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Schools out for Year 12



Back l to r: Sarah Rosten, Gemma Sisson, Gemma Williams, Carly Harman, Hannah Gordon, Taylor Brennan and Braydon Cameron
Front: Bronte Stanley, Ashleigh Richardson, Chloe White, Savannah Roberts, Tara Wells, Yuki Li, Maddison Morgan, Jack Radford and Alex Nitschke

Guyra Central School farewelled the Class of 2019 last week bringing to a close 13 years of schooling for the students who began their education in 2007.

Students, staff and family celebrated their schooling successes last Friday beginning with a traditional breakfast, followed by a valedictory assembly where each of the year groups shared their special

memories of this year's cohort.

Principal Michelle Nicholson said that during that time many firsts have been experienced. The first day of school, first disco, first running race, first overnight excursion, and lots of lasting memories have been made.

"Today is not just finishing secondary education, it's commencement - our work is done and we couldn't be any more

proud of you all," Mrs Nicholson said.

"On behalf of the entire Guyra Central School community, thank you for all you've done to enrich our school.

"As each of you enter this new next chapter, we wish you all the very best of luck for the HSC and beyond."

Each year the departing Year 12 students select a recipient from years 7-10 to receive the

'Positive Recognition Shield' for their positive contribution to our school and community.

This year's award went to Claire Davidson who was presented with the award during the Valedictory Assembly.

As a parting gift to the school the Year 12 students purchased a trailer for the school's new bus which will benefit students for years to come.

DROUGHT SUPPORT BBQ

Sunday, 13th October
11am - 3pm

at the
Soldiers Memorial Hall
Bradley Street, Guyra

Rotary



ROTARY
CONNECTS
THE WORLD

Everyone Welcome!

**Come along for a BBQ
and a chat**

**More information:
Wendy Mulligan - 0427 020 010**

Fishy weekend coming up



Quilts and art are on display at the RSL Hall in Bradley Street

TroutFest 2019 Program

Monday, 30th September to Sunday, 6th October

Mon-Fri 10am-3pm Quilting & Craft Show
Sat-Sun 9am-4pm at RSL Hall, Bradley St.

Thurs-Sun 10am-4pm Art Expo, RSL Hall

Friday 9.30am-2pm Kids Fishing Clinic at Mother of Ducks Lagoon

Friday 2.30pm-3.30pm Adults Tuition

Saturday 9am-2pm Market Day, Bowling Club

Tours:

Arcadia Theatre, Museum, Automobilia Displays

Saturday 7pm (FREE) Comedy, Music & Didg. Show
Bowling Club

Sunday 9am-12noon Car Boot Sale, Bowling Club

Tours:

Deano's Trout Farm, Arcadia Theatre, Museum

Sunday 12noon Country Music at Guyra Hotel

Lucky door prizes, fishing raffles, art raffles, hidden fish prizes for the kids, music, food, jumping castle

Come along and support Guyra retailers and enjoy some time out



Enquiries:
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TroutFest, Guyra's celebration of fishing, is on this weekend and although some activities have been curtailed due to the ongoing dry conditions, there is still plenty of 'fishy' things to do and see.

In the lead up to the weekend, a couple of events are already underway. Call into the RSL Hall to see the Quilt and Craft Show. The ladies have gathered together a lovely range of quilts, embroideries and craft and are open all week from 10 am to 3 pm and 10 am to 4pm on the weekend. Entry is by gold coin donation.

From Thursday they will be joined by the Art Expo, displaying the work of some talented artists. While there you can vote in the people's choice awards.

One event that has proved popular is the Kid's Fishing Clinic which takes place on Friday morning at the Mother of Ducks Lagoon. This is a great training ground for the next generation of fisherman, teaching them essential skills.

Any adults or teenagers wishing a bit of casting help or other tips can come along from 2 pm for some help from the Fishcare volunteers, who will also be at the market day on Saturday.

Weekend activities kick off with the Market Day at the Guyra Bowling Club. There is plenty of variety with close to 40 market stalls inside the club as well as outside, and there will be entertainment

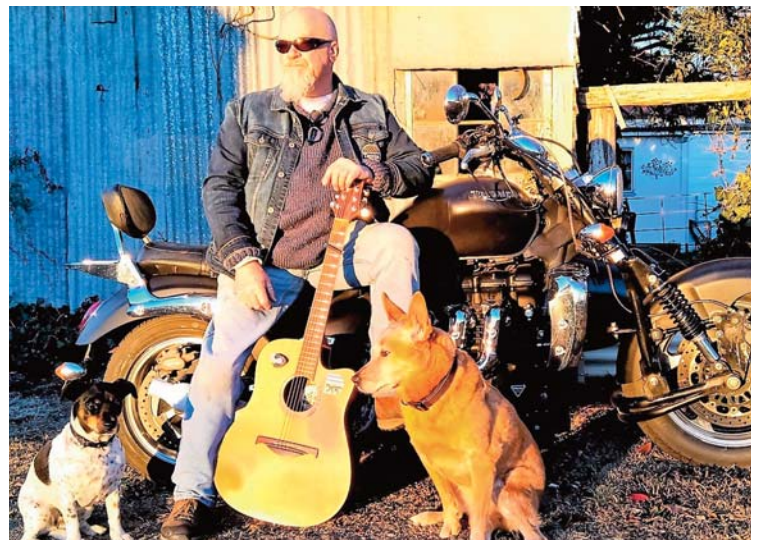
from local performers Seanii Plunkett and Ian Russell.

Donna's Bistro will be serving morning teas, and there are a variety of food vans offering meals. There will be plenty of seating inside and outside the club to relax and enjoy the entertainment and food on offer. The car park will be closed, with parking in Bradley St and McKie Parkway.

As part of the weekend activities the Guyra Museum will be open on Saturday and Sunday. You can also visit the past with tours of the Arcadia Theatre between 11am and 2pm on Saturday and Sunday. The tour will take in the change rooms, stage and balcony of the building which operated as a picture theatre, concert venue and function centre from 1929 until its closure in the 1970. Entry is by gold coin donation, which will go to TroutFest. There will also be Automobilia Displays at Burgess Garage.

With local waterways looking a bit sad and depleted, if you want to throw in a line you can head out to Deano's fish farm at Black Mountain for a tour and catch your own (\$20 adult and \$10 child) on Sunday.

There are still spots available if you want to join the Car Boot Sale on Sunday in the Bowling Club car park, from 9 am for 9.30 am start – call Lynne on 0488 755 736. Cost is \$10 for a car or \$15 for a car and trailer.



Sean Plunkett will entertain at the Market Day

Gold medal for Deano's trout

Deano's Springwater Trout at Black Mountain has won a gold medal at the Sydney Royal Fine Food Show, run by the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW.

The locally grown and produced fish was entered in the aquaculture category for smoked trout/smoked salmon. There was just a couple of points separating it from the overall champion.

Owner Dean Williams said secret to his success lies in the spring water and retaining control of his product from start to finish.

The gold medal win is a step up for the Black Mountain producer who won silver and bronze in 2016.

"We are one of only three producers who grow their own fish and process it themselves," Dean said. "It gives us control of product from start to finish which gives us the advantage."

The award will provide a marketing advantage for the



product which is already widely available in NSW and is now expanding into Queensland.

Sydney Royal Fine Food Committee chair Lachlan Bowtell said that a Sydney Royal medal is a symbol of excellence and those awarded at the Taste of Excellence can be proud that their products are of

the highest standard in Australia..

Like others on the land at the moment the drought is hitting hard as the springs begin to dry up. The lack of water will have a flow on affect for next year and Dean said he already has plans in place to source stock from Victoria if needed.

Tourism is also starting to

take off for the business which has installed toilets and showers to attract visitors to stay overnight.

As part of TroutFest this weekend you can taste some of his award winning smoked trout at the market day in Guyra. Tours will also be conducted on Sunday at 10 am and 2pm.

Think pink this October

Two ladies from Ben Lomond have a vision of one day seeing Guyra turn pink. While that may not happen this year, they are throwing themselves behind the McGrath Foundation's 'Pink Up Your Town' campaign during October.

Belinda Parkinson and Melody Van Nistelrooy have enlisted the support of 25 Guyra businesses to help them raise money which will help fund breast care nurses.

You will find Pink boxes in participating businesses and all they are asking is for a small donation towards this worthwhile cause.

Belinda was already a supporter, making regular small donations, but the impetus to do something more came when her credit card was cancelled.

"I missed a payment which meant I got a call from the McGrath Foundation and we got talking and one thing led to another," Belinda said.

"Everyone knows someone that has been affected and this is a fun way to do something to raise money so that help is there when it is needed.

"It is good to know that for anyone in Guyra or Ben Lomond who needs support, breast care nurses from Tamworth are available from diagnosis right through treatment and beyond.



Belinda Parkinson and Melody Van Nistelrooy

"We know things are tough at the moment so we are starting small and asking people to toss in a few coins if they can and we hope to be back again next year bigger and better."

A cake stall will also take place this Friday from 9am until 2pm to add to the fundraising.

PET OF THE WEEK



This adorable little boy is Monty. He is 10 months old, very affectionate and loves having fun.

His favourite past-times are wrestling and eating. He is fully litter trained.

Monty's adoption fee of \$150 includes desexing, vaccination, microchipping, worming and flea treatments.

Please call/text:

0423 685 694

or message the

Friends Of Fred Animal Rescue Facebook page for more information

What's HOT

IGA STAFF wheeling trolleys to the carpark for their customers.

TROUTFEST happening this weekend - be sure to check it out

POP UP LAUNDRY will be open again on Thursday and Monday from 10am until 4pm

What's NOT

LACK OF SIGNAGE during roadworks as to where to walk or cross the road.

QUOTE of the week

People who rest on their laurels are wearing them on the wrong end

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
24	Tues	-0.3	18.2	0
25	Wed	2.5	17.3	0
26	Thurs	3.9	17.7	0
27	Fri	5.2	20.1	0
28	Sat	5.6	21.3	0
29	Sun	4.2	20.9	0
30	Mon	3.2	20	0

Rain this week	0mm
Sept. rainfall	6.4mm
Rainfall YTD	211.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	370.2mm
Ave. rain to Sep.	624.4mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Pool opens despite the drought

The Guyra swimming pool opened on Monday just in time for the school holidays. Water temperature on opening day was a balmy 28C, with around 30 people through the gates to enjoy their first dip of the season.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said that community well-being has driven a decision to open the Guyra pool, despite Level 5 water restrictions which are currently in place. The Monckton Aquatic Centre in Armidale will open in October 8th.

"The opening of the pools supports the physical and mental health of the com-

munity at a time when residents have had to reduce their water consumption significantly," Cr Murray said.

"It is important Council continues to provide the community with as much normality as possible and the aquatic centres offer endless hours of entertainment for minimal costs. The social and community well-being benefits far outweigh the surprisingly minimal water needed to run the facilities."

Council has conducted a full water audit to see where water use can be minimised. Bore water will

be used at the Guyra pool where possible to maintain the grounds and hose off cement areas. Pool users are also being asked to limit their use of showers to conserve water.

The pool will open for early morning swimmers Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6.30 am until 8am (except public holidays) and from 10am until 6pm daily.

Admission charges have increased this year with a single admission now \$4-50. There are discounts for families and season passes. Contact the pool for a full list of charges.

The Pop up laundry at the VRA shed in Yarrawanda St will be open again this Thursday October 3rd and Monday October 7th from 10am to 4pm. Rural residents who are short of water are welcome to bring their washing to town and take advantage of this generous offer from the VRA. Washing machines are free to use and while you wait you can enjoy a cuppa and chat with volunteers. No booking is necessary but if you have questions contact Anne Thrift on 6779 1273.

A Steep Learning Curve

.....Ramblings by the Guyra Ghost.

Obviously, I don't know anything about road building, so the last 2 weeks have been an important lesson for me. We've all passed road works and thought that there seems to be a lot of people standing around, doing nothing. I'd like to apologise to all those roadworkers that I've mentally maligned over the years.

The last 2 weeks have shown me how much those in Hi-Vis do. The workers standing on the footpaths are looking out for power lines, trees and other vehicles. Some are directing the tip trucks so that the loads are dropped at the right spots. The profiler driver, grader driver and the bobcat driver are sounding their horns. 1 or 2 blasts for stop

and go to tell everyone what's happening. The wonderful lolipop people are making sure we are safe. In these litigious times it's important that every safety idea is realised. We all think that we can cross the road; however, if you are rushing across the road, slip and a BIG truck carrying 12 tonnes of gravel hits you, you'd want to hope that your dental records are accurate as there would not be much left to identify you.

As for any delays, it would be unusual for a job this size to proceed without any holdups. Old water, electricity, sewerage and phone lines have moved over the years. In the past, records were not as accurate. No one thought it was

important.

I've really found the process fascinating, and I'm not the only one. I've seen mothers with young children, picnic rugs and morning tea in the NAB Car Park enjoying watching the action, and other young children fascinated by the machinery. PS. I'd really love to have a go on the bobcat. The way that young man moves dirt and gravel around is amazing. Also, as a previous Gazette contributor has pointed out, it's good to know our backstreets, get much needed incidental exercise and also, learn how to do U Turns!!!

So thanks guys, well done.

Bradley St expected to reopen on Thursday

Guyra's main street is set to fully reopen to traffic on Thursday October 3rd, after initial road resealing between Nincoola Street and Ollera Street is completed. The roadworks team encountered some existing groundwater, and the road required deeper excavation to ensure the new surface had a stable base, delaying the resealing by almost a week.

Program Leader - Roads, Drainage, Construction at Armidale Regional Council Ned Mozzell said that when the initial layer was removed they encountered a softer layer which also had to be excavated.

"What we found was quite unsuitable so this meant we had to go deeper than expected and then bring in extra material to build the road back up," Mr Mozzell said.

"We had hoped to do an initial seal before the weekend but decided to wait allow the



Digging a little deeper has meant that the final resealing of Bradley Street was delayed

surface to settle down before we did a full seal."

"The asphalt will now be going down first thing Wednesday starting at the northern end near IGA and we expect to have the road partially reopened by Wednesday afternoon," he said.

"By Thursday we will move on to the southern end and by Thursday afternoon the road should be fully open."

The \$700,000 roadworks are a major step in Stage 2 of an upgrade of the Guyra Central Business District. Stage 2 will also include street scaping and


new furniture along the newly reconstructed section of Bradley Street.

However further work will now be delayed until February to avoid interruption during the busy Christmas period and to avoid any disruptions during the Lamb and Potato Festival.

"There is a fair bit of work involved in street scaping including the resurfacing the footpath, which we want to get done in one hit," Mr Mozzell said.

"We will continue to liaise with businesses and the community, to keep them informed about the project's progress and involve them in ongoing planning."

Stage 3 works in Bradley Street between Nincoola Street and Mackenzie Street are scheduled to be undertaken in the 2020/21 financial year.



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Disaster Assistance Still Available for Bush Fire Affected Farmers and Families

I want to sincerely thank the multitude of Rural Fire Service (RFS) personnel and Guyra community groups who have rallied together to support those landholders impacted by the still burning Bees Nest fire.

On top of the drought, this has been an incredibly tough time for many and my thoughts are with the families and businesses who have lost properties. It's a devastating experience and my hope is that the assistance which is still available will ease some of the immediate burden they're facing.

Assistance measures available include:

- help for eligible people whose homes or belongings have been damaged;
 - support for affected local councils to help with the costs of cleaning up and restoring damaged essential public assets;
 - concessional interest rate loans for small businesses, primary producers and non-profit organisations;
 - freight subsidies for primary producers;
 - grants to eligible non-profit organisations; and
 - emergency fodder and/or water for stock.
- To access emergency fodder and/or water for

stock, contact Local Land Services on 1800 814 647 to arrange pick up.

For information on personal hardship and distress assistance, contact the Disaster Welfare Assistance Line on 1800 018 444.

To apply for a concessional loan, grant or freight subsidy, contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593 or visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au

Further information on disaster assistance is available on the Australian Government's Disaster Assist website at www.disasterassist.gov.au and the NSW emergency information and response website at www.emergency.nsw.gov.au

As we have seen in recent weeks, the fire situation is constantly changing and locals should continue to keep their radios on for emergency broadcasts and regularly check the NSW RFS 'Fires Near Me' app on their devices for updates.

\$120,000 Delivers a New Covered Spectator Grandstand for Guyra

It was a great privilege to call into Guyra last month to announce Guyra Junior Rugby League had successfully secured a \$120,000 State Government grant to construct a new spectator grandstand at the Guyra Lions Park

Sporting Complex.

This venue is the home of all things sport in Guyra servicing both junior and senior rugby league, rugby union and junior cricket.

The addition of an all-weather grandstand capable of seating up to 300 people will be a real game-changer for everyone who utilises the facility, providing spectators relief when the cold winter winds blow as well as protection from the sun in the middle of summer.

I congratulate Club President Gina Lockyer for her work in transforming the grounds into a precinct which can host large regional tournaments by building new storage facilities and installing a secure fence.

I believe this grandstand will make this venue appealing as a place which can host regional carnivals and events, bringing visitors to town and injecting much needed funds into our drought stricken economy.

With the plans already drawn up and local contractors rearing to go it is expected construction will begin by the end of this year.

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Meals on Wheels

Oct. 3rd Heather Marchant
Oct. 4th Lyn & Richard Skinner
Oct. 7th Kath Varley
Oct. 8th Jan Jordan
Oct. 9th John Mitchell

Street Stalls

Oct. 4th 'Pink Up Your Town'
Oct. 10th CWA Guyra Branch
Oct. 11th Presbyterian Church
NB: Stalls may be affected by road works

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

Residents will be able to get financial assistance to buy a rainwater tank and water-efficient washing machine, toilets and showerheads, under an expanded rebates program starting on October 1st.

The expanded program is being introduced by Armidale Regional Council as part of the move to Level 5 water restrictions for all town water users in the Armidale region, providing further assistance for households to save water. Under the scheme, Council will pay 50% of the purchase cost, up to a maximum amount for each product.

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said that community members have been doing a wonderful job saving water and Council recognises the necessary next step for further savings could require financial investment by home owners to implement water saving devices.

"A front-loading washing machine with a WELS rating of 4.5 stars or higher is one of the most effective ways many households and businesses can make substantial water savings," Cr Murray said. "Our community can also make con-

siderable inroads by replacing single-flush and old dual-flush toilets."

Councillor Murray said the installation of rainwater tanks at more homes would help take some strain off the region's town water supplies during the current shortage.

"The real benefit with rainwater tanks will come in the long term, once we've had substantial rain to fill those tanks, to give our region greater resilience during extended dry periods in the future," he said.

Tanks and toilets must be installed by a licenced plumber. Council will pay up to \$100 towards the costs of getting a licenced plumber to fit any of products installed through the rebate program.

The rebate scheme will also assist households to get a plumber to audit their home, to identify and repair leaks and identify further opportunities for water savings.

Toilet and showerhead rebates are only available for existing properties, not new homes.

To be eligible for the rebates, the applicant must own the property where the products

are installed, or have permission of the owner and must pay the water usage account

The property must be connected to the reticulated water supplies for Guyra or Armidale and the water-saving device must have been purchased since May 29th, 2019, when Level 4 restrictions were implemented for Armidale.

Applicants must have already paid for and installed the products.

To be eligible for rebates, water tanks must:

- have a 12-month warranty
- have a minimum capacity of 2000 litres
- be used for collection and storage of rainwater on site
- comply with Council's planning regulations (including the tank's installation)

Application forms for rebates and further information are available on Council's website and applications will be accepted from 1 October 2019.

Application forms must be accompanied by an Armidale Regional Council water notice and receipts for the purchase and installation of the water-saving device.

Share your water saving efforts

Residents are being invited to share how they are saving water and how they think households can conserve water in the future, with a community survey launched today.

The survey seeks to show how many households had implemented water-efficient products and other water-saving activities and identify the most effective measures to conserve the region's town water supplies in the future.

"As dam levels continue to fall and we move closer to Day Zero, feedback from the short survey will give us a clear picture of where to focus our efforts to maximise water savings," Councillor Murray said.

"Our community has rallied together fantastically to curb consumption. However, more needs to be done to achieve our target of 160 litres per person per day and further preserve

our remaining supplies.

"Reaching that target would extend our supplies by a couple of months. Otherwise, we have about 420 days before we run out of town water, based on current consumption levels."

Complete the survey online by visiting the Your Say Armidale website for follow the link from the Water Restrictions page on www.armidaleregional.com.au

From Tuesday 1 October, all residents and businesses on town water supplies in the Armidale region will be on Level 5 water restrictions.

Guyra has been on Level 5 restrictions since June and the decision to escalate Armidale to Level 5 has been made because of the Bureau of Meteorology's latest forecast for continued below average rainfall and above average temperatures.

In the countdown to Day Zero, the Level 5 restrictions will include three trigger points with reduced per person daily water consumption targets.

"We will have a much greater chance of achieving those goals if we understand what households have done so far, how they are feeling about the restrictions and issues that might stop them from taking further action," he said.

"The survey should take 10 minutes or so to complete but the feedback will be invaluable in guiding our ongoing water saving campaign.

"Every litre we save today is a litre we have available tomorrow."

Further information on Level 5 water restrictions and water saving tips are available on Council's website at www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/savewater

Mayor's Message

The Armidale region stepped up to Level 5 water restrictions yesterday and the need for the whole community to work together to curb consumption has jumped up a notch.

Bureau of Meteorology forecasts for continued below average rainfall and above average temperatures during spring and summer have contributed to the move to Level 5, with three trigger points for tighter water conservation as we moved closer to 'day zero' - when our town water supplies are estimated to run out.

The community as a whole has done a tremendous job of cutting their water use and eliminating wastage but the job is not yet done and further savings are desperately needed to prolong our remaining town water supplies. The list of initiatives as we shift to Level 5 include:

- closer cooperation with businesses to maximise savings in the commercial sector
- rates for households to purchase water-saving products and to get water-saving audits done in their homes
- a community survey to see what water saving measures have been implemented by Armidale region households and identify the most effective measures to curb residential water consumption in the future

At the same time, Council continues to scrutinise its own water use, to minimise consumption wherever possible and utilise recycled or bore supplies for suitable purposes.

We are also progressing with investigations and test drilling for large-scale, high-quality ground water supplies to supplement our town water reserves. We hope to be able to update the community on those investigations this week but it's important to note those supplies, while valuable, will be relatively small compared to remaining levels in our dams.

I encourage households to take advantage of the water-saving product rebates, which includes water tanks above 2000 litres, and water-efficient washing machines and toilets.

Assistance is also available for households to get a licenced plumber to identify all opportunities for water savings.

Visit the Water Restrictions page on Council's website for the details and rebate application form.

Proactive members of our community have been calling for assistance

with rainwater tanks and other products for some time, but it was important we had all details of the rebate program finalised before we released the information.

To be eligible for the rebates, the property must be connected to the reticulated water supplies for Guyra or Armidale and the water-saving device must have been purchased since 29 May 2019, when Level 4 restrictions were implemented for Armidale.

Water-efficient devices will be important but much of our water saving will be achieved through behavioural change, and I urge everyone to complete the community survey on our Your Say Armidale website. It will provide invaluable insight to residents' attitudes about water conservation, the restrictions and the actions we can take from here on.

It's great to hear the great steps people are taking but we don't just want to get the positive feedback. It's equally important the survey is completed by people who are having problems with saving water or have issues with how the water saving program has been rolled out.

This drought and the region's water shortages are uncharted territory for all of us and it's vital we learn from this whole process, to prolong our supplies now and to achieve greater water security in the future.

The move from Level 4 to Level 5 does not change the restrictions for households but brings a greater impact on the business community. High commercial water users are being asked to reduce water consumption by up to 25 percent on their average water consumption and Council will initially work with the higher users to help developing a tailored Water Saving Action Plan.

We have already been working very closely with some of our highest water users, who are making a major commitment to water saving.

Details on all these initiatives are available at www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/savewater

Every litre saved today is another litre for tomorrow.



Simon Murray

Armidale is facing an extreme water crisis.

Help our community avoid **DAY ZERO**, act now, small changes can make a big difference.

4 2 7
Days to zero

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 October 2019 at the Armidale Council Chambers, 135 Rusden St, from 4pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 2 October 2019

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Immediate drought assistance available in the New England

Communities across the New England will have increased access to drought assistance, with the Coalition Government rolling out a further \$100 million in financial aid to farmers and rural communities. A key component of the funding is an additional \$33.4 million to be delivered under the Drought Community Support Initiative for immediate financial assistance to eligible households in hardship.

The Coalition Government will work with the Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul Society to make sure this money hits the ground quickly and gets to those most in need.

Member for New England Barnaby Joyce said that farming households can receive up to \$3,000 to spend in their local communities to cover urgent bills such as food, petrol and utilities, taking stress off families and boosting local economies.

“Crucially, this payment is also available to farm workers and contractors many who are also struggling financially through a lack of work and deserve assistance as well,” Mr Joyce said.

“People in the New England are at the epicentre of this drought and its effects are not just felt on the farm – regional communities and businesses suffer as people spend less in towns.”

The government will also simplify Farm Household Allowance applications. The changes will remove business income reconciliation, change the time limit on payment to four years in every ten, simplify the assets test and recognise agistment.

The government also announced an injection of \$740,000 of contingency funding to five Rural

Financial Counselling Service providers who are experiencing pressure from increased demand.

“It’s really important that those in need of support do not self-assess their eligibility and instead seek advice from an expert, like a rural financial counsellor,” he said.

For more information and to apply for assistance visit www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farmfood/drought or call 1800 900 090.

Stock missing from Guyra property

The New England Rural Crime Prevention Team at Inverell are currently investigating 120 missing 2-5 Merino ewes heavy in lamb from the property Rhyanna on Naylor’s Road at Guyra.

The missing sheep were part of a mob of 1600 and the loss has taken place between the 23rd of August 2019 and the 11 of September 2019.

The missing sheep are described as Merino ewes 2-5 years old, heavy in lamb, freshly shorn with 2-5 weeks wool on them at the time they went missing.

The stock are all station bred with two different ear marks the older sheep will have an ear mark of a ‘W’ out of the top of the offside side ear. The younger sheep (2-3 years old) will have a block out of the top of the point of the offside ear and a block out of the bottom middle of the offside ear. They are fitted with NLIS tags with the PIC Number NC021165 in the near side

ear. The sheep are due to start lambing on the 10/01/2019.

This is the third lot of sheep the victim has had go missing in the last three years. On each occasion it has been around the same time with the sheep going missing just after being shorn.

Investigators from the Rural Crime Prevention Team at Inverell are keen to speak with any person who may be able to assist with any information in relation to the missing sheep or any person who has been sighted acting suspiciously in or around the property, Naylor’s Road, Waverly Road or Wards Mistake Road at Guyra.

Investigators encourage all persons to report stock theft promptly even small numbers of stock.

Police are urging anyone with information in relation to this incident to call Rural Crime Prevention Team - Inverell 67220530/31 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Educate children on risks of playing with fire

Police are urging parents to speak with their children about the dangers of playing with matches, after an out of control fire burnt almost 300 hectares of land at Tenterfield.

About 11am on Sunday (29 September 2019), it is alleged three young children were playing with matches at a property on the New England Highway near Tenterfield when a fire took hold.

Moderate to high winds caused the fire to spread quickly, threatening homes, livestock and other buildings.

Rural Fire Service units and several air units fought to contain the blaze which was brought under control some eight hours later.

Approximately 289 hectares of land was burnt, a holiday cottage destroyed, and a num-

ber of cattle killed.

Officers attached to New England Police District spoke with the three children, aged nine and 10, in the presence of a guardian.

Detective Inspector Matthew Hemsworth said the incident doubles as a timely reminder for parents to discuss match and lighter safety with their children.

“The consequences of kids playing with matches and lighters can be devastating; it puts people’s lives, property and livelihood at risk,” he said.

“Parents have a vital role to play in educating their children about fire safety to help ensure they don’t play with fire and potentially injure themselves or others.”

Weekly Wool Sales

The market recorded another week of solid rises. Prices were dearer upon opening and continued to climb with the Northern region indicator gaining 60 cents on the first day of sales.

Small increases were recorded on the final day of sales as the rapid U turn in prices is fully digested. Of note was the Fremantle market selling after the East coast had closed on Thursday drifted lower.

Next weeks expected national offering of almost 41,000 bales may have something to do with the softening tone as previously passed in and held wool come back onto the market due to the

improved prices. The Northern Region Indicator has now gained 230 cents for the month of September but remains 145 cents below the closing level of the midyear recess. 25,384 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of 7.6%.

Major buyers included Techwool, Fox & Lillie and PJ Morris with these three accounting for almost 50% of the Merino Fleece wool between them. AWEX figures are showing a 22% fall in the auction offering for the season to date. Even next week’s increased offering remains below that of the corresponding week last season.

Ladies win at Inverell

Last week we had some of our ladies travel to Inverell to play in the NEDGA 4BBB/Veterans Tournament. Pip White and Wendy Jackson won the 18 Hole Net Trophy with 42 points. Well done ladies.

Here in Guyra a small field played a Bisque Par game with Kath Varley the winner on +5 and Joyce Betts Runner Up on +3.

Nearest the Pin Winners were Wendy George on the 9th hole and Joyce Betts on the 18th hole.

This week we are playing for Shona Mulligan's Trophy with a Stableford Round. Meg Simpson is the starter.

Next week is our annual Tee-Off for Breast Cancer Flag Event. Wendy George is the trophy donor and also the starter for the day.

We encourage all ladies to wear pink on this day to help support this very important charity.

Birdie



Pip White and Wendy Jackson won the NEDGA Veterans Tournament in Inverell

PET OF THE WEEK



This adorable little boy is Monty. He is 10 months old, very affectionate and loves having fun.

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Men's Bowls

The results of a Major/Minor Pairs played Thursday September 26th by arrangement. Cameron Peardon and Robert Moore played Dan Kennedy and Grahame Starr, after a close encounter for the first 7 ends Dan and Grahame forged ahead with Cameron and Robert nipping away at their heels. The scores remained static up to end 20 where the difference was only one shot in favour of Dan and Grahame. This is where Cameron and Robert hit a solid wall and as a result Dan and Grahame went on to take the win 23 shots to 12 shots over 25 ends.

Just a friendly reminder to Bowlers that there is a sheet on the notice stating that there will be a Travelling Bowlers team from Scott's Head Bowling Club visiting this Club on Sunday October

20th. Required is 20 bowlers to participate in Men's Triples, so if you haven't already placed your name on the sheet then your participation would be gratefully appreciated.

No Club Championships this weekend due to long weekend.

A reminder Daylight Savings commences this Sunday October 6th, so remember turn your clocks forward one hour.

The Bowls Bandit

Men's Golf

Last Sunday's stableford was taken out by the ever-green Len Stanley with 39 points. Mal Gaukroger was runner up on a countback. Nearest to the pins were Pat Grills on the 7th, Len Stanley on the 10th and Barry Simpson on the 18th.

Next Sunday will be a two person ambrose for the Re-

gional Australia Bank trophy. A nomination sheet is on the board for this year's mid-week competition, which will start on October 21st. We need at least 8 teams so round up 6 players have some fun one afternoon a week.

The Albatross

Vets Golf

On Tuesday September 24th, the wind dropped and 11 Vets enjoyed playing an 18 Hole Par 3 Event. That sounded like an easy game, but stick selection was quite a challenge!

The winner, with a nett score of 57, was John Prisk, followed by Pat Grills, who had 58.

Nearest the pins were won by Warren Mc Cowen on the 3rd, Pat Grills the 4th, Nancy Prisk, the 8th, Donald Campbell, the 9th, Phil Devlin, the 10th, Terry Var-

ley, the 11th, John Prisk, the 12th and David Bearup was closest to the pin on the 18th.

On Tuesday, 8th of October, we will be playing an Individual Stableford event, counting putts.

Tuesday the 1st October saw 12 players compete in the Reg Taylor Stroke event counting putts.

The winner with a score of 86 was Ian Taylor, the Stableford winner was Dave Bearup with 41.

The best putter with only 26 putts was Ken Shaw.

Nearest the pins were Ian Taylor on the 10th and Pat Grills the 18th.

Walcha Vets Open will be run on Friday October 18th. Anyone interested in please let Tournament Director, Nancy Prisk know.

A Vet

Club Awards

Dave Martin Memorial
Shield for the Junior Soccer
Team of the Year -
12B Spirits.

Outstanding Contribution
and Service to Guyra Soccer -
Randy Mulligan and Paul
Dullaway.

1st Grade Awards

Best and Fairest – BJ
Kliendienst, Coaches Award –
Harrison Dowden, Most Consistent – Matt Simpson, Players' Player – Ben Lennon

2nd Grade Awards

Best and Fairest – Gemma
Sisson, Coaches Award –
Cooper Stanley, Most Consistent – Madi Morgan, Players' Player – Matthew Sisson

3rd Grade Awards

Best and Fairest – Mark
Robinson, Coaches Award –
Tully Jackson, Most Consistent – Rod Wark. Players' Player – Randy Mulligan

Junior Players' Player Medals

16A Jnr Caspers - Carly Harman
14A Ghosts - Ryan Heagney
14B Lil Caspers - Lucy Campbell and Jaymie Donnelly
12B Spirits - Cooper Reeves

Bob Vidler Memorial Award for demonstrating fair play, sportsmanlike conduct and team spirit

U6 Spooks - Corey Banfield
U7 Smarties - Flynn McFarlane
U7 Jellybeans - Taearyligh Torrens
U8 Skittles - Myles Cox
U8 Jaffas – Rachael Jackson
U9 Vipers - Clement McKemey
U9 Jets - Sienna Nguyen
U10 Cobras - Amber Writer
12B Spirits - Jack Soraghan
14B Lil Caspers - Emily Jackson
14A Ghosts - Dante Lloyd
16A Jnr Caspers - Gemma Sisson



Under 12B Spirits were awarded the Dave Martin Memorial Shield



First Grade Player's Player
Ben Lennon with coach
Corby Kliendienst



Second Grade Best and Fairest Gemma Sisson with Blake Handebo



Sienna Nguyen received the Bob Vidler Memorial Award for the Under 9 jets



Second grade Most Consistent
Maddi Morgan



First grade Best and Fairest
BJ Kliendienst



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MEETINGS

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY meeting Wednesday 2nd October 7pm at the Secretary's office Guyra Showground. New Members welcome

The Annual General Meeting of **GUYRA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC.**

t/a **The Hub at Guyra**

will be held at 5.30pm on

Tuesday, 15th October, 2019

at 160 Bradley Street, Guyra.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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RAFFLE RESULTS

G'DAY USA fundraising: Wood Raffles Chris Sole and Vicki Layland; Fathers' Day Kelvin Knox; 100 Club 1st David Wilcox, 2nd Steve (redonated), 3rd David Wilcox; 100 Club 1st June, 2nd R. Varinden, 3rd Tim. 100 Club 1st BJ Cameron, 2nd Ian Pearson (redonated), 3rd Graeme Newberry; Thank you to all who have supported us.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ACCESS TO THE RECYCLING BINS at the Bowling Club will be from Bradley St only on Saturday 5th October between 7.30am and 3.00pm due to TroutFest Market Day.

ROB DAY'S COMEDY AND MUSIC SHOW Bowling Club Saturday Oct 5. **FREE** tickets at Bowling Club

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN over TroutFest weekend from 10am. Enquiries or **GROUP BOOKINGS:** 6779 2132.

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ATTENTION: all First Aiders

Please check that your First Aid Certificate is current.

Next course at Guyra is Sunday, 27th October at 8.30am.

Cost: \$170.

Bookings and workbooks available from NECC.

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CLAIM THE DATE

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER Car Boot sale at TroutFest 9am-12pm. \$10/car, \$15/car & trailer. Bookings guyratroutfest@gmail.com.

SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER Ben Lomond Fashion Parade at Ben Lomond Memorial Hall. Enquiries 0429 332 094.

SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER St James Anglican Church Fete

TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER Can Assist Melbourne Cup Lunch and Fashion Parade.

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Soccer celebrates with awards

In our final report for the 2019 Soccer season we would like to thank everyone that helped make this season great. It is not just the committee, coaches and players that make a season successful. We thank the families and the community as a whole for their support this year.

We wish to thank all of the business houses and individuals that donated to our raffles and fundraising events throughout the year. The Ovarian Cancer and Darryl Dowden Fundraisers were amazing and they would not have been possible without your support. We greatly appreciate everyone that donated and bought wood, bought tickets, attended the auction etc.

We also wish to thank our helpers on Presentation Day: Mitchell Hope and Barry Presnell on the BBQ and Barry Lockyer for serving; Bailie Rolff for her amazing face painting; Natasha Saunders for her photography and President Adam Brennan for being MC for the day. Adam has done a brilliant job this

season despite spending most of it injured and his leadership has made for a strong committee. Thank you Adam.

We would also like to celebrate our award winners for this season. Congratulations to you and we look forward to seeing you all again next season:

Just a reminder that all jerseys (new and old) need to be returned to the GUSC as soon as possible. Jerseys can be left at Dasha's Hardware during the school holidays, or dropped to the Guyra Central School Canteen or St Marys Office as soon as school returns. Players will be invoiced for the replacement cost of any jerseys not returned.

And finally, in preparation for an exciting 2020 season, please note the following dates: Registrations Open 1st February; Season Launch 4th April; Games kick off on 2nd of May. We look forward to another great year of soccer in 2020. See you all on the sideline!

Jo Dullaway



Paul Dullaway and Randy Mulligan were recognised for their Outstanding Contribution and Service to Guyra Soccer
More pics and full list of awards page 10

League players ready but committee needed



If you want to see the Super Spuds on the field this year now is the time to step up by joining the committee

The Guyra Rugby League Club has been inundated with enquiries from potential players for the 2020 season and could field up to three teams in the Group 19 competition.

The only major stumbling block might be finding individuals to fill key committee positions.

On Sunday the club attempted to hold its annual general meeting, but due to not enough people attending the meeting to vote on executive positions the meeting has been postponed until Wednesday October 9.

In particular, the club is seeking someone to fill the vital role of secretary.

If all positions can be filled, the Super Spuds can expect to field a men's team and a women's leaguetag side next year, with the possibility of an under 18s team as well.

Anyone who would like to join the committee can contact the club via Facebook, email gyrarugbyleague@gmail.com or attend the meeting at the Guyra Hotel on October 9 from 6.30pm.