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Going strong for 100 years



Principal Sharon Wittig joined former student, 102 year old Ted Mulligan and 4th generation student Chase Martin to cut the celebration cake

CENTENARY celebrations for St Mary of the Angels Primary School attracted many former students back to Guyra and the school where they spent their formative years.

A small organising committee had put many hours into the event which saw hundreds of past students and staff gather on the weekend to mark a significant milestone in the school's history.

Principal Sharon Wittig said that it was a big weekend and the feedback was very positive.

"It was fantastic to see so many people come to help us celebrate," Sharon said. "We had 220 people attend the celebration dinner on Saturday night, the Church was full on Sunday and the school was buzzing."

"We had a wide range of ages mingling and enjoying catching up and reminiscing – from the oldest at 102 years of age to the very youngest five-year-old current students, it was fantastic to see everyone coming together," she said.

"There were many generations here who have passed through the school and lots of family groups reunited. Many

had travelled long distances to be here and people came from as far as Dalby in Queensland, Launceston in Tasmania and lots of places in between."

"I would like to thank Matt Frizell, Tiffany Martin and David Taylor for joining me on the organising committee to help make this happen. Tiffany organised the singing, dancing and fun activities while Matt spent countless hours putting together the memorabilia display," she said.

"Special thanks must go to the parents of our Year 4/5 students who catered for the dinner as a fundraiser for their Canberra excursion next year - they did a great job."

As the school prepares for its next 100 years, Mrs Wittig said that the future is looking good.

"The school is continuing to grow with an enrolment of 90 K-6 students and a further 14 in transition," she said.

"Going forward we have strong enrolments in the next few years and we will continue to build on the last 100 years of strong family traditions and preparing students for the future."



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St Marys
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**Rosemary Walden-Forbes, Phillip Moses, Leonie Taylor
and Julie Burey**



**Anne Williams, Shirley and George Williams
with Dorothy Lockyer**

Taking Guyra's Pre School to the next level

A review of the Guyra Pre - School and Long Daycare Centre is looking at options to take this valued service to the next level. The centre was established as a community-managed venture in the late 1980s, before the former Guyra Shire Council assumed responsibility for operating the service from 1 January 2009.

It has continued to be Council-operated under the new amalgamated Armidale Regional Council, providing an important service for many families in the Guyra district. That service has been expanded to include Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) in recent years.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said that with the continuous changes and improvements being afforded to childcare providers throughout NSW and Australia, they feel the timing is right to explore what opportunities and interest may exist within the broader community and child-



Armidale Regional Council is looking at options for the future of preschool education in Guyra

care providers to take the centre and OSHC to the next level.

He said Council had considered advice that the services could be championed much better by industry experts or providers who specialise in

childcare services. That includes looking at how the centre could provide a more efficient and effective service to the community.

“Council is in the final stages of acquiring land next to the existing childcare centre which

provides potential for growth and expansion of these services in Guyra, that potentially could accommodate a doubling in size of the centre to 58 children,” Cr Murray said.

“Council is now investigating if there are other childcare providers, organisations, or interested persons within the community who may be better placed to take over the operation and management of the Guyra Pre-School and Long Daycare Centre and the Guyra OSHC service.”

As an initial step, Council will be calling for Expressions of Interest to gauge if any interest exists within the community or childcare industry to acquire and operate these childcare services. It is anticipated the Expression of Interest process will then guide Council toward its next phase of considerations for the continuation of childcare and out of school hours care for the children of Guyra and the district.

Level 5 restrictions now in place as dam hits new low

Level 5 water restrictions are now in effect in Guyra as one of the measures to stop the town water supply from running dry. With the level in the water supply dams rapidly approaching 20% capacity, it is uncertain at what point water quality will diminish and become untreatable.

The escalation from Level 4 to 5 as of Monday, June 24th brings little change for households but has implications for businesses that have significant levels of water consumption.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor said that how businesses use water varies greatly, so how Level 5 restrictions apply to Guyra businesses is being determined on a case by case basis.

“Businesses in the horticultural and construction industries have already reduced their water consumption by more than 60 percent and Council appreciates the cooperation of those businesses in achieving significant reductions in water use,” Cr Murray said.

“Council is very conscious that some businesses may have to temporarily stop some activities and the move to Level 5 is an emergency measure until the Malpas Dam to Guyra pipeline is com-



pleted and operational,” he said.

Mr Murray said that the restrictions are one of a number of necessary steps to ensure the Guyra community continues to have town water for its day-to-day essentials. Work on the pipeline from Malpas Dam is being fast tracked for completion by mid-August, and in the meantime trucking company SRH Milk Haulage has been contracted by

Council to transport treated water from Armidale to the Guyra Water Treatment Plant to supplement town supplies.

In addition, contractors Detection Services have been engaged to identify and locate hidden leaks in Council's treated water network in Guyra.

Cr Murray said that residents have responded well to Level 4 restrictions and also to the

free showerhead replacement program with a number of households taking the opportunity to switch to a more water efficient showerhead.

The move from Level 4 to 5 does not bring additional restrictions for households but Council is strongly urging all town water users to continue to do everything they can to minimise water consumption.

MEETING UP with old school friends

ASH BARTY our new Aussie No. 1 tennis star

SAYING 'THANK YOU' with flowers and chocolates

What's **NOT**

CLOUDS KEEP ROLLING OVER but still no rain

NOT PICKING the State of Origin winner

QUOTE of the week

Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still.

Chinese Proverb

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra Hospital

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
18	Tues	1.3	13.9	0
19	Wed	1.2	11.9	0
20	Thurs	-1.3	12.8	0
21	Fri	-2.8	10.7	0
22	Sat	-3.9	10.0	0
23	Sun	0.4	10.0	0
24	Mon	2.1		0

Rain this week	0mm
June rainfall	10.8mm
Rainfall YTD	182.4mm
Rainfall last YTD	218.2mm

Farewell Tingha

Fare thee well our fine friends of Tingha Town and surrounds as you take a new direction at the "Y" in the path. We wish you luck as we wave you goodbye - Cheerio; Here you go, on your way; keep in touch; let us know, how you go!

As we farewell Tingha it is worth noting the move is based on a formal Armidale Regional Council survey. They surveyed 709 households closing 20th June 2018. The numbers were:-

Of 709 sent out - 293 were returned by June 18th (plus 7 by June 20th) makes 300 total returned, just 42% of those sent out.

192 voted in favour of the Inverell merger by first date plus 6 more by extended date making 198 just 28% of those surveyed (but 66% of votes returned).

You may recall how critics slammed the Save and Grow Guyra poll taken to gauge the wishes of the voting public, in favour of a demerger for Guyra (or not) at the NSW State election polling stations. In case you've forgotten - in the S&GG poll 89% were in favour 9% against and 2% informal overall. (Then

the Tingha vote to remain with a demerged Guyra {NOT ARC} was 90% for Yes & 10% for No (191 yes votes out of 367 total voters at the Tingha Booth is still 52% for Yes).

In truth, the ARC survey result isn't as convincing as it was cracked up to be; nor by comparison was Save & Grow Guyra survey result as bad as the pundits have repeatedly portrayed it. If ARC figures can warrant Tingha's move to Inverell aren't the S&GG figures, seen in this light, both substantive and very credible?

Beth White for Save and Grow Guyra

New broom sweeps in

We'd like to give a heartfelt thank you to the people cleaning Guyra's streets.

For almost a year we have very occasionally been awakened by the soft swish of a broom or a tinkling of shovel on cement. We have looked out to see who could possibly be parked in the main street with lights on at an ungodly hour of the morning to see our wonderful Council workers clearing the gutters and

emptying the bins. This has always left a smile on our faces and an appreciation for the work done on the community's behalf.

Alas, no longer. The new, bright, shiny street sweeping truck certainly lets us know our street is being prepared for the day. This is progress of course. We are sure that the Council Employees much prefer the comfort of an air conditioned cabin and the less physical nature of their task and we still appreciate their work. So we will still smile and say "thank you".

Brian & Helen MacDonald

Probus notes

We are having the movie "Storm Boy" at the Council building at 12.00noon on Monday, 1st July. All welcome to attend this movie.

Our meeting was held last week. Nola Hill was our guest speaker and she told us all about Eucalypts and Pines; the different species, etc which was very informative. We then went to the movie "La La Land" at the council which was great.

Our next meeting will be on 8th July at 10.00am. New members are always welcome.

How Many PHDs do you have?

Ramblings by the Guyra Ghost.

A good friend's mother in law said once that a man should die with at least 1 PHD. (For PHD read Project Half Done.) The mother in law made the comment in reply to the daughter in law's mild rebuke re the number of half completed jobs around the house.

I admire the Mum's support for a busy son trying to save money by a bit of DIY, but can sympathise. Many of us cope with lots of jobs that aren't finished. It can happen so easily, a project is started, then, perhaps because a proper plan was not made or followed; a vital item isn't to hand. The Project is put aside until a trip

to the hardware store can be made. That will usually result in more purchases than are necessary, enabling other projects that you hadn't envisaged being started.

Of course, the fellows aren't the only ones suffering from this symptom. I have a hankering to start a new craft path, however, apart from the fact that I probably don't have the skills needed; the number of PHDs tucked away in my cupboards is frightening. I probably have enough to be going on with until arthritis stops everything.

Trouble is I really, really, want to do all these projects.

However, I'm getting on and will I finish what I've started? It's not really a problem though, when I "go", the kids are going to back the skip up to the door and shovel ALL the PHDs into it. I do suspect that they will have more respect for their father's projects than my amateurish craft efforts. His projects do seem to have a purpose, whereas mine, just entertain me.

Perhaps they will try to complete some of them. The problem is that the kids don't have some of those old fashion skills. Not that they would ever admit that. It's a circle! The kids will then have PHDs to complete.

Mayor's Message

Another fortnight, another column about water management and restrictions.

While there are numerous issues in our region, the drought and our precariously diminished town water supplies continue to be the most pressing.

We reached another unwelcome milestone on Monday, as Guyra stepped up to Level 5 restrictions, the highest tier in usage controls for town water users in the Armidale region – and the spectrum utilised by councils throughout NSW.

Level 5 has major implications for businesses – how Guyra businesses will be able to use water is being determined on a case by case basis.

For this reason, Level 5 restrictions are only enacted at time of great need – and we are certainly at that point.

At this stage, Level 5 will only be in place until the Malpas Dam to Guyra pipeline is completed and fully operational, giving the Guyra town supply access to water from Malpas Dam and complementing the Guyra dams as they fall towards just 20% of their capacity.

We are certainly fortunate to have received last year's State Government funding to build the pipeline because without it there would be no light at the end of the tunnel. Crews are working very hard to complete the pipeline ahead of schedule, and construction is on track to be finished in mid-August, but we cannot view the pipeline as the ultimate solution.

Even when water is flowing down the pipeline, we will have to be extremely conscious as supplies in Malpas Dam are also dwindling. The strictest of measures might again be necessary if consumption hasn't fallen dramatically and we still haven't received drought-breaking rain.

Even with steadily escalating restrictions for both the Armidale and Guyra town supplies, we have not seen the reductions of consumption that need to be evident to extend supplies and ensure they continue to be there for our essential needs.

Similarly, the costly, State Government-subsidised trucking of Armidale treated water to bolster reserves at the Guyra treatment plant is not a sustainable option in the medium or long term.

Council is looking at options to improve our water supplies to ensure we are better placed to deal with future droughts. In the meantime, Council and the community need to demonstrate we are doing what we can to adequately respond to the current crisis.

When Federal and State Government consider where they will make money available to increase dam capacity and other measures to boost supply, there will be emphasis given to communities who took obvious action to curb consumption.

It has been wonderful being out in the community and hearing people talk about the steps they've taken to reuse and save water, such as directing washing machine water onto their gardens or catching shower water in buckets. It's obvious people feel great satisfaction from taking the initiative and being part of the solution.

It's equally apparent from the lack of decline in overall water use that too few people are taking that initiative.

Council staff have been working closely with businesses across the region, to examine how they can cut water consumption while managing the impact on their operations and their services to the community.

This is particularly important in Guyra, where the introduction of Level 5 will bring different challenges for each business. Council is very conscious that some businesses may have to temporarily stop some activities, however, staff are working with owners to ensure businesses are still operational but using minimal water.

The liaison between Council officers and business has been a highly valuable process to identify all options to use less water.

Households need to undertake the same self-evaluation to see where they can make savings. Council's website provides tips on many easy ways to reduce consumption and we love hearing the other solutions people have found to be water wise.



Simon Murray

Water restrictions

Guyra
Level 5 - Emergency

In house water saving tips

Washing machines	Use only when you have full loads
Baths and showers	Limit showers to three minutes only. Limit baths to one shallow bath per day.

Where a residential property is using more than 800 Litres per day without justification (eg. medical reason, number of residents) Council may apply a flow restrictor or issue a letter asking for explanation of consumption. Residences & businesses must attend to leaks as soon as they are discovered or reported or be subject to a \$220 penalty. The following restrictions apply to the use of water supplied through the water reticulation system in the Armidale Regional Council area:

Activity	Level 5 - Emergency
Residential	
Garden sprinklers and fixed hoses	Banned at all times
Hand held hoses, drip irrigation	Banned at all times
Buckets/cans to water gardens and lawns	Banned at all times (except recycled water e.g. laundry or shower water)
Vehicle washing	Buckets for windscreen, windows, number plates and mirrors only. Emergency Service vehicles excepted.
Washing down hard surfaces	Banned at all times
Filling or topping up private swimming pools, spas or ornamental ponds	Banned at all times
Cleaning of rubbish bins, tools and related equipment including animal enclosures/kennels	Cleaning for health and safety purposes only. Allowed at any time using water efficient means.
Outdoor showers	Banned at all times

Activity	Level 5 - Emergency
Commercial & Industrial	
Cleaning vehicles at truckwash	Banned at all times
Building and Construction	Use of town water for dust suppression on construction sites is not permitted. Other uses of town water on construction sites require an application for an exemption.
Road construction and maintenance	Use of town water not permitted. Use alternative water source as appropriate.
Water carting	No carting by commercial carters from Guyra's water supply. No carting of small volumes of water. Small volumes of water can be carted from Armidale at Council's Mann Street Depot until new filling station is commissioned at Arboretum.
Nurseries	Buckets or water can only
Automatic flush toilets	On demand only, no automatic timers

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 June 2019 at the Armidale Council Chambers, 135 Rusden St, from 4pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings.

ARMIDALE
Regional Council

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Meals on Wheels

June 27th Sue Adams/St Marys
June 28th Stephen Adams
July 1st Kath Varley
July 2nd Don & Betty Mayled
July 3rd Wendy Lockyer

Street Stalls

July 5th & 6th
Masonic Lodge
July 11th, 12th, 13th
Lions Club

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

Baker's delight for local lad

Creating a country style bakery in the big smoke has proved a hit for former Guyra resident Robert Chaffey and wife Suzannah. The couple opened Chaffey's Bakery in the Brisbane suburb of Chapel Hill in 2018 and have worked tirelessly over the last 10 months to get the bakery up and running.

Their hard work has paid off, having recently been voted one of the 10 best bakeries in Brisbane, coming in at number four in the poll conducted by the Courier Mail.

Robert Chaffey grew up in Guyra completing his schooling at Guyra Central School in 2002 and learnt the ropes alongside Boyd and Simone Stanley at Guyra's Country Fresh Bakery.

After relocating to Brisbane he worked at various bakeries over the years, before deciding to branch out on his own. He also has the help of another former local, with another Country Fresh trained baker Matt Lyes now working as part of the team.

Proudly sourcing ingredients from his local butcher, owner-operator Rob says that he was committed to recreating the bakery from his small country town upbringing. The sausage



Robert Chaffey grew up in Guyra and is now owner one of Brisbane's most popular bakeries

rolls and pies are done "old-school", just like he learned from mentor Boyd Stanley, and the hottest sellers are the classic Lamingtons.

Proud parents John and Anne Chaffey, who lent a help-

ing hand to get the business off the ground, said they are pleased that the hard work has paid off and if anyone is looking for a snack when they are in vicinity to call in to support the local boy made good.

Feedback sought on reforms to local government election costs

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is seeking feedback on its recommended changes to what councils pay for local government election services provided by the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC).

IPART is recommending a \$2.6 million (4.5%) reduction to the NSWEC's proposed costs to provide its election services for the 2020 local government elections. The savings would result from:

- Reducing the NSWEC's operating costs for local government elections by \$8.8 million (or 15.6%), to \$47.7 million, compared to the \$56.5 million it proposed, and

- Adding \$6.2million of capital expenditure and overheads required to run local government elections, which were not included in the NSWEC's proposal.

Despite this saving relative to the NSWEC's proposal, councils opting to use the NSW Electoral Commission next year would pay on average 62% more than they did when council elections were held in 2016 and 2017 if the draft recommendations are adopted.

This is because the NSW Government provided funding to cover some of the operating costs of the 2016-17 elections. IPART is recommending that for the 2020 elections, councils, rather than NSW taxpayers, pay the full efficient costs of the election services they receive.

IPART Chair Dr Paul Paterson said the introduction of cost-reflective pricing would change the allocation of costs between councils to better reflect the actual costs of providing services, and encourage greater competition in the pro-

vision of election services. IPART has also recommended supporting reforms that would give councils more choice in how they obtain the election services they need.

However, most councils continue to opt for the services provided by the NSWEC as taxpayer subsidies make it difficult for alternative existing and potential election service providers to compete, even though councils that have used alternative providers in the past have been able to find cost savings.

IPART's draft report and recommendations are available at ipart.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions in response to the Draft Report will be accepted until 19 July. Final recommendations will be made to the Minister for Local Government by 30 August 2019.

Sheep killed by roaming dogs

A hobby farmer has lost 15 sheep in a dog attack, and is also counting the costs in financial terms and future productivity.

It is a significant blow for Eric and Deidre Scott who had been hand feeding their flock of 18 crossbred ewes which were running on land in Llangothlin St. Not only have they lost the ewes, they have also lost up to 25 lambs that were due to hit the ground within days.

The attack happened around 7am on Thursday June 13th when the alert was raised by a Llangothlin St resident who witnessed two dogs running away from the paddock following the attack. Judy Wicks said that while she didn't see the actual attack, she saw two dogs running towards her house following the attack, describing them as 'big and black and menacing enough to frighten grown men'.

The dogs left behind a scene of carnage, with eight sheep dead and seven so badly injured they had to be put down. The sheep have been valued at around \$200 a head.

One of the dogs was shot as it tried to flee and the other



one escaped. Council Ranger Richard Mayled was called and was able to identify the owners after scanning the dead animal. Both dogs were later identified as rottweilers. The owner was traced to a Lochaber St address and surrendered the second dog to be euthanised.

It is not the first time the Scott's have lost sheep under similar circumstances. In 2015, in conjunction with other landholders, they raised concerns after a spate of attacks.

In April this year sheep belonging to Tony Looker were

killed in a similar attack. At the time Tony called on dog owners to be made accountable and the Scott's also want to see better regulation and accountability.

"In the ten years we have been in Guyra there has always been a problem and it is hard to believe it is still happening," Eric said.

"To see the sheep we had been hand feeding slaughtered was devastating, especially when they were just about to lamb."

"We were unlucky because there were other sheep in the surrounding paddocks that

they left alone, so it is lucky more sheep weren't killed or maimed, but it shouldn't be happening and it is only a matter of time before it happens again."

Guyra Police Sgt Jason Burton said that dog attacks are an ongoing problem and there has been a spike in attacks in the last twelve months.

"People need to be more mindful of where their dogs are and what they are capable of," he said.

"The owners of the dogs involved in this latest attack thought they were in a well secured yard and have learnt the hard way that they were not," Sgt Burton said.

"These dogs have only been in Guyra for a short time so we are confident they were not involved in the previous attacks."

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.

Last chance to continue Insurance in Super

This is the last week for many superannuation fund members with inactive accounts to tell those funds if they want to continue their life insurance cover.

Most people who have superannuation also have some life and disability insurance cover as part of their super fund.

Under new laws starting on 1 July 2019, super funds will cancel the insurance on accounts that have not received any contributions for at least 16 months unless the member elects to continue the cover.

In addition, inactive accounts with balances under \$6,000 will be transferred to the ATO. If the ATO can establish a person has another active fund, the ATO will merge

the funds. If not, the ATO will keep the super safe.

The new laws are designed to stop people from paying unnecessary insurance premiums, which can erode retirement savings.

Not everyone needs to retain insurance. People who already have cover and/or are young, healthy and have no dependents are less likely to need life insurance.

Insurance held through a super fund can be a cost-effective way to buy life insurance. You can choose to keep your cover if you want it - but you need to tell your fund before the end of June.

However, the changes could detrimentally impact people who could benefit from insur-

ance in super, but haven't read, understood or even received a notice about an inactive account and will therefore not make an informed choice to keep it.

Super funds across the country are contacting members who will lose their insurance to explain the changes.

If you need help to keep your insurance, you should contact your super fund.

You can also contact the National Debt Helpline on 1800 007 007 for help in understanding the changes.

ASIC's MoneySmart website also contains information about the new laws: <https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/superannuation-and-retirement/is-your-super-on-target>

Police report

A 32 year old Guyra man has been charged with driving with high range prescribed concentration of alcohol after an accident on Sunday morning.

At 1am on Sunday June 23rd, the man was driving a vehicle which crashed at the intersection of Sole St and the New England Highway.

Members of the public who went to the aid of the man found him asleep at the wheel. They confiscated his keys and called local police.

After testing he returned a reading of 1.8 and has been charged with High Range PCA and Negligent Driving.

Subsequent investigations also revealed the man had been involved in an earlier accident on the Greenhills Road.

New lamb definition to put more money in farmers' pockets

The State's lamb producers are set to enjoy a \$10 million dollar boost to annual returns with changes to the definition of lamb, announced by Minister for Agriculture and Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall.

Mr Marshall said the change would provide growers, including those in the Northern Tablelands, with more certainty and put them on equal footing in international markets.

"These changes will give growers greater confidence and certainty when going to market by providing a more

definitive physical indication of what constitutes a lamb," Mr Marshall said.

"The current definition involves a great deal of guesswork because it classifies a lamb as being an animal that has not cut an incisor tooth.

"In practice this means producers can have as little as one month's warning before they face the price cliff associated with their lamb becoming classified as a hogget."

Under the new definition lamb will be an ovine that is under 12 months of age or does not have any permanent incisor teeth in wear.

"This will give producers a clearer timeframe about when they can market their ovine as lamb, ensuring they get the best return on their product," Mr Marshall said.

"Forecasting estimates the changes will add \$50 on average to each animal and \$10 million per year to the NSW lamb industry.

"It will also remove the ridiculous situation where, over a weekend, an animal could lose two-thirds of its value just because it lost a tooth, without any material change to its quality."

The changes will come into

effect in July and will bring NSW into line with key international competitors, including Australia's largest lamb export competitor, New Zealand.

"This will place NSW producers on equal footing with key international competitors such as those in New Zealand where lamb is already defined in the same way," Mr Marshall said.

"Importantly the definition changes will have no bearing on the great quality and taste of Aussie lamb that consumers, both here and around the world, love and expect."

Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

June 19th - There was a yarding of 1875 lambs and 2300 sheep at last week's Guyra sale. The increased penning of lambs included an increased penning of very light weight Merinos.

The quality of the crossbred lambs was generally very good, with heavy weights well supplied. There were insufficient lambs suitable to attract any feedlot competition.

The regular processors at-

tended, while there was strong restocker activity on the light weight Merinos. There was strong demand through all classes of lambs.

Significant price improvements for the light weight Merino lambs, with buyers attracted by the quality of the wool. Well finished lambs to processors also saw dearer trends.

Medium weights were up to \$10/head dearer, with some

quality related price change. The heavy weight lambs weighing 24-30kg were as much as \$15/head dearer, with some improvement in quality.

The extra heavy weight pen of lambs that topped the market carried more weight than the top pen from last week. Part two of a Merino flock dispersal added to the sheep number.

There was a large percentage of plainer condition sheep

penned carrying good skins.

Included in the offering were quite a few very good quality Merino wethers in the wool. Restockers and processors competed strongly for Merino sheep carrying good skin length, while processor competition was very strong on the balance of the sheep.

As with recent markets, the trend was dearer through all classes, with price improvements significant.

Armidale Cattle Sale

June 20th - There was a reduced penning with numbers falling by more than 50%, not uncommon at this time of the year with the large early sell-off. There were limited numbers in each category with cows best represented. The quality and condition of the offering was plain for the most part. There were odd pens of well finished, good quality yearlings. The usual processors were in attendance. Restocker and feedlot participation was similar to the previous week. Quality variations were the main factors in price change through the young cattle. The well bred and better quality young cattle were well received by restockers and feedlot buyers, however the plain quality and condition young cattle struggled to attract much competition from restockers. Vealers to restockers sold to varying trends with the

good quality lots dearer and the plain and secondary cattle cheaper. Medium weight yearling steers to feed attracted strong competition and sold to a dearer trend of 6c/kg and more in places. Heavy feeders also attracted strong competition on breed specific lots. Trends varied for yearling heifers to restock and feed, while the few that were good enough for the trade were cheaper. Breed was a factor in varying trends through the grown heifers, where condition was mostly plain. There was limited demand from restockers for the plain condition cows, this and quality resulted in cheaper trends. The light-weight cows were greatly affected. The limited supply of well finished heavy weight cows were up to 5c/kg dearer. Heavy bulls sold to a cheaper trend, up to 6c/kg.

Weekly Wool Sales

June 13th - The tone set over the past fortnight continued this week when sales opened. Uniform reductions were seen across the board on the first day of sales with 50-60 cent falls being recorded by most of the Merino sector. The second day of sales saw a change in sentiment with more robust bidding and a notable increase in competition in the auction rooms, leading to a generally firm market with the passed in rate shrinking compared to the previous day. With the Western region not having a scheduled sale again just 16,634 bales were sold nationally for the week with 12.8% of the offering passed in.

Major buyers included Techwool, Tianyu and Kathaytex. Next week's sale is the final one for the 2018/19 season with the new season commencing immediately the week after and running for a fortnight before going into the annual three-week recess. AWEX data is showing a 12.2% decline in bales offered nationally for the season to date and an even greater decline in clean/kgs offered due to the volume of lower yielding types caused by adverse seasonal conditions across the country.



Gazette Footy Tipping



The AFL matches tripped up a few Celebrities and Locals this week. The Gazette heard that one tipster had the bright idea of consulting a betting website to see which teams were being backed to win. Did this pay off? Only we will know!

What happened to QLD? Couldn't run, couldn't tackle, couldn't catch the ball. At least the final match will be the decider so it could be no holds barred on 10th July!

Vu at the Pharmacy is still leading the Celebrities on 142, but only by two points

from Publican Mick on 140. AFL doesn't seem to be in IGA Ben's skillset, being one of the many who scored only 6 points. He does remain in 3rd place on 136, but now Soley is only 2 points behind on 134.

In the Locals, GG scored well and Jy not so well which now leaves both of them fighting out the top spot on 146 points.

In 2nd place there are five Locals 12 points behind on 134, and three in 3rd on 130 points, including Eel-be-Right who proved they know nothing about AFL!

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- Dragons
- Storm
- Sea Eagles
- Knights
- Eels
- Panthers
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Mick's Tips

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Tough win for Caspers

The Caspers were at home on the weekend against the young Ex-Servies side. The boys had to withstand early pressure with the Servies side getting the best of the early challenges. The Caspers were finding it hard to gain possession from the young side and were getting frustrated and impatient with the ball, but as the first half went on the boys were starting to find their feet.

With the game going end to end neither team could break the deadlock before half time leaving the score 0-0 after 45. With a positive talk at half time the boys were keen to go out and start the second half with more intensity.

Fifteen minutes in B.J Cameron flew above the pack

from a Corby Kliendienst penalty to give the boys a 1-0 lead. The vocal Guyra crowd were hoping this would inspire the boys to more goals but the Ex-Servies side weren't going down without a fight.

The final 20 minutes was end to end with Ex-Servies having the best of the chances but finding it impossible to getting anything past man of the match Des 'the brick' Walls and although this was far from their best performance, the Caspers managed to grind out a win.

As said Des Walls received the 3 points with B.J Kliendienst getting the 2 and Harrison Dowden and Ben Lennon getting 1 point each.

The Caspers are away to an in

form Glen Innes side this weekend and must pick up their game to compete against this team which I am sure the boys will do.

Guyra Seconds took on West-side on the weekend in a tough game against a solid team. The first half went all West's way with balls landing at their feet letting them race off to a 4-0 lead at half time.

The second half started better for Guyra who applied the pressure from the kick off, with some chances unlucky not to find the back of the net from Sarah Rosten, Matt Sisson and Scott Miller. Fatigue set in, in the back half of the second half letting West's through to score twice more to finish the game 6-0.

Points this week were shared between Sarah, Scott, Rheece and Ashley all getting a point each.

Third Grade had a great win over Glen Innes on Saturday taking the game very convincingly with the final score 7 - 1. Guyra had an exceptional game scoring their first goal within the first five minutes of the game. Adam Mendes scored 3 goals, Vu Nguyen got 1, Jake Brazier got 1, Timmy Ellis got 1 also and the final goal being scored by Mick Wilson.

Points this week went to Timmy Ellis 3, Logan Beechey 2 and Dean Mitchell receiving 1. Guyra 3rds travel to Armidale next week to take on Armidale East, 1pm at Doody Park.

Women's Golf

On 19th June we played a Stroke event for the 5th Golf NSW Medal in conjunction with Veteran Women's G A Championship. Shona Mulligan won the trophy sponsored by Belinda Lenehan. Shona played outstanding golf to score a 68 net with only 29 putts. Julie Walker was runner up with a 73 net on a count back from Meg Simpson. Nearest the Pin winners were Karen Oehlers (9th) and Belinda Lenehan (18th).

On 3rd July there's a 9 am start for 9 choice holes followed by our Annual General Meeting (AGM). Vicki Reeves is the starter.

The Phantom

Vets Golf

On Tuesday June 18th, a quite pleasant day saw 10 players enjoy a 2 player Ambrose. The winning team with a net score of 52.5 was David Bearup and Neil Paine. Nearest the pins were Neil Paine on the 7th, David Bearup the 10th and Paul Reddon the 18th.

A Vet

Men's Golf

Last Sunday's stableford was taken out by Steve Wilson with 38 points with Mal Gaukroger a close runner up. Nearest to the pins were

Barry Simpson on the 7th and 18th, with Chris Newberry taking the 10th. Next Sunday will be an 18 hole stableford and is the last day to pay your club membership, so while you're there have a game.

The Albatross

Men's Bowls

There were a number of games played over the weekend; firstly:

Club Championships

Played Sunday, June 23rd was the Final of the Club Fours: this game was between the team of Dan Kennedy, Col Stanley, Greg Mitchel and Graham Starr and the team of John Jackson, Murray Bourke, Paul Johnson and Robert Walls. This game began the way all Finals should be played. The scores by end 10 were Dan 9 shots and John 7 shots: this is where John and his team lost their way and Dan and his team capitalised on this and even though John and his team gave it everything they were out-bowled. As a result, Dan and his team ran out victors and Club Fours Champions for the 2018/19 season. Congratulations to Dan and his team.

In Major/Minor Pairs:

Barry Presnell and Michael Jackson played Robert Moore

and Cameron Peardon. Robert and Cameron slowly took control of this game and despite Barry and Michael niggling away, Robert and Cameron went on to take victory 25 shots to 13 shots over 25 ends.

In the Handicap Singles game:

Ian Jacobs (+1) played Wayne Reeves (+5). Ian was in control from the start and didn't take long to make up the deficit and go on to take the win 31 shots to 11 shots over 22 ends.

Also played at the Guyra Club was the Zone 3 Reserve Pairs: In the Semi-Finals, Paul Hine and Col Dade (Uralla) played Grahame Smith and Partner (Uralla). Paul defeated Grahame 21 shots to 14 shots over 21 ends.

In the Final, Paul Hine and Col Dade (Uralla) played Noel Goodwin and Brian Goodwin (Walcha), This was a very close game with the Walcha team, the Goodwin's, leading all the way but the Uralla boys led by Paul Hine fought back and went on to take the win 17 shots to 15 shots over 21 ends.

Club Championships set down for this weekend:

Saturday June 29th: Start 12.00pm. Starter and Umpire: David Wilcox.

Open Singles: Dan Kennedy to play Col Stanley, marker David Wilcox.

Minor Singles: Roger Cox to play Robert Walls, marker Mallie Walls.

Sunday June 30th: Start 12.00pm. Starter and Umpire: Scott Campbell.

Final of the Club Singles: Winner of the game between Dan Kennedy and Col Stanley (Saturday) to play David Wilcox, marker Scott Campbell.

No 7 Pennant players please take note:

The trip to Nelson's Bay: the bus will depart Guyra Bowling Club on Thursday July 25th at 7.30am.

Roll-up at Nelson's Bay will be between 2.00pm and 3.00pm. Play will commence Friday July 26th at 8.30am.

The bus will return home on Sunday July 28th.

Cost of travel will be: Non Bowlers and Spectators: \$240.00 each.

Pennant players: \$160.00 each.

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Locals Entry Form - Round 16

Tips must be submitted by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 3rd July**

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Dragons vs Storm
Tigers vs Roosters
Knights vs Warriors
Sharks vs Broncos

Byes: Bulldogs, Cowboys, Eels, Panthers, Rabbitohs, Raiders, Sea Eagles, Titans

Busy week for soccer juniors

It has been a busy week for Junior Soccer with Alex Rowe, the Miniroos Development Officer at NNSWF, spending some time with our younger teams on Thursday afternoon. Alex showed our Coaches and players some great games that are designed to develop the player's skills whilst being great fun. There certainly was a lot of enthusiasm and laughter on the day with parents, coaches and players thoroughly enjoying the session. A big thank you to Alex for his time and for the coaches and players for their involvement.

After a few weeks away the action returned to Guyra's soccer fields this week. With illness hitting some of the Armidale teams two fixtures were forfeited, so the Under 8 Jaffas and the 14A Ghosts had an unscheduled week off. The Under 8 Skittles and the U14 Lil Caspers travelled to Armidale.

Under 6 Spooks - The Spooks saw the return of Corey Banfield this week. TAS scored the first goal of the game but this inspired Guyra's players who then went on to score 8 goals for the morning. This was a great game to watch.

Under 7 Smarties - The Smarties worked well in the first half with three goals scored. Goals went to Flynn McFarlane and Darcy Sisson. The second half was a closer contest with the boys being unable to add to the scoreboard.

Under 7 Jellybeans - The Jellybeans had a full team this week and had a great time running around. We are still working on our defence however the kids are getting more confident chasing the ball in attack and taking shots at goal. Congratulations to Rose Gordon who scored her first goal, fantastic work. Tearnliegh and Hamish were also successful in scoring a goal each. A special mention to Rose for showing determination in attack and to Tyrell and Lachlan C for trying so hard in defence and watching the ball.



Under 9 Jets (above) and Under 6 Spooks and Under 15 Caspers (below) in action on the weekend
Photos: Jo Dullaway

Thank you to Corey who was our guest coach for the second half and thanks again to Dave for organising subs.

Under 12 Spirits - After last week's win the Spirits took to the field with confidence leading to two quick goals to Ella Vidler. The players have finally adjusted to the larger field making the most of the space on the wings. Cooper Reeves continued adding to his goal total with two great shots finding the net before half time. The action remained in Guyra's half for most of the game with limited action in our goal. After breaking through Guyra's great defence TAS scored just prior to half time. TAS tightened their defence in the second half and changed their goal keeper hoping to shut down the Spirits offence. Jake Tibbs applied great pressure to the new goalie having three attempts in one play which was eventually completed by Charlie Wilson who had positioned herself well in the goal box. TAS managed to break through the defence again to add another goal late in the game leaving the score 5 - 2 to the Spirits at full time. A great effort by all players this week.

This Saturday, 29 June, the action returns to Armidale:

16A Jnr Caspers vs TAS
White Rologas 12 8.30am
14A Ghosts vs Uralla



Cougars Rologas 1 10.00am
14B Lil Caspers vs DK Diamonds Rologas 2 10.00am
12B Spirits **BYE**
U10 Cobras vs Walcha Strikers Rologas 13 11.00am
U9 Vipers vs North Rockets Rologas 14 11.00am
U9 Jets **BYE**
U8 Jaffas vs TAS White

Rologas 16 11.00am
U8 Skittles vs TAS Blue Rologas 16 9.00am
U7 Jellybeans vs Walcha Giants Rologas 3 10.00am
U7 Smarties vs Walcha Brumbies Rologas 6 10.00am
U6 Spooks vs DK Elves Rologas 5 10.00am