd - There was an increase in the numbers, with the last sale held 3 weeks ago. With the cold weather just around the corner, producers loathe to hold onto stock much longer. Cows and young cattle made up the bulk of the offering.

The quality of the yarding was very mixed, with a few pens of well bred feeder cattle available. The condition was mostly on the lower end of the scale with a few exceptions. Most of the usual processors attended, while there was increased feeder and restocker competition. Bear in mind that this report compares to the previous sale 3 weeks ago.

The increased restocker competition resulted in the steer vealers to restockers selling to a dearer trend, however the improvement was not a lot. The heifer portion to restockers were much dearer. There were some very well finished heavy weight vealers penned, suitable to the trade. They attracted

premiums of 25c to 30c/kg over the plainer condition lots.

Medium and heavy weight yearling steers to feed attracted strong competition, this, combined with a quality improvement, saw the market firm to 16c/kg dearer, with the heavy weights seeing the best improvement. Yearling heifers to feed sold to a dearer trend of as much as 30c/kg. Again, there was some improvement in quality. There were some good quality feeders in the grown steer category, also attracting strong demand. Light and medium weight cows sold to a slightly dearer trend, with both processors and restockers active.

The well finished heavy weight cows saw weaker demand and less competition to sell to a cheaper trend. There was a large penning of bulls. Strong demand from live exporters and processors resulted in a firm to dearer market trend, with the secondary quality bulls seeing the strongest gains.

Weekly Wool Sales

Wool sales resumed this week after the short one week Easter recess.

A common occurrence after a recess is an increase in the quantity available however the 43,000 bales on offer nationally were well supported by the trade.

This was no doubt partly due to forecasted offerings falling rapidly in the weeks ahead and also assisted by a decline in the Aussie dollar against the US dollar since the last sale prior to the recess.

All sectors of the market closed the week dearer with the 28 micron indicator once again closing at a new record high. 40,290 bales were

sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 6.4%.

Major buyers included Tianyu, Techwool & PJ Morris. AWTA test data released this week is showing a 10.3% decline in the weight of wool tested nationally for the season to date, with NSW (the largest wool producing state) suffering the greatest fall of 16.4%.

AWEX auction data is now showing 200,000 fewer bales have been offered nationally for the season to date. Short term contracts on the forward market traded close to this week's physical prices albeit on very limited volume.



Gazette Footy Tipping



It's a tight race at the top of the Celebrities Leaderboard with only 2 points separating the first three places.

Ben at IGA, 84, is still in the lead, followed by Mick at the Pub on 82 and hot on his heels is Vu at the Pharmacy on 80. Vu didn't have such a good week following his perfect score last week.

Flu season is here so call in and see Vu at the Pharmacy to get your flu shot.

GG remains at the top of the Locals Leaderboard on 88 points with consistent, good tipping.

Next we have three Locals in 2nd place on 84 points: Pete, the Red Devils and Jy. This trio is followed by Nightwatchman and 3PS on 80 points in 3rd place.

It's a slippery slide on the Locals Leaderboard and Eel-be-Right is now at the top of the column - except it's the wrong column!

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- Sea eagles
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- Dragons
- Storm
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- Rabbitohs



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Gazette's Tips

- Sharks
- Tigers
- Sea Eagles
- Knights
- Dragons
- Eels
- Roosters
- Rabbits



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Score: 62

Mick's Tips

- Sharks
- Panthers
- Broncos,
- Knights
- Warriors
- Eels
- Roosters
- Rabbitohs



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Foursomes title for Guyra pair

A contingent of golfers played at the Tenterfield Golf course last week in the New England District Tournament.

Eighty competitors included visitors from the New England, North West, Northern Rivers, Metropolitan Districts and Queensland.

The Tournament executives, led by Guyra's Pip White, were praised by Stuart Fraser (Chief Executive Officer of Golf NSW) for coordinating the successful event. Amanda Carr of Armidale is the 2019 New England District Champion.

Guyra ladies scored well over the three-day event. A highlight for Belinda Lenehan and Julie Walker was victory in the Foursomes Championship (Division 2) for the Beryl White Perpetual Trophy.

At Guyra, Jenny Rogers won the competition for 9 secret holes with 41 and two thirds. Belinda Lenehan was



Guyra golfers Julie Walker, Wendy Jackson, Pip White, Karen Oehlers, Vicki Reeves and Belinda Lenehan. Julie and Belinda won the Beryl White Trophy for the Foursomes Championship (Division 2).

runner up on 42 and two thirds. Nearest the Pins went to Jenny Rogers (9th), Jenny Tierney (10th) and

Joyce Betts (18th).

On 15th May we will compete for the 4th Golf NSW Medal and the Mable

McKenzie Brooch. This event is sponsored by Jenny Shiels.

The Phantom

Men's bowls

The Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club hosted their Major/Minor Three Bowl Pairs carnival. 20 teams graced the greens in less than ideal conditions. The Carnival went on regardless and was completed.

Play started Saturday morning at 9.00am and continued between showers, Sunday morning greeted the bowlers with favourable conditions. After 90 ends of Bowls were played, the results were determined.

Coming in, in first place was Steven Sole and Robert Walls (Guyra) with 5 wins plus 61 points. Second place went to G Witters and P Ahoy (Armidale Ex Services) with 5 wins plus 54 points. Third place Dan

Kennedy and Graham Starr (Guyra) with 4 wins plus 50 points. Fourth place went to Col Stanley and Evan Sole (Guyra) with 4 wins plus 48 points. Fifth place went to Ian Jacobs and John Hamel (Guyra) with 3 wins plus 50 points on a count back. In sixth place was Bill Newbury and partner (Glen Innes) with 3 wins plus 50 points.

Now to Club Championships set down for the weekend.

Saturday May 11th. Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: David Wilcox.

Open Singles: Scott Campbell to play John Jackson marker David Wilcox

Club Pairs: Steven Sole and Robert Walls to play Andrew Spark and Barry Presnell. Col Stanley and

David Lyes to play Michael Shiner and Partner.

Minor Singles: Evan Sole to play Roger Cox marker Geoff Reeves.

All games boarded are play or forfeit.

The Bowls Bandit.

Men's Golf

Last Sunday was an individual stableford for a Club Trophy and Monthly Mug. The winner was Darrin Towells with Dom Hill runner up. Nearest to the pins were David Lyes on the 7th and Barry Simpson on the 10th and 18th.

Next Sunday will be an individual stroke for a Club Trophy with the following Sunday being the Guyra Open 4 Ball.

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Locals Entry Form - Round 10

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 15th May**

Name:

Phone:

Storm	vs	Tigers
Panthers	vs	Warriors
Broncos	vs	Roosters
Titans	vs	Bulldogs
Cowboys	vs	Eels
Raiders	vs	Rabbits
Dragons	vs	Knights
Sharks	vs	Sea Eagles

Guyra pile on the points against Ashford

Guyra's junior teams were in top form on the weekend in their first round of games following the school holiday break. They played Ashford at home at the Sporting Complex, and dominated the western visitors taking out six of the seven games.

There were some big scores recorded with the under 8s winning 60-20, under 12s 64-0, and the under 14s 60-0. The games were a little closer in the league tag with the junior team getting up 16-14 and the intermediate team winning 32-22.

Ashford struggled with numbers in the under 10 game and had to forfeit. The game went ahead as a friendly match up with Guyra lending a few players to see all the players get a



Labron Joyce and Rylan Wilson

game.

The senior league tag game was the only game to go Ashford's way. They won the game 58-6, however this was

not a true reflection of the game according to President Gina Lockyer. The Guyra team showed good sportsmanship and improvement,

playing as a team and can expect much better results in the future.

Next week Guyra will travel to Inverell and can expect some much stiffer opposition.



Thomas Brazier



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Kobi Wilson (playing for Ashford) and Indigo Atkin

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