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Charity in action

The Freemasons and Lions have combined to provide much needed equipment for residents at Guyra's Aged Care Facility. Last week they handed over a cheque for \$4750 for an adjustable podiatrist chair which will allow easier treatment for residents.

The need for the chair was identified last year, when Jim Martin from Masonic Lodge Guyra No 325, was visiting a resident. He spoke with podiatrist, Susie Croaker who advised that while the newly constructed facility was excellent, it was difficult for her to attend resident's needs because of the lack of a suitable podiatrist chair. Investigations showed that a suitable chair, together with a chair for an operating podiatrist, would cost \$4,750.

Jim brought the matter before a regular meeting of the Lodge which agreed to make it a charitable project of the Lodge. They already had available \$1,000 as its share of funds raised by the Association of Freemasons of Armidale and District Incorporated, of which it is a member, and decided to approach the Grand Charity of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, Masonicare, for further assistance.

Masonicare advised that if the Lodge could furnish \$2,375, being half of the funds needed, it would be able to provide the other half on a dollar for dollar basis once the project was approved.

Discussions were held with Geoff Reeves and Jim Betts of the Guyra Lions Club, who agreed to provide \$2,375. An application was then made to Masonicare



Worshipful Master of Lodge Guyra No. 325, Right Wor. Bill Hodder presented a cheque for \$4750 to Kolora Facility Manager Melissa Scott

with the result that it has been approved and a cheque for \$4,750 was presented to Facility Manager Melissa Scott last week by the Worshipful Master of Lodge Guyra No. 325, Right Wor. Bill Hodder.

Due to the generosity of the Guyra Lions Club and Masonicare, Kolora will now be able to purchase the adjustable podiatry chair and an operator's chair. The \$1,000 already held by the Lodge will also be presented to Kolora as an additional grant which can be used to purchase any additional essential equipment that may

be needed.

Both Freemasonry and Lions are not only dedicated to assist those less fortunate than themselves but are committed to practice the greatest of all virtues, Charity. Should any one seek to receive information about Freemasonry in Guyra, where it has been operating for one hundred and six years, please contact the Worshipful Master, Bill Hodder on 6779 1240. Lions can be contacted through the Club secretary at PO Box 118, Guyra. NSW. 2365.

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OBITUARY Gilbert White 1925 ~2019

The longest serving President of Guyra Shire Council, Donald Richard Gilbert White passed away on October 7th, 2019 aged 93. Mr White was a councillor for 27 years and served as Shire President for 25 of those years.

Better known as Gilbert, he was born in December 1925 in Guyra, and married Mabel Elizabeth Vincent in 1948.

As a young man, Gilbert worked on his father's properties "Box Point" and "Highlands" and in 1948, he bought the property "Brentwood" and more adjoining country, selling out in 1952. Gilbert purchased "Sunnyside" at Black Mountain in 1953, later purchasing "Rose Valley" and "Nordern" and he successfully bred cattle and sheep.



Vale D.R.G White

In 1960, Gilbert was elected to the Guyra Shire Council, becoming President in 1962 and served in that capacity until 1987. He was

elected Delegate to North West Electricity Council in Inverell in 1968 and elected Chairman from 1973 to 1987. Gilbert was a Govern-

ment appointee to Armidale College of Advanced Education (ACAE) from 1973 to 1989 and on retirement in 1989 was admitted as an Associate of the ACAE. Gilbert was awarded the Queen's medal in 1977, the Order of Australia Medal in 1980, was made an honorary Rotarian and received the Quota International Award for Service to the Shire in 1983 and Citizen of the Year in 1984.

When he retired in 1987, Gilbert received Certificates from the Local Government Electricity Association for 19 years service and from the Shires Association for 27 years service.

Gilbert passed away in Armidale on October 7th, 2019 and was privately cremated as per his wishes.

Singers needed

Christmas will be here shortly so think about celebrating Christmas by singing with the Combined Churches' Choir. We all love to sing and now realise how beneficial singing is for our health. If you enjoy singing in the shower you will enjoy singing with the choir.

We will be performing at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, 15th of December at 7.30 and at The Ben Lomond Hall on Monday, 16th December at 7.30.

We will commence rehearsals on Tuesday, 12th November at 7.30 in the Presbyterian Church. We look forward to seeing some new faces there.

If you need any more details please contact Nancy Prisk – 6779 1057 or 0438 791 057.

Afternoon of fashion, food and fun at Ben Lomond Hall

Ben Lomond Hall Committee is having a Fashion Parade this Sunday October 20th at the Hall in Ben Lomond. The parade starts at 1.30pm and the cost is \$10.

Fashion is being supplied by Home Living in Glen Innes. Well-known brands like Black Pepper and Breakaway are available at the shop, with fashions available for both men and women.

Models for the afternoon are local identities from Ben Lomond and Glen Innes - come and see who has stepped up and out for the day - male and female. Julie Stride will be providing background music during the parade and also entertainment which could include a sing-a-long of some

favourite tunes.

High Tea will be served following the parade and the Hall Committee is inviting families and the whole community to come along and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fashion.

Proceeds will go the Hall improvements, with this year's focus on refurbishment of the foyer which features a memorial to soldiers from the district who served their country. This area will get a makeover including polishing the floor and reorganising and rehangng of the photographs

There will also be a raffle and lucky door prizes operating and you can expect a few surprises and lots of laughs. For more information, contact June 0429 332 094 or Dorothy 6733 2117



Brad Looker modelling at last year's parade

Visit looks at heritage rail proposal

Shadow Minister for Regional Transport, David Harris MP, spent time in the region last week meeting with advocates of Heritage rail.

Mr Harris was invited by Councillor Debra O'Brien to meet with advocate groups, including New England Train Action Group, Save the Great Northern Rail, Armidale Regional Rate Payers Association and Councillor Margaret O'Connor to discuss their investigations into the possibility of reopening the Great Northern Rail line for a heritage train project.

Mr Harris said that he is aware that there are several proposals in regards the future of the Great Northern Rail line and he was in the area at the invitation of a Heritage Rail bid. He also met with local Aboriginal groups about heritage and tourism opportunities.

"NSW Labor is interested in consulting local communities about the future of disused rail lines and how those lines might be used to promote economic activity in challenging drought conditions," Mr Harris said.



At Guyra Railway Station last week, Peter Hansen, Shadow Minister for Regional Transport David Harris, Cr Debra O'Brien, Cr Margaret O'Conner, Ron Lockyer, David Good and Sam Astle

"Regional jobs are vital in keeping communities viable and tourism is one avenue that needs to be explored," he said. "These corridors can provide vital economic stimulus to Regional Communities through tourism and governments must properly consider all potential uses."

"As the Opposition spokesperson on Regional Transport it is important that I visit and listen to local communities in regards to

the future use of rail corridors."

Labor Councillor for Armidale, Debra O'Brien said a proposal by the New England Train Action Group links Armidale and Guyra with a heritage train bringing together the existing heritage tourism of the region.

Central to the concept is a bicycle carrying compartment to enable recreational and commuter cycling on the existing extensive network of

cycle paths in Armidale and Guyra.

"A heritage train service, operating on a regular timetable, would also provide a commuter service for passengers wishing to travel between the two centres for work, shopping, services and recreation," Ms Obrien said. "There is a pressing need for public transport to connect Armidale with Guyra's two (soon three) greenhouse tomato farms."

Drought breaking Show planned for 2020

Following on from a very successful 2019 Guyra Show, planning is now well under way for the 2020 Guyra Show which will take place on February 21st and 22nd. Some sections may not go ahead this year due to the reality of the drought, but the 112th Guyra Show will go ahead and promises to be bigger and better than last year.

Again the focus will be on making it a family friendly show with a lot of free entertainment for the family to enjoy. The Roof Top Express will be back again with a brand new entertaining

show on the Saturday night.

The Show Committee have included a new 'Drought Breaker' Section with a new art category theme "Farm Waste to Art" as well as a few other categories to be released later in the year. The Rules for the art category of the Drought Breaker Section are simple – it can be any size and it must be made from farm waste.

There will be categories for juniors (14 years & under) Opens (15 years +) and Clubs / Business

The Guyra Show Society is encouraging everyone to think outside the square, get

creative and to have a go!

How about plaiting baling twine into place mats or a rope wreath or perhaps a butterfly from the plastic wrapping from hay bales or broken plough discs welded into a soccer ball or bird bath. There are plenty of options and no idea is a bad idea. There will be some great prizes to be won.

Men need to start preparing for the Men's Cake Competition. Rumour has it that Neil Paine (last year's winner) has started practising to ensure he upholds his title but working under the cover of darkness we have heard

that our treasurer is also going to cook up a storm so watch out men and take up the challenge. Henry and Charlie have been trawling through their recipe books to find some 'Drought Breaking' recipes for their drought breaking Guyra on a plate luncheon.

Don't forget to get your family membership to the show. In the meantime, for all those farmers who are short on water make sure you bring you soap and washing powder to the Showgrounds to use the showers and washing machines for free.

RAIN

LOMOND Fashion Parade this Sunday

BREAK THE DROUGHT at the 2020 Guyra Show - start getting your entries ready now

What's **NOT**

BREAK INS around town

DEAD TROUT in the Golf Course dam

LOWLIFES stealing half hatched goose eggs from under geese

QUOTE of the week

Wealthy people miss one of life's great thrills - making the last car payment

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS				
Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
8	Tues	13.5	25.7	0
9	Wed	0.4	18.1	0
10	Thurs	3.2	14.9	0
11	Fri	5.0	14.4	0
12	Sat	3.7	11.1	15.6
13	Sun	4.6	16.6	0.6
14	Mon	4.5	21.1	0

Rain this week	16.2mm
Oct rainfall	17.0mm
Rainfall YTD	228.8mm
Rainfall last YTD	425.4mm
Ave. rain to Oct.	679.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology



Rural residents can top up their tanks from the water dispensing station

With the Malpas Dam pipeline now fully operational there is some good news for rural residents who are on a waiting list for water deliveries. An automated water station at the Mother of Ducks Lagoon is now operational, enabling residents not connected to the town water supplies to purchase water for \$3.90 per kilolitre.

“We know there are a significant number of rural households that have run out of tank water and other onsite supplies and needed an emergency supply for use around the home until they

could get a water delivery,” Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said.

“Many rural households are running out of water for drinking and washing, despite their best efforts to conserve water, and the stations will enable them to tap into the town supplies.

“However, we urge people to limit their use of this water to essential domestic purposes only, as we need everyone to minimise their consumption at every opportunity.”

The dispensing station, and one operating at the Arboretum in Armidale, are

among Council’s initiatives to make the region more drought resilient, using funds through the Federal Government’s Drought Communities Program.

Each station has a 25mm threaded connection for normal garden hoses, while the Arboretum station has a 50mm male Cam Lock fitting for bulk collections and the Guyra unit has an 80mm male Cam Lock fitting. Users need to bring their own fittings and hose.

Purchases must be made by credit or debit card. The stations do not hold cash.

Best of luck to our HSC students

On behalf of the people of the Northern Tablelands, I wish all students in the region about to undertake their exams for the Higher School Certificate (HSC) all the very best.

While the HSC is one indicator of academic achievement, it must be recognised that the results are not a complete measure of a person’s overall ability or intellectual capacity and, while a good HSC result may allow a student expeditious entry to university, a poor result won’t immediately exclude

anyone either.

For those HSC students who do decide to pursue a university degree, I wish you every success with your studies and hope you are accepted into the course of your choice.

For those who choose employment or further training at TAFE, I hope that you are able to find what your need here in the Northern Tablelands so that your community can benefit from your commitment and ability.

There is now a much

brighter future for young people in this region and we have a growing capacity to educate, train, employ and retain young people here at home.

Once again, to all HSC students, best of luck in your exams and may you find reward in the choices you make for your futures.

Adam Marshall
Member for Northern Tablelands
Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW

Home grown radio program

Armidale Community Radio (2ARM) FM 92.1 is a not for profit organisation, broadcasting throughout Armidale, Uralla, Guyra, Walcha, Hillgrove and surrounding areas. There are currently around 20 volunteers who present a range of programming with the focus on local content, news and events.

The newest presenters to join the team are mother/son duo Sharon and Adam Ritchie who are well known in Guyra through their association with Guyra's Church of Freedom. Their 'Home Grown' offering is now being broadcast on Sundays from 4pm to 5pm.

Co-Manager for 2ARM Michael Kean said that they are always on the lookout for new presenters, and offer free training for anyone who wants to join the team.

"We have fair reception in Guyra, covering a radius of around 70km from Armidale," he said.

"We are always open to ideas from anyone who wants to have a go at presenting a program and will provide support and training.

"Community radio offers a local presence with interviews and news from the community and you will find local



Adam and Sharon Ritchie broadcasting from 2ARM's new studio in Kentucky street Armidale

content from 9am through to 9pm," he said. "Everyone works in a volunteer capacity and brings their own ideas and experience with them."

As well as managing the station, Michael is also a presenter who fronts a weekly 'Life with Mike' segment from 6pm to 8pm each Thursday.

"Life with Mike mostly music and little bit of talk, I

try to mix it up a bit and it seems to work," he said. "Once a month local musician Sean Plunkett joins me in the studio for something a bit different."

Community Radio is not allowed to "advertise" by law but are able to offer Community Announcements and Sponsorship messages for local companies and organisa-

tions as a means of raising much needed funds.

If you want to listen to 2ARM you will find it at 92.1FM on your radio dial You can also stream it online at <http://2arm.net.au/listen/> and you can find a link to their interviews on their facebook page.

Proposed changes to Armidale radio frequencies

Listeners to Armidale based radio station 2AD could soon be enjoying clearer and better quality audio under a proposed move from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). The proposal will see the station moved from its current AM radio frequency to a new FM transmission.

Deputy Chair of the ACMA Creina Chapman said the proposal was part of a nationwide project converting commercial radio stations in

regional areas from AM to FM.

"There are a lot of benefits to FM radio, the sound quality is better than AM and it can be more cost effective for the station operators," Ms Chapman said.

"We have recently transitioned stations in a number of regional areas including places like Bathurst, Warrnambool and Port Hedland which has resulted in better broadcasting environments."

Ms Chapman said AM and FM radio signals have differ-

ent characteristics, resulting in coverage differences.

"AM signals are spread by 'ground waves', which are more susceptible to interference from power lines, electric lighting and electric motors," she said.

"FM signals spread via a transmitter on a high location such as a hill, mountain, building or tower and are less susceptible to electrical interference."

The ACMA has released a consultation paper on the proposal and is currently

seeking feedback from the local community before going ahead.

"We want to hear from the people to get their views on the conversion proposal," Ms Chapman said.

If the proposal goes ahead, 2AD listeners will need to retune their radios to 94.3FM.

Submissions on the Armidale proposal are due by Friday 8 November, 2019. If the ACMA approves the conversion, the timing of the transition would be up to the broadcaster.

Meals on Wheels

October 14th Joyce Betts
October 15th Ann Williams
October 18th Lions Club
October 19th Pamela Carter
October 29th Ann Hulbert

Street Stalls

October 19th Steph Cameron
October 25th Westpac RHSG
October 26th Steph Cameron

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



We recently came across this sketch in our archives.
The subject is a well known local identity in a 'compromising' pose.
Can you come up with a caption?

Free testing a boost in tough times

In a move to further assist producers across the region grappling with the drought, Northern Tablelands Local Land Services is offering free feed and water testing. Max Newsome, Livestock Officer, Northern Tablelands LLS, is encouraging landholders to take advantage of this free service.

Testing provides a clear indication of the digestibility and roughage content, as well as protein and energy levels, all of which have a significant impact on production. Once feed is tested, Northern Tablelands LLS Livestock Officers are able to assist in interpreting results and running calculations on what to feed and in what quantities.

"Always ask for a feed test when you are looking at and

purchasing these commodities," Max said. "I understand that it is not always the case that these results are available and decisions about purchasing need to be made without them. So once you get the feed source on property take a sample and send it off."

"From the results of the testing, producers are in a much better position to make informed decisions around quantity and costs. This is imperative in guiding decisions regarding whether to retain or whether to sell stock," said Max.

"There are a number of existing programs on the market, such as the Drought Feed Calculator, which provide averages regarding quality," he said. "With the wide variations we are currently experiencing, it is more accurate to

enter the figures determined through a feed test. This provides a much more precise picture as to the exact makeup of the feed and helps in making decisions going forward."

The same service is also available for water testing. Feed and water samples should be delivered to a Local Land Services office. Sample bags and water testing kits are available at no charge and can be collected at the LLS offices.

For further information regarding the free testing process, please contact Northern Tablelands LLS Livestock Officers, Brent McLeod on mobile: 0413 884 710, Max Newsome on mobile: 0427 007 190 and Tahnee Manton on mobile: 0438 600 473.

Mayor's Message

How do our young people use the Armidale regional libraries to study and how can we make them more effective tools for learning?

How do Under 25s like to use the libraries to explore their interests or simply use them as a fun place to catch up with friends and participate in activities?

These questions are explored in a new youth survey launched last week to help create a 21st Century Libraries Strategy for the Guyra and Armidale libraries.

The survey can be completed online on our Your Say Armidale webpage and will be forwarded to schools through the Armidale region.

It is one of the final steps in a long-running community engagement campaign to find out how our residents are using their libraries and identify changes people would like to see to make them even more attractive and effective in meeting the community's needs.

The 21st Century Libraries Strategy will be central in guiding the future direction of our libraries - their physical spaces, the resources they provide and the activities on offer.

It's essential we hear from a wide spectrum of the community - of all ages, interests and from regular users to people who never set foot in the libraries - to find out how we can best make these facilities vibrant hubs where people want to learn, join in group activities or just meet friends.

These facilities are there for all residents. If you rarely or never use the libraries, what could they offer to make them more valuable and attractive for you?

While we have received extensive feedback from older age groups, we would like to hear more from people aged under 25.

The libraries can be particularly useful tools for young people as part of their learning, as they explore and develop their interests and prepare for their future lives. To achieve these roles as effectively as possible, it's essential the libraries have the resources and facilities that interest a wide range of young people, that challenge them and help them keep pace with exciting and rapidly advancing technologies.

It is equally important the libraries have spaces that are inviting and functional for young people of varying ages.

The best people to determine how we meet those needs are young people themselves.

The short survey has been designed to allow young people to complete the survey quickly and easily, while enabling them to provide plenty of detail if they have particular interests.

We look forward to hearing your ideas.



Simon Murray

On exhibition

Guyra Preschool, Long Day Care and OSHC fees & charges

Preschool & Long Day Care Centre				
Proposed Effective Date	Proposed Daily Fee Increase	Proposed 3-6 year old daily fee	Proposed 2-3 year old daily fee	Proposed 0-2 year old daily fee
1/01/2020	\$2	\$76	\$79	\$82
OSHC Vacation Care				
1/01/2020	\$2	\$62 daily attendance fee		

Council proposes to increase attendance fees for the Guyra Pre School and Long Day Care Centre and Guyra OSHC Vacation Care from 1 January 2020. Council's Ordinary meeting on 25 September 2019 resolved to advertise the proposed fee changes, which will be on public exhibition from Thursday 17 October 2019 until Friday 15 November 2019.

It is not proposed to increase the Before & After School Care fees from 1 January 2020 but they will be reviewed in the normal annual cycle of fees and charges review.

The Proposed Fees and Charges may be viewed at:

- Armidale Council Regional administration centre, 135 Rusden Street, Armidale
- Armidale Regional Council Guyra office, 158 Bradley Street, Guyra

- www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au

Submissions are invited and must be addressed to the CEO, Armidale Regional Council, PO Box 75A, Armidale, NSW 2350, or sent by email to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au. Submissions must be received by Council no later than 5pm on Friday 15 November 2019.

Please be aware that if you make a submission, other people may have access to your comments. This may be as a result of a report to a Council meeting or as part of an application under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

Enquiries may be directed to Council's Preschool Nominated Supervisor, Amanda Campbell, on 6779 1715 or email acampbell@armidale.nsw.gov.au.

Disclosure forms are available on request from Council.

Community Survey

One week remains to complete a community survey enabling residents to share how they are saving water and how they think households can conserve water in the future.

The survey can be completed online on the Your Say Armidale webpage and closes on Monday 21 October.

It will help identify the most effective measures to conserve the region's town water supplies, as Level 5 water restrictions remain in place. For further information and water saving tips, visit www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/savewater

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 16 October 2019

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Email: council@armidale.nsw.gov.au



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Drilling underway in quest for water

Contractors have completed inspections at a number of test bore sites and have begun exploration drilling to find ground water sources to supplement the Armidale region's dwindling town water supplies.

Hydrogeology consultant Hydroilex shortlisted a total of 36 sites in the Guyra and Armidale areas that are likely to provide significant groundwater supplies with suitable water quality.

"If the test drilling identifies suitable ground water sources and we have a clear picture of locations for production bores, we will keep the community informed about those sites," Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said.

"Each of the sites is located on public land, close to roads and power supplies, and the

drilling and bore operations will be undertaken in a way that does not impact on adjacent landholders. However, Council will liaise with landholders near the production bores to outline the project and address any concerns.

"While Hydroilex's studies have identified sites with the right attributes for significant supplies of good-quality groundwater, we are still in the preliminary stages until we actually know if there is water in those locations," he said.

"For that reason, we have shortlisted 36 sites for exploration with the expectation that only a small proportion of them will be used to supply water."

The test drilling and subsequent production bores will be sunk several times deeper than existing nearby

bores, to avoid tapping into on groundwater supplies already being utilised by adjacent landholders. While the existing bores are generally between 30 and 50 metres deep, the bores proposed by Council will be around 150 metres deep to access ground water supplies suitable to supplement the region's existing water storages.

If the test drilling finds other ground water supplies above the targeted water sources, water-tight sleeves will be fitted for the test drilling and production bores to ensure the shallower supply is not affected.

Contractor FB Drilling has been engaged to undertake the test drilling in Guyra and Armidale, while a second contractor, Mac Drilling, will conduct the exploratory

drilling in the rural locations around Armidale and is expected to begin in late October.

Level 5 water restrictions remain in place for town water users in Guyra and Armidale, with remaining dam supplies on course to run out in around 420 days without significant rainfall.

"We're optimistic the groundwater supplies could push back that Day Zero but even if these bores deliver the quantities of water we're hoping for, they will still be relatively small compared to our dam supplies. Careful water conservation by households and business is essential to extend our remaining supplies until we get substantial rain," Cr Murray said.

Weekly Wool Sales

October 11th - The volatility continued this week and whilst not as dramatic the market managed to finish on the positive side of the ledger. Gains were made on both selling days resulting in a 29 cent rise in the Northern Region Indicator. The largest gains were made in the 19-21 micron categories. The Merino Carding Indicator was the only sector that lost ground after being the only Indicator to gain ground last week. The small national offering at just over 28,000 bales had a far better clearance rate this week with just 7.6% passed in however almost 15% of the offering was

withdrawn prior to sale. Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Fox & Lillie. In a positive sign for next week's larger sale (40,000 bales) the Western region market finished strongly, as did the handful of trades executed on the forward market with November 21 micron contracts trading slightly above this week's physical close. 92,000 fewer bales have been offered nationally compared to the corresponding period last season however predicted weekly offerings for the rest of this month are slightly higher than last season.

Ben Lomond Fashion Parade

**Ben Lomond
War Memorial Hall
Sunday 20th October
1.30pm**



**Fashions from Home
Living Fashions**

**Male & Female
Cost \$10**

**"High Afternoon Tea"
All proceeds to Hall
RSVP: by 17 October
June 0429 332 094 or
Dorothy 6733 2117**

The Guyra Gazette is approaching our 3rd birthday and we thought we would survey our local community to see what you think of us!

We are looking for input on how we can best continue to serve our community. Please spend a few minutes completing our survey and return it to us at GALA.

How do you access your copy of the Guyra Gazette: *(circle all that apply)*

- (a) in your mailbox each week?
- (b) Pick up from Kirk's IGA?
- (c) Pick up from another location? (please specify)
- (d) Online at www.guyragazette.com.au

If by mail, do you receive your copy each week? YES / NO

Comment:

How many people in your household read the Gazette each week?

If the Gazette was not in the mail each week, would you still obtain a copy? YES / NO

If the Gazette was not mailed out, would you be happy to pick it up from a local main street business? YES / NO

What do you think we do well?

What do we do badly?

What is the most important part of the Gazette for you (e.g., sports, news, community)?

Primary reason/s that you read the Gazette:

- (a) Local news/information
- (b) Local knowledge
- (c) General news
- (d) Community news
- (e) Sport
- (f) Advertisements
- (g) Classifieds

How satisfied are you with the Gazette? Rate 1 (dissatisfied) up to 5 (very satisfied) 1 2 3 4 5

If a cover price was introduced, what do you think is a fair price?

If the Gazette had a cover price, would you buy it? YES / NO

Which do you prefer:

- (a) A full colour newspaper; or
- (b) Front and back pages in colour; or
- (c) Printed only in mono (black and white)?

How important do you think it is to have a locally produced newspaper?

VERY IMPORTANT / NOT IMPORTANT

Comment:



Our Bronzed Aussie



Sara Brazier travelled to Western Australia last week and returned with an impressive medal haul

Cricket

Cricket gets underway this weekend and Guyra will be fielding four junior and three senior teams in the Armidale District Competition. The first grade competition was under threat due to water restrictions which meant the preparation of turf wickets was under threat. Only two ovals, the Guyra Turf and TAS Oval, will be available for play. Both venues have access to bore water.

This weekend will see Guyra play Hillgrove at Ted Mulligan Oval in first grade, second grade will be up against Easts at Newling Oval and third grade will be at home against TAS at the Lions Park Sporting Complex (Truckstop).

Junior cricket has increased in popularity and this year will see two under 10 teams, an under 12 and an under 14 team representing Guyra. The first round of games will be played this weekend, however draws are not yet available.

All players are asked to get along to training on Thursday afternoon at the recreation ground cricket nets,

where the draw will be available. They will also need to register online at playcricket.com.au before the first game. For more information, Jason Campbell (Under14s) 0428 763 688, Simon Brown (Under12s) 0427 665 131 or Graham Cameron (Under 10s) 0415 872 685.

Guyra Cricket Club will also be running Junior Blasters (5-7 yrs) and Master Blasters (7-10 yrs) at Guyra Central School on Tuesday afternoons commencing on October 22nd. To take part in these programs register online at playcricket.com.au. Contact Linley Ryan 0474 854 242

Men's Bowls

There is little to report on this week, however there are a number of sheets on the notice board in regards to this year's Annual Carnival.

There is a sheet for entries in the Mixed Triples and the Women's Open Triples so Bowlers interested in these please feel free and enter today.

More information on the Annual Carnival as the date

Sara Brazier competed in the Western Australia Special Olympics Invitational State Games which were held from October 2nd to 9th.

Sara competed as part of the Hunter Special Olympic team in swimming and ten pin bowling with the following results.

Swimming - 50 meter Backstroke 3rd (bronze medal), 50 meter freestyle 3rd (bronze medal), 50 meter breaststroke 4th, 25 meter butterfly 4th.

Ten Pin Bowling - Singles 5th and Pairs 3rd (bronze medal)

draws nearer.

There is also plenty of room to place your name on the Sheet provided for the visiting bowlers from Scott's Head Travelling Bowlers Club Sunday afternoon October 20th. There is 20 male bowlers required so if interested place your name on the sheet

The Bowls Bandit

Men's Golf

Last Sunday was the Dougie Waters Memorial Day. The winners with 46 points were Darrin Towells and John Coppock. Runners up were Jake Ellis and Corby Kliendienst. Nearest to the pins were Anthony Dittman on the 7th, Barry Simpson on the 10th and John Coppock on the 18th.

Next weekend will be the inaugural Guyra sixes. This is a new event and should go very well as all positions are full. We are still struggling for numbers in the midweek which is due to start on the 21st. This year it will be a nine-hole competition with rounds from veterans, ladies, Molly Sole and Sunday competitions able to be used. On

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Talk to a local

Sunday the 27th, the Sole Taxation Guyra Open will be held.

The Albatross

Vets Golf

Last Tuesday the 8th saw a very windy and challenging day for golf. The results showed how difficult it was. At one stage a hat went further than a drive and faster than a cart.

The winner of the Individual Stableford was Col Walls with a score of 35 ahead of the runner-up Pat Grills and Herb Wilson on 34. Herb also was the best putter on the day.

Nearest the pins went to Wal Chapman on the 7th, Herb Wilson the 10th and Paul Redden the 18th.

On Melbourne Cup day the 5th November we will again be holding a 2 person Ambrose over 14 holes. The cost for the day will be \$20 including a lunch put on by the Club. The Walcha 4BBB is on this coming Friday and a reminder that Midweek Golf starts on Monday 21st.

A Vet



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MEETINGS

GUYRA JUNIOR LEAGUE AGM Thursday October 17th at Guyra Hotel 6pm. All welcome to attend.
GUYRA CYCLING COMMUNITY INC. AGM will be held on Sunday, 20th October, 2pm at High on Bikes, 118b Bradley Street.

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Cost: \$170.

Bookings and workbooks available from NECC.

Phone: 6779 2132

DEATH NOTICE

MILLER; MICHAEL MACKENZIE
14th October 2019

At Autumn Lodge Armidale, of "Glenroy" Guyra.

Beloved husband of Noelene (dec'd). Loved father and father-in-law of Vicki & Jon Taylor and Evan Miller.

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SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER St James Anglican Church Fete

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

***NEW* SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER** at 6pm Ben Lomond Hall fund raiser for Sarah Rosten to travel to England in January 2020 to play soccer

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Ladies tee off for Breast Cancer

Last week was our annual Tee off for Breast Cancer Day. Our ladies dressed in pink to support this worthy cause. All proceeds from the day were donated to the charity. Thank you to the lady golfers and the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club for donating the green fees to the Breast Cancer Fund.

Thank you to Wendy George for donating the lovely trophies.

The winner of the day was Vicki Reeves with a 69 Nett Runner up was Julie Walker with 70 Nett.

Nearest the Pin Winners were on the 7th Julie Walker, 9th Vicki Reeves and on the 10th and 18th Wendy George.

This week we are playing a Par Medal Event with Meg Simpson as the starter.

Next week is our 4BBB Championship sponsored by Guyra Welding Works.

We are playing 27 Holes with a 9.00 am start with Wendy Jackson as the starter.

Birdie



PRETTY IN PINK: Meg Simpson, Debbie Burey, Vicki Reeves, Suzanne Towells, Joyce Betts, Wendy George, Kath Varley, Karen Oehlers, Donna White, Jenny Rogers and Julie Walker

Spuds on their way back



Britt Youman will be the first female President for Guyra Rugby League

The Super Spuds are on their way back for 2020 and have high hopes of fielding three teams. Player interest is so strong there is a chance the Spuds could compete at U18s level for the first time in about a decade and should also assemble formidable men's and leaguetaf teams.

Last Wednesday night's annual general meeting was well-attended and all roles were filled.

Britt Youman has been elected the club's first female and youngest president and will oversee an executive team that also includes Tom Cleaver (vice-president), Ken Fuller (secretary) and Emma Barwick (treasurer).

A large and enthusiastic committee was also elected.

The next job is to appoint coaches.

Applications to coach the men's, under 18s and leaguetaf teams will close on Wednesday, October 23rd when the club holds its next meeting at 6.30pm at the Guyra Hotel.

Anyone interested in coaching should contact the club via email at guyrarugbyleague@gmail.com or on Facebook or by attending the meeting.

A call for sponsors will also come in the near future and further events are being planned.

The Group 19 women's nine-a-side tackle competition kicks off this weekend in Inverell with Guyra represented in the open age division.