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So long and farewell Dr Sen

There was standing room only at a farewell morning tea held at Juniels on Saturday morning for Dr Sen, wife Vibisha and daughter Harishnee. After spending six years as a GP in Guyra he leaves as a much loved member of the community.

Coming to a small town in rural NSW was a big leap of faith for the young Sri Lankan trained doctor who knew just two people when he arrived.

A lot has changed since then – he became a citizen, studied hard, passed his exams, got married and became a father. As he prepares to depart for a new position in Singleton NSW, he will leave behind many devoted patients, most of whom he now counts as friends.

Robyn Jackson spoke on behalf of the community saying it was a really sad day.

“You have melded so well into our community, you were kind caring and have looked after the health of so many people,” Robyn said. “Thank you on behalf of the community and we wish you well in your future prospects.”

In response, Dr Sen reflected on his personal journey that began Sri Lanka. Civil unrest and a desire for a better way of life brought him to Australia,



FOND FAREWELL: Dr Sen, wife Vibisha and daughter Harishnee are on the move

working in emergency departments at Rockhampton and Blacktown hospital before taking up the offer of a job at the Guyra Medical Centre.

“I loved the job and the people were friendly and they loved me too – I decided this was something I could do for a long time,” Dr Sen told the gathering.

“In emergency you only do half the job and then tell people to go and see their GP, but this

is complete care - you see the patients and know the outcomes.”

“I don't see patients as Medicare or DVA cards - I see them as myself and try to put myself in their position and see what I can do for them.”

“Since I came here every year something has happened and now it is 2019 and the time has come to leave. But no matter how good you are you can be replaced.”

“Stick with the medical centre, support the local community - good doctors will come and they will do the best just as I have done.

“Thank you for accepting us as one of your member in the Guyra community and thank you very much for your gifts and your support and your love. I don't know any other doctor who would be lucky enough to have this much love.”

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Race to finish pipeline before we run out

Construction of a water pipeline from Malpas Dam to Guyra is slightly ahead of schedule, but may not be commissioned and in full use before the Guyra water supply dams runs dry. Level 4 water restrictions are now in place for the whole of the Armidale Regional Council area.

Current predictions are that we only have enough water to last 90 days. With the Guyra dam currently at 30%, plans are being made to truck water from the Armidale water treatment plant to Guyra in an effort to conserve the dwindling supply. As an interim measure the state government will be providing financial support to cart the water from Armidale to Guyra. This would involve transporting 600,000 litres of water each day requiring 20 B-double tankers at a cost of around \$100,000.

Construction crews are making strong headway on the \$13 million pipeline project, with work underway on the new pump station and floating water intake pontoon at Malpas Dam. The project is expected to be finished and the first water pumped through to Guyra by mid-August.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall inspected the works on Monday along with Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray and Councillors. Mr Marshall said that when funding for the



Armidale Regional Councillor Andrew Murat, left, Mayor Simon Murray, Deputy Mayor Dorothy Robinson, Director of Operations Mark Piorkowski, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall and Cr John Galletly at Malpas Dam.

pipeline was announced no one anticipated that as at commissioning it would be in full use.

“It really is a relief to see this pipeline coming close to being finished at a time when it is so desperately needed,” Mr Marshall said. “This unprecedented dry spell has really made it clear how important it is for water security investments like this, so that business can have certainty, no matter the climate.”

Mr Marshall also said that it was timely to talk about expanding existing water storages.

“The government has funding on the table for water infrastructure and there is no better time to explore our options than in a dry time,” he said. “I would be very interested in exploring, in conjunction with council, the economics behind expanding the size of Malpas Dam as a

regional water storage that could sustain future population growth not only for Guyra and Armidale but for other towns.

“When conditions turn around we want to be in a position to store as much as we can and now is the time to build a preliminary business case for raising the wall, which was the intention when the dam was originally built.”

Alpaca yarn for National Simultaneous Storytime

The hilarious tale of alpaca duo Macca and Al will take centre stage when Armidale Regional Council libraries host National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday morning.

Council Chief Executive Officer Susan Law will channel Macca and Al – and their talent contest performance - when she reads Alpacas with Maracas as guest story reader at the Guyra library.

“Simultaneous Story Time

is such a wonderful promotion to get children excited about reading and boost literacy,” Ms Law said.

“It’s fantastic to see so many children gathered at their local libraries for this event, including the many youngsters who have filled the Guyra library in previous years.

“Amid the day-to-day challenges of heading a local government, this will be a lovely opportunity to deliver a fun story that everyone

will like to hear,” she said.

“There will be a little pressure to maintain the high standard of the libraries previous Simultaneous Storytime guest readers.”

The annual National Simultaneous Storytime was launched 19 years ago by the Australian

Library and Information Association to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children’s book that explores themes and key learning

areas for students in Foundation to Year 6.

Each year, a picture book written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

This year’s Guyra Library event will begin at 10.45am and children who bring an alpaca mask will be in the running to win a prize.

Barnaby Joyce wins another term

New England voters overwhelmingly endorsed Barnaby Joyce as their Member of Parliament at Saturday's Federal election with 55% of the primary vote. This is a +2.7 swing to him on the 2016 general election result but down on the 64.92% of primary votes in the 2017 by-election.

Currently, the two candidate preferred result is Barnaby Joyce 61,971 votes, being 70.9% of the total with a +4.5% swing on the 2016 general election result. Yvonne Langenberg (Labor) 25,466 votes being 29.1% of the total. The two candidate preferred will change as Adam Blakester (Independent) polled well in front of Labor overall.

Over the whole electorate the votes were cast as follows: Barnaby Joyce (Nationals) 48,084; Natasha Ledger (Independent) 2,651; Julie



Barnaby Joyce had the numbers in Guyra, but other candidates also received support

Collins (Christian Democrat Party) 1,936; Yvonne Langenberg (Labor) 10,950; Tony Lonergan (The Greens) 3,655; Adam Blakester (Independent) 12,960; Rob Taber (In-

dependent) 3,264; Cindy Anne Duncan (Australia United Party) 3,931. Informal 6,147. Total votes 93,578.

Barnaby Joyce received 66.67% of the votes at Guyra Central School, 72.73% at

Ben Lomond, 60.96% at Black Mountain, 45.68% at Ebor, 58.47% at Tingha.

The counting of pre-poll and postal votes is still to be completed.

Still taking care of our health

While the departure of Dr Sen has caused some concerns for patients at the Guyra Medical Centre, Practice Manager Indrani Jeyakumar has moved to dispel concerns that have been raised in the community.

Indrani says that patient care remains a high priority for the centre and the staff will continue to work as a team to ensure the needs of the community are being met.

As a practice they remain committed to providing a supportive atmosphere and opportunities for advancing the careers of doctors looking to pursue general practice. At the same time, they focus on a holistic approach to health to ensure patient needs are being met.

They currently have one GP registrar working with them and another will start



Dr Anitha Jandrajupali has been seeing patients since February

in August. GP registrars are fully qualified doctors who are undertaking additional training to specialise as a GP. They have already finished their internships and get on the job training in accredited general practices overseen by GP supervisors such as Dr

Jey.

"This is additional training to help with the transition from hospital work, but at the same time they are already more than qualified and ready to take care of all health needs," Indrani said. "They work with us as part of

a team, in the same way that Dr Sen was supervised when he first arrived."

"Dr Anitha Jandrajupali has been with us since February and has settled into the practice well. She has a wide range of experience including in the emergency department of a large Melbourne hospital and brings that experience with her, along with a long list of qualifications."

"Having built up the practice in the last 10 years, Dr Jey enjoys passing on his knowledge and experience to assist people wishing to pursue general practice."

"As a GP you have to look after the patient long term and it requires a different set of skills. Some doctors can adapt really quickly and Dr Anitha has, but at the same time, Jey is also learning from her because she has a different set of skills."

What's HOT

SAVING WATER - only 90 days left in our dam, so take a shorter shower and save what you can

BEN LOMOND WINTER FAIR only a couple of weeks away

What's NOT

NOT PICKING up the rubbish bins in Lackey street

HAVING your Mother's Day present stolen from your car while parked in the main street.

WATER WORRIES for those on the land

QUOTE of the week

Don't judge those who try and fail. Judge only those who fail to try

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
14	Tues	5.4	17.5	0
15	Wed	3.6	17.2	0
16	Thurs	6.9	11.5	0
17	Fri	8.1	16.9	1.6
18	Sat	5.4	16.3	0.8
19	Sun	2.8	15.8	0
20	Mon	5.2	17	0

Rain this week	2.4mm
May rainfall	10.6mm
Rainfall YTD	171.6mm
Rainfall last YTD	197.2mm

Have your say.....

Don't dump your rubbish at Vinnes

Guyra is such a great little town and we would all probably like travellers to stop and spend more time and money in our area. We want the town to grow and be known as an enjoyable rest spot. This will help our businesses to remain viable and hopefully employ more of our workforce.

I can't help feeling that we are letting ourselves down. Our main street should not look like a tip. This doesn't happen all the time, but I've noticed more frequently that our Vinnies store is being used as a spot to dump rubbish. This practice makes the area beside the store look very unsightly. Most residents would know that our local Vinnies does not deal in furniture. Most residents would know that our local Vinnies is staffed entirely by volunteers. Most residents would know that our local Vinnies volunteers are sprightly, but no longer 18.

Vinnies provide a shopping experience that some of the residents and visitors would not otherwise have in Guyra. Not everyone is able or inclined to travel further afield for their necessities. Also, a lot of people use the store as a recreational and social experience.

Have your say

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Not only is the clearing up of this rubbish unfair on the volunteers, it is costly to remove. Can't we give a business trying to provide a quality service to residents and visitors alike a break and stop this ugly practice.

Saggy (name supplied)

Sad news for Guyra

We were saddened to hear that Dr Sen and family will be leaving Guyra. Gordon and I have enjoyed having him as our Doctor. Guyra is losing a brilliant Doctor and a lovely person as well. Dr Sen came here as a single man and we have all watched from the sidelines seeing him married and later becoming a father. We have noticed how kind and caring he is to all, from the elderly to the young children. We would like to wish you all the very best in your next practice and hope in the future that you may return.

Pam Youman

Thank you to the New England

A special thank you to the people of the New England for placing their faith in me and the Coalition Government to deliver for them again.

To all the people in Scone and Aberdeen right up north to Liston and Tenterfield, to Inverell and Ashford and Walcha, and smaller centres like Nowendoc and Niangala and of course our big towns like the country music capital, Tamworth and the city of Armidale, this result is something that says to me I'm going to continue working as hard as I can on your behalf to respect the incredible honour that you have placed in me.

I'm so proud of my team, the National Party and what we achieved for rural and regional Australia and we will keep working to look after your interests, making sure we continue to deliver effective service, whether that's on small issues or big infrastructure – rest assured my service to people in the New England will continue as strong as ever.

Barnaby Joyce

The A-Z of farm safety

Tips for improving health and safety on the farm have been spelled out in a new A-Z guide Farm Safety Manual launched this week. Safework NSW teamed up with NSW Farmers to produce the manual, which features wise words of health and safety advice for farmers and farm workers.

NSW Farmers President James Jackson said despite the industry achieving a downward trend in the rate of serious injuries and fatalities, agriculture remains as one of the most dangerous industries to work in.

"We are well aware of this fact and committed to working with

regulators and other stakeholders to continue promoting and encouraging safety improvements on farms," Mr Jackson said.

"NSW Farmers is proud to be involved in the development of this A-Z Farm Safety Manual. It is intended to be a convenient, user friendly source of information that covers a wide range of WHS issues encountered on farms."

"We hope that it can act as a resource that is frequently referred to by farmers, managers, workers and prompt constructive discussions on farm safety."

Mr Jackson said the A-Z guide

is not a replacement for a WHS policy on farms.

The A to Z Manual is a great resource to get farmers and their team members thinking about safety issues, and to reinforce the need for farm managers to consider more comprehensive information sources when developing on farm approaches to manage health and safety risks

The SafeWork A-Z Farm Safety Guide can be downloaded at www.safework.nsw.gov.au, or you can order a copy by calling 13 10 50.

Fundraising in full flight

When Tony Looker sees the Westpac Rescue Helicopter fly over, he knows that he has helped to keep it in the air. Last year he raised \$15,000 through his participation the Drover's Run an outback adventure for 4WD enthusiasts.

Tony is heading off once again this year and kicked off his fundraising for the event at last week's Guyra sheep and lamb sale. Despite tough conditions on the land, he received excellent support from local producers. Twenty-six head went under the hammer, raising \$4500 which will be donated to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. A further \$645 was raised through meat raffles at the Royal Hotel on Friday night, and wood raffle tickets are being sold.

The need to support this vital service is something close to Tony's heart. While he was away last year, his brother-in-law was badly injured in a home invasion in Glen Innes. He was flown by helicopter to Newcastle where he underwent life-saving surgery. Also motivating Tony is the legacy of his late mother Bev who was a volunteer with the service for



WRHS volunteer support group co-ordinator Kim Newling with Tony Looker at last weeks sheep sale

many years.

Elders conducted the sale on behalf of the WRHS, donating their services to ensure the entire amount goes directly to this worthwhile cause.

Wayne Jenkyn from Elders said that given the season we are in the support from around the district was excellent.

"They had to dig deep to sup-

ply lambs this year, but once again we were overwhelmed by the generosity," Wayne said. "It is a full blown drought here and really we didn't expect the support we received."

"A huge thank you must go to our generous buyers (both local and corporates) who paid "overs" on the day to help with the fund raising."

This year's Drover's Run is set to be one of the biggest ever with almost 50 vehicles registered already. Starting on August 4th, the 3700km outback adventure takes drivers through the Flinders Ranges, across the Simpson Desert to Big Red and into Birdsville before it returns home.

Strategic plans on exhibition

A transformed budget and Council's key projects and objectives are now on public display, with Armidale Regional Council exhibiting its key strategic documents for 2019/2020.

An Operating Budget in the black is a centrepiece of the Integrated Planning & Reporting (IP&R) Framework documents that are now on display for public comment.

"Council's first budget surplus since the local government merger, without the assistance of amalgamation funding, is a significant achievement. It reflects our focus to make 2019/2020 a period of consolidation for

Council and put the organisation in a strong financial position," Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said.

"Improved efficiencies, other cost savings and re-assessment of priorities for projects and activities helped to bring Council's budget deficit down to under \$500,000 for 2018/19 and we continued that trajectory in 2019/20 for a projected surplus of \$26,000.

"The draft Operational Plan outlines a comparatively modest list of activities compared to previous years, to avoid over-extending the organisation and ensure we can deliver what we prom-

ise."

The Operational Plan focuses largely on the maintenance and renewal of facilities and other infrastructure owned and operated by Council, to protect their long-term sustainability for generations to come.

"However, there are important new projects in the draft 2019/2020 Operational Plan, including establishing the Armidale Regional Airport Business Park and a major upgrade of Kempsey Road's notorious Big Hill section," Councillor Murray said.

"Our objectives for 2019/2020 strike a balance between stern financial responsibility and meeting the

needs and ambitions of our community. This exhibition period is a chance to keep the community fully informed about our direction for the next financial year and identify any required fine-tuning."

The IP&R documents on public exhibition from Friday 17 May to Monday 17 June.

To view the documents or to make a submission, visit Council's engagement website Your Say Armidale.

Printed copies of the document will be available to view at Council's Armidale and Guyra offices.

Submissions close Monday 17 June at 5pm.

Meals on Wheels

May 23rd Sue Adams/St Marys
May 24th Stephen Adams
May 27th NEM Staff
May 28th Lesley Credland
May 29th Noreen Williams

Street Stalls

May 23rd Catholic Women's League
May 24th Machinery Group
May 25th Rotary
May 30th 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 - 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of month 11am-12, 1pm-2pm 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

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Under 8 Skittles - The Guyra Skittles enjoyed a great game against DK Axes. Their skills were tested with some great attempts at goal by DK Axes and some clever footwork helped our team score a few goals. Our players are learning the rules now they are in the new division of under 8s and getting used to playing on the bigger field. In training we are working on ball skills, passing and getting into positions to help their team mates out. As this is only our second game together as a team it is very pleasing to see how well they players are working together and being good sports.

Under 7 Smarties - The Smarties worked hard on passing and defence skills at training this week. This paid



Under 6 Spooks concentrate on the ball

off on game day with more sharing of the ball and a good attitude towards defence, limiting the opposition to only a couple of goals.

You can find this week's draw on the Armidale District Football Website or on the GameDay App.



Orange time for Under 6 Jelly beans



Kaitlyn Campion in goal

Sports club upgrades

Federal Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, has announced more than \$400,000 in additional Coalition Government funding for new sports infrastructure at Bingara, Armidale and Guyra.

The grants form part of the Liberal Nationals Government's Community Sport Infrastructure Program and includes:

- \$ 195,800 for the Bingara Pool Precinct - Youngster Social Zone which will upgrade the existing 1950s wading pool to Aus-

tralian Standards including new filtration system and concourse.

- \$190,000 for Harris Park Lighting Upgrade at Armidale to install field lighting to enable athletics and football clubs to compete and train at night.

- \$15,000 for Guyra Gun Club to provide disability access to the club house, complete with concrete pathway and ramp that will allow wheelchair access.

Mr Joyce said sport played an important role in the New Eng-

land and the benefits of this new investment would be felt right across the community.

"I know how important sport is to local communities, it's the social fabric which unites us and sometimes divides us, depending on which club flag you're waving," Mr Joyce said.

"This is yet more delivery for the people of Bingara, Guyra and Armidale, with new facilities that will encourage more people to get involved in their local club."

Trent Bridge Wagyu's \$200,000 windfall

The Perry family have been rewarded for their efforts to improve their herd of Wagyu cattle that they run on their property 40km east of Guyra. Slowly building up the herd over last 15 years, Wal, Jen and son Charlie have kept a strong focus on the use of breeding technology.

This is a move that has paid off for the family, with the recent sale of a female for \$200,000 at the 2019 Elite Wagyu National Sale held in Adelaide.

In what proved to be an astounding day for the stud, competition drove the price up ten times higher than their expectation of \$20,000.

Trent Bridge K0034, a September 2014-born cow, sold

in calf, was bought by GeneFlow, a recently-launched IVF company based out of Tocumwal in southern NSW. The Trent Bridge cow has the highest marbling score (+2.4) of all registered Wagyu females recorded on BreedPlan. She was sired by the home-bred Itoshigenami (US) son TBRFF0126 Trent Bridge F F0126. She was sold PTIC to TBRFN203, and the progeny of this mating will be in the top 1pc for the Wagyu F1 Index and top 5pc FTI for the breed.

Three females in the sale exceeded the previous Wagyu female record of \$95,000 set at the corresponding sale in 2017. The top price was \$280,000, a new Australia record sold by South Aus-



Competition for high marbling traits saw Trent Bridge K0034 go under the hammer for \$200,000

tralia's de Bruin family. The heifer, Mayura N1229 (AI), went to buyer Brian Stamps of Oklahoma USA.

Guyra Sheep & lamb Sale

May 15th - There was an increased penning of both sheep and lambs. A total yarding of 7220 including 3395 lambs and 3825 sheep. Limited supplies of well finished lambs were available, while lambs suitable to restock and feed were plentiful. There was a reasonable supply of light weight Merino lambs. The sheep offering was highlighted by large numbers of heavy weight

crossbred ewes and full fleeced Merino sheep. Both ewes and wethers were well supplied. There was a large variation in both weight and condition through the sheep. The usual buyers attended.

Demand was high through the lamb market for all but lambs returning to the paddock. These deemed not suitable to go onto a grain ration.

They sold to a slightly cheaper trend. Good quality crossbred lambs suitable to feed sold to a slightly dearer trend, not a lot in it, with some quality related price change. The well finished lambs suitable to process sold to dearer trends of \$2 to \$12/head, with some weight related price change on the heavy weights.

Demand from processors was strong through the sheep mar-

ket, with restockers also active on light weight Merino sheep. Market trends were generally dearer throughout, however there was a weight related price change with heavy crossbred ewes. Skin and wool values were contributing factors in dearer trends for all classes of Merino sheep. Weight increases contributed to some significant price improvement also.

Armidale Cattle Sale

May 16th - There was a reduced penning that saw all categories represented. A good supply of cows and vealers was penned, while there were limited numbers of grown steers. The quality and condition of the offering tended towards plain, which had an impact on prices. There was reduced processor competition that was selective at times. Restocker and feedlot competition was weaker.

The weaker demand and quality of the offering resulted in cheaper trends through the young cattle. Steer vealers to restock sold to a cheaper trend of as much as 40c/kg. There were greater price falls where quality was a factor. The drop in the market for heifer vealers was greater, with very few suitable to the trade, while restockers showed limited interest. The best of the heavy

weight yearling feeder steers were cheaper, while the light, medium weights and secondary quality steers saw a cheaper trends from 20c to 30c/kg. The heifer yearlings to restock and feed sold to cheaper trends from 7c to 45c/kg. The smallest of the price change was breed related, with the larger reductions having a combination of breed, quality and weaker demand.

There were too few well finished heavy grown steers to quote. The large range in price for well finished grown heifers was in part related to the selective processor competition. Weaker demand for well finished cows resulted in cheaper trends from 15c to 30c/kg, with selective processor competition. Increased demand for light weight cows to restock and feed saw the lightest of the cows sell to a dearer trend.

Weekly Wool Sales

May 17th - The wool market suffered losses over both selling days this week with the Eastern Market Indicator falling below 1900 cents for the first time since December 2018. The Crossbred sector was hit particularly hard with the 28 micron Indicator that had been setting new records on a weekly basis slumping over 10%. The Merino sector fared a little better registering falls of between 40-70 cents. Global headwinds probably played a part in this week's correction as the US and China upped the ante on import duty tariffs. China also lifted its recent ban on imports of wool from South Africa due to a Foot and Mouth outbreak. 25,965 bales were sold nationally for the week with the passed in rate climbing to 21.7%, well over double the average for the season to date. Major buyers included Seatech, Aust Merino Exporters and Fox & Lille. This week's fall has seen the 18.5 micron and broader Merino types close at very similar levels to the corresponding sale last year. The finer Merino types continue to struggle with poor seasonal conditions leading to an abundance of wool testing finer than it otherwise would.

Men's bowls

Well the weather held off and Bowls were played. Saturday May 18th in Handicap Singles, Dan Kennedy (-8) played John Jackson (-1). Whenever these two Bowlers play one another it brings out the best in each of them and becomes a real battle and this game was to be the same. John enjoyed a 7 shot start on Dan but this was eroded within 5 ends and from then on it became a real tussle. After 30 ends were played there were only 3 shots the difference 23 shots to 26 shots in favour of Dan. John fought back and led by 1 shot after 34 ends however Dan was able to secure a victory 31 shots to 28 shots after 36 ends.

In the other Handicap Singles, Ian Jacobs (+1) played Geoff Reeves (+5). Even though Ian had to give Geoff 4 shots start he powered ahead and soon had the lead and by end 9 led Geoff by 7 shots, Ian continued to hold the upper hand despite Geoff's dogged effort to turn the game about Ian went on to take the win 31 shots to 17 shots over 28 ends.

In Minor Singles, Robert Walls played Cameron Peardon, for the first 15 ends there was nothing between the two bowlers but as the game wore on Robert was able to read the green conditions better and slowly drew away and went on to take a win 31 shots to 15 shots over 29 ends.

Sunday May 19th a Major/Minor pairs was played. David Wilcox and Paul Johnson played Roger Cox and Boyd Stanley. This game saw the scores even on 5 separate occasions. The players put on a great show as the scores were never more than 1 or 2 shots apart.

With the score being 18 shots to David and 17 shots to Boyd and with only one end to play it came down to whichever team was able to hold their nerve the best, this proved to be Boyd and Roger managing to score 2 shots and take the victory 19 shots to 18 shots over 25 ends.

Club Championships set down for this weekend:

Saturday 25th start: 1.00pm. Starter: Robert Walls. Umpire: John Hamel.

Club Pairs: Steven Sole and Robert Walls to play Andrew Sparke and Barry Presnell.

Minor Singles: John Hamel to play Mallie Walls marker Geoff Reeves.

Sunday May 26th start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: David Wilcox

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

Major/Minor Pairs: Dan Kennedy and Grahame Starr to play Michael Shiner and Partner.

For those that would like to witness Bowls at its best the Zone 3 Semi Final of the Triples will be played at 9.00am and the Final at 1.00pm.

The Bowls Bandit.

Men's golf

Last Sunday a good field contested the Davidson Cameron & Co sponsored Guyra Open 4 Ball.

The scratch winners were Tim Ellis and Steve Kliendienst with B Simpkins and D Holly runner up. Nett winners were Pat Grills and Warren McCowen with Dick Burey and Scott Mendes runner up. Next Sunday will be the Vidler's Butchery sponsored 4 Ball championships. A grade will be 0-15 B grade 16 and over.

The Albatross

Senior soccer

It was another hard game for Caspers' second grade side on Saturday, who were up against a stronger Westside. The game started well for Guyra who were straight on the attack, but Westside's counter-attack was too good, opting to score long range goals from outside the box.

The score in the game didn't reflect how the team played with no luck falling at their feet. The points went to Sarah Rosten 3, Scott Miller 2 and Mathew Sisson 1.

Blake Handebo

Third grade took on Norths in what looked like it was going to be a pretty easy day out for the Guyra side. But same story as last week, Guyra dominated play for all the first half but again couldn't convert going into the half time break nil all.

Coming out of half time the boys knew that they couldn't be complacent and concede any soft goals but again, against the run of play, Norths scored early in the second half. To the boys credit they didn't let this get to them and kept pushing forward with plenty of shots of their own, but just coming up short. Norths were awarded a spot shot for an accidental handball in the box (Hayden Raper) making the score 2-nil. Norths went on to score another late goal making the final score 3- nil. Points went to Jake Brazier 3, Benny Mac 2 and Randy Mulligan & Timmy Ellis 1.

The friendly ghost.

Ladies' Golf

Shona Mulligan won the Stroke competition sponsored by Jenny Shiels, as well as the 4th Golf NSW Medal on 15th May. Shona scored a 69 net while Jenny Rogers was runner up with a 70 net. The putting competition was won by Jenny Rogers with 29 putts. Nearest the Pins were hit by Jenny Tierney (7th), Jenni Jackson (10th) and Pip White (18th).

The May Mitchell Memorial Match Play final between Pip White and Julie Walker was won by Julie at the 16th. There were some excellent matches for the Southern Zone Pennants on Saturday 18th May. After two rounds, Armidale is leading Walcha and Guyra.

A couple of players are representing our club at the Grafton Tournament this week. On 29th May we will play a Par Medal round while several players will compete at the Inverell Open.

The Phantom

Vets golf

On Tuesday May 14th, 18 Vets played an Individual Stableford event. The winners, with a good score of 44 points, were Kim Shaw and Greg Burgess. The best putter was Pat Grills, with 25 putts. Doug Archibald was nearest the pin on the 7th and Phil Devlin on the 18th.

On Tuesday May 21st, 28 Guyra Vets travelled to Glen Innes to play the last Pennants game for 2019.

The Vet

Gazette Footy Tipping

Jy Starr	108	Bulldog	96
GG	106	The PIA	96
Red Devils	104	Eel-be-Right	96
Pete Collins	102	The 3 Bunnies	94
3 PS	102	Elva Brazier	94
Phantom	100	Fire Breather	92
Nightwatchman	98	Old Chook	88
Hazel	98	Chris Morley	86
Bookworm	96	My Name Jeff	68

Locals Entry Form - Round 12

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 29th May**

Name:

Phone:

Panthers vs Sea Eagles

Eels vs Rabbits

Bulldogs vs Raiders

Titans vs Cowboys

NSW vs QLD

Byes: Broncos, Dragons, Knights, Roosters, Sharks, Storm, Tigers, Warriors



Gazette Footy Tipping



A typo (or miscalculation) last week took the Old Chook from 64 to 90 points for her perfect score. This has been corrected this week with the result that Chookie appears to have lost 2 points (-10, +8).

Jy has claimed the top of the Locals Leaderboard on 108 points. GG didn't have such a good week but is just 2 points behind on 106, followed by the Red Devils in 3rd place on 104 points.

Eel-be-Right had the highest score this

week of 12 points to join a group of Locals on 96 points.

Vu at the Pharmacy is now the Top Celebrity on 106 points but he is only 2 points ahead of former leader Ben at IGA on 104. Mick at the pub had a shocker and is now in 3rd place on 100 points.

Are you buying or selling? Need a place to rent? See Sue in the shop with the pink and white stripes. End of financial year is soon -- see Soley for some help with tax.

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Dragons



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Score: 80

Mick's Tips

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Score: 100

Caspers double up to win two from two

On Saturday the Caspers travelled to Armidale to take on Ex-Servies. The Caspers seemed a little more prepared with the talk and warm up before the game being upbeat and positive. This was on display with the boys starting the game the best they have started all year and totally dominating possession for the first 25 minutes. The domination was rewarded with two cracking goals to Coach Corby in the space of five minutes.

To Ex-Servies credit they stuck to their guns and the very young side were looking dangerous on the counter attack with speed to burn. The Casper defence stood solid until just before half time when a ball came loose and an Ex-Servies player calmly put the ball into an

empty goal.

The second half became a bit of a stale mate with Guyra becoming frustrated and resorting to through balls instead of what was working for them in the first half. There were no more goals added and the score remained 2-1 to the Caspers.

Coach Corby got the 3 points with an awesome game up front, B.J Kliendienst got the 2 and B.J Cameron the 1 with both boys dominating the midfield.

After coming off a solid win the previous day, the lads knew that they had to be at their best to try and keep the momentum flowing, when they backed up on Sunday for a match up against Glen Innes.

Right from the first whistle, Guyra came out with all guns

Tegan Mendes 2 and Emma Ellis 1. Next game Saturday against Flamingo's 2.35pm

Junior Hockey

Last Thursday Guyra junior hockey players had a visit from Greg Doolan from Hockey NSW. Greg spent the afternoon with our players teaching them valuable skills of the game. Our players learnt how to steal the ball and tackle with strength. Our little stand out was Emily Ulrick. Even though she is tiny she is not afraid to have a go and was very keen to take on the bigger kids. Emily never stopped smiling and had such positive attitude in wanting to learn so much more. She is one to watch. We learnt a few more fun games to play that help with our ball skills. The kids got more tips and coaching on how to hit and push the ball with more strength. It was also great for our coaches to have a few more ideas of fun skilled games to try at training. It was a fun afternoon and everyone learnt something new. We will be having two more sessions with Greg in the next few weeks and we are looking forward to gaining some more skills.

Under 11's - Our under 11 team were defeated 1-0 by PLC. It was a strong game and they held the game really well. PLC scored in the last five minutes of the second half. Freyer Bray had an amazing game playing in the backs. She stopped and cleared many balls and put a strong defence in the backs. Well done Freyer you have

blazing and barrels smoking. Coach Corby was the first to start to rattle the net after some great lead up work from the backs. Not long after his first goal that Corb's made it a double and Guyra were really taking it to Glen Innes.

Tyson and Harrison on the sides were tearing their back to pieces. This lead to Tyson calmly slotting the next two goals in with not much opposition at all. The switch of play from side to side was a delight to watch. Every player on the field was in tip top form.

Centre-mid BJ Cameron was the next on the score board and not too far behind him was super-sub Blake who caressed a lovely free kick by Taylor in to make the score 6-0.

On what must have been the

improved so much. Stevie McElroy again this week played really well. She held her position and was very strong on the ball. Matilda Coddington passed some amazing balls through to our strikers with Ashlee Morgan have many shots at goal. Unfortunately PLC put up great defence and we were unable to score. Camilla Grills worked her new ball skills, winning many tackles down in the circle. Ella Turner and Jemima Atkin again proved how fast they can move on the field. They both covered so much field and defended really well. Ursula Geere as always played a very strong game proving that she could defend the goals well and clearing the ball through to our strikers. Tessa Jackson played in the striker position and put up a great fight to get the ball through to our circle. Tessa also later slipped into the defence line proving that there was no way she was letting any balls through. Abby Grills from our U9 team also worked in well for us with being a very handy reserve. Every position she played she put her heart into with a smile on her face. Annie Williamson played Goalie and cleared many shots at goal. Well done U11 you played another amazing game of hockey. So very proud of you all.

Under 13's - Our U13 team are a very young side who play with so much passion and they never give up. This week they played Harlies and went down 4-0. Their game had improved so much and they all held their positions well.

play of the year thus far, keeper Walls showed that he hasn't lost anything from previous years. Allowing a simple goal that bounced under his feet to go in. At oranges it was 6-1.

Guyra kept the foot on the peddle and should have closed the game way out of reach of the Highlanders. Barrage after barrage on the goals from the Casper's could only net one more goal for the lads. Tyson slotted the 7th goal away nicely to bring him his first hat-trick of the year. Glen scored a consolation goal and eventually the game finished in favour of the Casper's 7-2.

The Caspers are at home against South Armidale on the weekend so come along and support the boy.

Most of our U13 team backed up and played straight after there U11 game. They proved that there fitness has improved and put into play the practice of their short corners. Jess Taylor did a fantastic job of getting out of the goal and getting onto the ball. Ingrid Geere did a fantastic job once again as goalie. She has owned this position for a couple of years now and is really showing her talents in the goal. Brooke Grills cleared many balls and put up a great defence fight in the circle. Ashlee Morgan and Jemima Atkin were very busy on working in the mid field. These girls were into their second game and never gave up. Jemima's game is just getting better and better and Ashlee's game skills are fantastic. They both ran the ball well and really worked hard on passing up to Annie Williamson and Tessa Jackson in our forward line. McKenzie Williams and Anna Grills both had half a game in defence and forward. Anna slipped into the defence line and made it very difficult for Harlies to get the ball through I think Anna has found her position on the field. McKenzie transitioned well from defence working well with Ingrid on the short corners then playing forward in the second half, playing a strong game working on getting the ball out wide. Well done girls you all played so well and once again put up an amazing fight. Even though you lost you all showed fantastic sportsmanship on the field. You should all be very proud of yourselves.



PUBLIC NOTICES

KOLORA AUXILIARY: Anyone interested to help form an Auxiliary to fundraise for Kolora Aged Care come to a meeting at GALA at 5.30pm on Wednesday 5th June.

FOOD PANTRY at Northwest Church is now the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of the month. 11am-12noon and 1pm-2pm.

The drought is starting to take its toll on the community. Maybe it is time to seek help from above. **Seeking people interested in a 'Prayer for Rain' meeting.** If interested, please text Esther 0417 658 933 to help make this happen.

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

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HOSPITAL AUXILIARY street stall winner: Bertha Reeves. Thanks to all who supported us.

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Saturday, 1st JUNE from 10am **Ben Lomond Winter Fair**

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Wednesday 5th JUNE to Sunday 9th JUNE: Hospital Auxiliary BOOK FAIR at Guyra MPS. Donations welcome. Contact Deb Heagney 0427 791 672

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Junior Soccer heats up in perfect conditions

After many hopes and prayers, the weather gods were shining on us on Saturday. Our junior teams took to fields at home and in Uralla in perfect autumn conditions for a great morning of soccer. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and families out in support of our young players.

This Saturday Guyra United Junior Soccer will be supporting Northern Inland Football in joining the state-wide Shoosh for Kids campaign with their following aims: "Let's show respect to kids and officials by keeping our comments positive – remember, sport should be fun. Shoosh for Kids isn't about keeping quiet at a game – it's a reminder that, when it comes to junior sport, if you haven't got anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. Let's keep our comments positive and keep kids coming back to sport". #shooshforkids

Under 16 -- The young Casper's took on TAS last weekend in a very well contested match. Things were reasonably even for the first 15 minutes before TAS hit top gear and put a couple quick goals, leading Guyra into half time. After the half time break the kids showed a little more enthusiasm and scored a goal of their own with a cracking strike by Taylor Brennan from halfway. This seemed to lift the young Casper's spirits and they started to play some good soccer



UNDER 12 SPIRITS had their first victory on the weekend

knocking the ball around well in patches, but couldn't keep the TAS side at bay. TAS scored three more goals in the second half, before Taylor Brennan scored another great individual goal late in the second half. Jessie Baker pulled off some great saves in goals keeping the damage to a minimum he received 3 points, Jake Wilson got through a mountain of work he received 2 points, and the two new comers to our team Kye Walls and Keegan James both had solid games receiving 1 point each.

Under 14 Ghosts - It was a disappointing loss to Uralla on Saturday in what was a replay of last year's Grand Final going down this time 5-0. Down by 3 at half time and with several players away,

the team had to dig deep. They put up a great fight coming close to scoring several times. Some great skill was shown by Jack Lockyer on the field however his goal keeping skills may need some work. Points this week go to Ryan Heagney 3, Dante Lloyd 2 and Ashley Donnelly 1.

Under 12 Spirits - This week the Spirits took to the field in black armbands in honour of "Grandfather" Frank Presnell with two of his great grandsons, Jason Mowbray and Darcy Grills, doing him proud. It was an outstanding game by the entire team which led to their first victory of the season. With the quality of play we believe this will be the first of many. Our Goal scorers for this week were Cooper Reeves (2), Harry

Purvis (2) and a very well deserved goal for Ella Vidler. Leigha McElroy and Felicity Bailey worked tirelessly in defence backed up by Joe Reeves. The opposition were kept in check with brilliant defence and some great saves by new goal keeper Angus Dullaway to finish with a final score of 5 - 3.

Under 10 Cobras - The Cobras had a very even game on Saturday with a great team effort. Jack Campbell had a lot of shots at goal but unfortunately none of them found the back of the net. Eli McGinty was great in both defence and attack. Archie Colvin was great in defence and Amber Writer stepped up in goals to make some great saves.

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