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Ready to step into the spotlight

With her HSC behind her, Guyra Central School student Savannah Roberts this week joined other performers in a massed dance rehearsal for the 2019 Schools Spectacular.

Schools Spectacular has been hailed as the largest amateur variety act in the world and Savannah is one of this year's Featured Artists. Savannah is hoping to make a future in dance, having already received offers for full-time dance studies in Brisbane and Sydney next year.

The first 2019 Schools Spectacular rehearsal was held on Monday, with performers from across New England and North West now fully focussed on the countdown to show week.

Schools Spectacular brings together a galaxy of talent includes 40 Featured Performers, an incredible 100-piece symphony orchestra, stage band, 2,700-voice choir, 2,300 amazing dancers, the D'Arts Ensemble disability program, the Aboriginal Dance Company, puppets and an indispensable behind-the-scenes team.

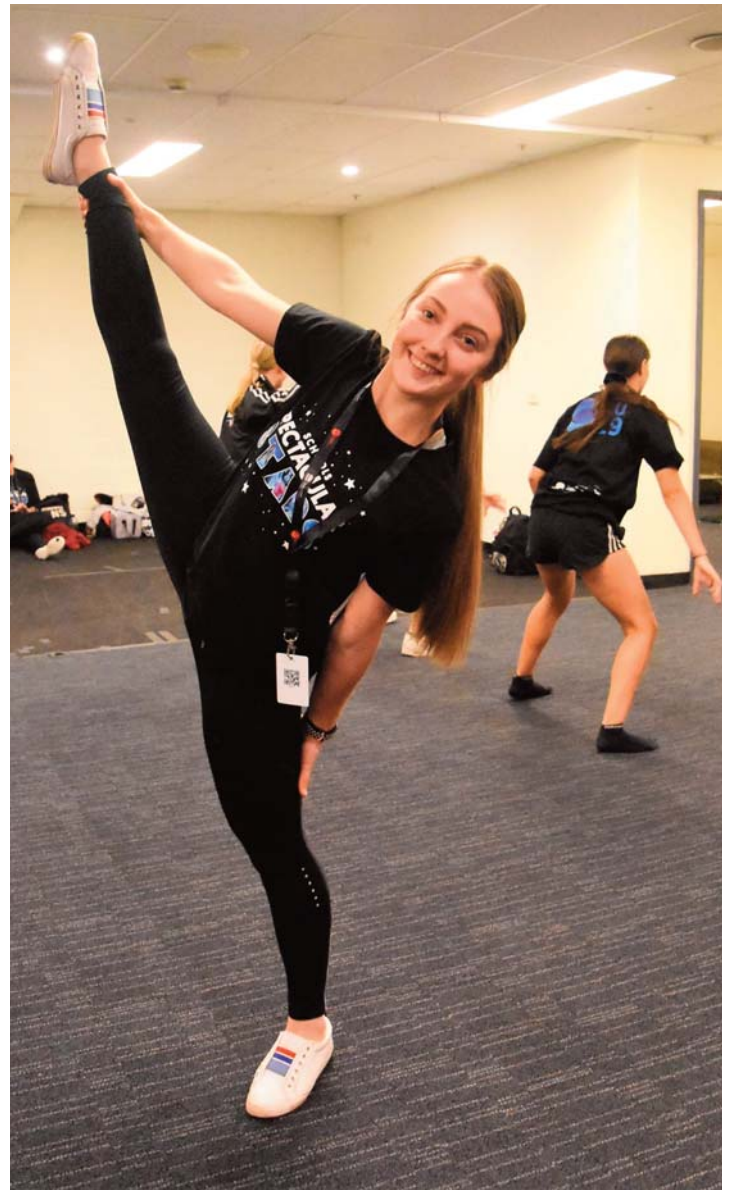
For the first time in the show's 36-year history dozens of regional and rural schools took advantage of the opportunity to link in with more than a thousand performers who flocked to Qudos Bank Arena for the first massed dance rehearsal.

Together the online performers and the dancers on the arena stage went through the paces of the iconic finale widely recognised as the jewel in the crown of the Schools Spectacular.

Co-Executive Producer, Rosemary Davis was delighted by the how well the rehearsal came together.

"It was the best ever," Ms Davis said.

With the four Schools Spectacular shows locked in to Qudos Bank Arena at Sydney's Olympic Park on Friday, 22 (11am, 7.30pm) and Saturday, 23 (1pm, 7.30pm) November, the show-time adrenalin is starting to build.



Savannah Roberts of Guyra Central School was full of smiles as she warmed up in the Featured Dancers dressing room on Monday

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Students inspired by the gift of service

The humility and reward of service for those less fortunate was a profound experience for Guyra district students Samuel Atkin, Tom Gellie and Toby Inglis who volunteered their time to work at Christopher's Orphanage in Fiji during the school holidays.

The trio were among 23 Year 8 students and staff from The Armidale School who took part in the Christian service trip, the 21st year that TAS has made the pilgrimage to the or-

phanage.

"We did jobs like painting, cooking, cleaning and weeding some gardens – basically anything that the sisters who run it, needed for us to do," said Tom.

During evenings there were prayers and communal singing, with the highlight for most, being the time they spent with their 'buddies', who ranged in age from four to 16 years.

"We found them very friendly and excited to meet us. Some

were a little shy to start with but by the end of our visit beautiful connections had been made. They loved the outdoors, singing and dancing. All the children in the home were so grateful for what they had at St Christopher's," said Toby.

Together, the students and residents husked coconuts, swam in the Suva town pool learnt traditional Fijian dances and visited the New Zealand High Commissioner's house where they watched a dress re-

hearsal for a fundraiser for a home for the boys from St Christopher's who currently have to leave the home when they are 12.

"It opened my eyes as to what other kids live like, and how little they have yet how happy they are," Samuel said.

"I came away realising how good it can be to not have so much technology in your life, and the satisfaction in serving your community – it was just a really great life experience."



Tom Gellie (above) made friends with two of the students at St Christopher's Orphanage in Fiji

Toby Inglis (below) with husked coconuts



Samuel Atkin (above) with his buddy Freddie

Fundraiser for Sarah Rosten

A fundraiser for Guyra soccer player Sarah Rosten will be held on November 23rd. Sarah will make her way to England in January 2020 joining 27 other girls from around the state on the tour of the northern hemisphere.

The fundraising night will include entertainment, raffles, 100 Clubs and an auction. Major prizes include a trial introductory Helicopter

Flight, two nights' accommodation at Nambucca Heads and a Zigler and Brown Barbecue.

Live entertainment will feature country music stars Martin Oakes and Charlie Fittler. The event will take place at the Ben Lomond Hall on Saturday November 23rd starting at 6pm. There will be a Sausage/Steak sizzle available for purchase and drinks are BYO.

For any enquires please phone 0436 477 378.

First outing for Ben Lomond entertainers

The newly formed Ben Lomond Entertainment Society (BLES) will present their first production on November 9th. 'Black Adder – Corporal Punishment' is set in the first World War, but with a modern Australian twist.

The cast includes local

personalities and is sure to be entertaining as well as a chance for some laughter and a catch up.

The venue is the Ben Lomond Hall, with entry from 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Entry will cost \$10 and a light supper will be provided. Bookings are essential for catering purposes so please RSVP to 0418 676 026.

New card system for water filling stations

A new verification and payment process is proposed for two water filling stations established to help rural households during the drought.

The altered system is designed to ensure the facilities are used responsibly and by the people they are intended to assist.

The decision to introduce the new system follows reported abuse of the system by people other than the rural residents they were implemented to assist. That included water carters who had been transporting the water outside the Armidale Region.

At last week's meeting of Armidale Regional Council, councillors endorsed the introduction of Water Access Cards (WACs) for the filling stations which are situated at the Armidale Arboretum in Armidale and McKie Parkway in Guyra.

The stations were estab-

lished in late September to provide emergency domestic supplies for Armidale region properties that are not connected to the town water supplies and have an approved and occupied house.

A report to the meeting said that the move to WACs was necessary to help regulate the amount of town water being removed at the filling stations. Despite action taken by Council to ensure more appropriate use of the service, it remained "vulnerable to abuse".

Under the proposed new system, the cards will be the only way to access water from the filling stations and will enable targeted residents to verify they meet the criteria. Once they complete an application form to register, the card will provide access to a monthly allocation.

The proposed fees, on public exhibition until November 22nd, include a \$100 one-off



After just a few weeks in operation there will be changes to the way water is dispensed for rural residents

access fee to obtain a card, and a pre-paid water charge fee of \$3.90 per kilolitre. The \$3.90 per kilolitre fee is already in place for people currently accessing the filling stations using credit card payments.

While the exhibition period is underway, and until the

proposed system is implemented, the operating hours for the filling stations will continue to be limited to 6am to 6pm Monday to Friday, to assist with monitoring to ensure the service is being used appropriately.

Celebrate the Melbourne Cup with Can Assist

at the
Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club
on **Tuesday, 5th November**
from **11.30am**

2 course lunch
Complimentary drink
Fashion Parade by Noni B

\$25.00 per person
Tickets available at **GALA**
until **Friday, 1st November**

Prizes for Best Outfit on the day
Sweeps and Lucky Door Prizes

For the golfers - a 2 person Ambrose
starts at **9.00am - \$20 includes BBQ lunch**

For further information, contact:
Lyn Skinner - 6779 1814
Wendy Jackson - 0427 750 188

Anglican Church Fete

Saturday, 2nd November
starting at **9.00am**

Come along, bring a friend and enjoy
Morning Tea or a
BBQ Lunch from 12.00noon

Cake Stalls
Arts & Craft Stalls
White Elephant Stalls

What's HOT

Year 6 camp a learning experience

MELBOURNE CUP lunch and fashion parade - always a great day so book your tickets now

LAST CHANCE to fill in the Gazette survey (see page 9). We want to hear from you

What's NOT

MOVING HOUSE and not redirecting your mail

MISUSE of the water filling stations which disadvantages genuine users

QUOTE of the week

Experience is a comb which nature gives us when we are bald.

Chinese Proverb

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
22	Tues	3.1	22.0	0
23	Wed	6.5	24.4	0
24	Thurs	9.1	24.5	0
25	Fri	11.0	24.7	0.4
26	Sat	6.9	25.4	0
27	Sun	4.4	23.7	1.2
28	Mon	4.7	23.8	0

Rain this week	1.6mm
Oct rainfall	23.8mm
Rainfall YTD	235.6 mm
Rainfall last YTD	438.6mm
Ave. rain to Oct.	697.6mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology



Back l to r: Ethan Tribe, Olivia Wilson, Anna Grills, Shanae Wark, George Williamson, and Jessica Taylor
Sitting: Courtney Spradbrow, Tom Lockyer and Joseph Reeves

On Thursday 17th & Friday 18th October, Year 6 students from St Mary of the Angels attended the Frog Dreaming Environmental Research Camp held by New England Landcare.

The students enjoyed learning about how to help locate and care

for Koalas in the current dry period, how to prepare seedballs to promote natural germination in the optimum growing time and how to be good citizens and stewards of our earth.

It was a challenge to pitch tents in high winds on Thursday,

but the children expertly handled themselves to successfully camp overnight.

The students enjoyed bonding with students from other local schools and were happy to spend some quality time together before they head off for high school.

Shhh....Quiet Please

.....Ramblings by the Guyra Ghost.

If you could choose to live anywhere, regardless of impracticality, where would it be? The options are endless; you're not confined by normality. You might like to be in the first colony on the Moon or Mars, live in an underwater observatory or a museum. I know one young man who thinks living in a theme park would be just the ant's pants.

Me, I think I'd like to live in a library. Not a big one like Sydney's Mitchell Library but a smaller, cosier one. Our Guyra Library seems ideal. Libraries are no longer stuffy, cold places with rigid, upright chairs and rules about everything. Our library is such a com-

forting place with a restful colour scheme and filled with different options for lounging while reading, using technology or doing nothing. There are informal groupings so that friends can sit and talk or you can use the work spaces available. During school holidays there are great activities for a wide range of locals and that certainly encourages interaction between ages which is a great thing. I've even known libraries to host movie and pizza nights for young teenagers. You are encouraged to have a cuppa and munch away on your favourite snack. I'm sure there are staff kitchens somewhere with a mi-

crowave. I don't want to do a lot of cooking or cleaning, so that might be enough, and this is just a dream anyway. Maybe a beanbag could double as a bed and there's bound to be an unused cupboard for dressing. Also, if you choose your library carefully, you would be in walking distance to everything you want, including nice scenery. Importantly, there're always plenty of times when you could be just about the only person in there, which is also fine. None of this is possible, but as it's basically daydreaming, it doesn't matter.

So where would you like to live, and why?

Q Fever vaccination program to run again

Guyra branch of NSW Farmers and the Guyra Medical Centre are joining forces for the second time to run a Q Fever vaccination program. The disease is a significant cause of illness and indeed death in the broader community however people working with animals are especially at risk.

Guyra is one of the hotspots in NSW for this illness with as much as 22 per cent of the population showing exposure to the disease.

The disease can present as an acute flu like condition that is quite debilitating in itself however some people contract a chronic form of it that can have a debilitating effect on the patient for months or even years.

The bacteria that causes the disease is found in most farm animals but is also present in cats, dogs and native animals such as kangaroos. The range of people at risk is growing with green keepers and gardeners having tested positive to the disease.

Farmers, shearers, vets, vet nurses, abattoir workers and anyone handling the clothing of these workers are at an extreme risk of



NSW Farmers Vice President Chris Groves and President James Jackson have both experienced the devastating affects of Q Fever
Photo supplied

contracting Q fever.

The good news is that this disease can be prevented with a vaccination. The bad news is that each person has to be tested for possible exposure to the disease before you can be vaccinated. So it means a couple of visits to the surgery.

Students who work on farms in their holidays and over the age of 15 should be vaccinated.

The Guyra branch of NSW

farmers in conjunction with Dr Jeyakumar at the Guyra Medical Clinic are offering a vaccination program. The program requires a blood test and a skin test, followed by the vaccination.

Guyra branch of NSW Farmers will pay for the skin test, however the patient will be required to pay \$155.00 for the vaccination if it is deemed necessary.

It is not available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits

Scheme, but may be tax deductible. Previously, the ATO's advice stated that only those working with cattle as part of their employment could claim the cost of Q fever testing and vaccination as a tax deduction.

The advice has been updated to include those working with sheep and goats as part of their employment. The ATO also confirms that employers can make deductions for the cost of vaccinating employees operating as part of those businesses.

If you are interested in being part of this vaccination program please contact Jenni Jackson on 0403 080 536.

A clinic will be held on Friday 22nd November for Blood screening and Skin test. A vaccination clinic will be held on Friday 27th November where the Q fever vaccination will be given.

NSW Farmers is encouraging all people at risk of contracting this illness to take up this offer by Guyra Medical Centre and the Guyra Branch of NSW Farmers

You do not have to be a patient at the Guyra Medical Centre to partake in this program.

Regional development visionaries sought

Armidale region residents with strong business knowledge and a broad vision for economic expansion are invited to nominate to be part of an expanded regional development peak advisory group.

The advisory committee's Chair, Councillor Andrew Murat, said the group needed a "big picture approach in its membership and perspective".

"We're hoping it will include people with a diverse

range of expertise," Cr Murat said. "We want members will exceptional knowledge in technology, people with great experience in tourism and events, agriculture, social planning and operating businesses – all important contributors to a vibrant and growing region.

"The committee's investigations and objectives will be underpinned by four pillars – social, economic, environmental and financial impacts – and that will require

broad expertise and vision."

Cr Murat said the successful applicants should also have demonstrated ability in building relationships within the community. The advisory committee will include at least six community members and three councillors.

Further information about the advisory committee, including its terms of reference and selection criteria, is available on the Committee Meetings page of Council's website.

Expressions of Interest close on Wednesday 21 November 2019 and can be submitted to Principal Advisor - Governance, Risk & Safety Nathalie Heaton, Armidale Regional Council, PO Box 75A, Armidale NSW 2350, or emailed to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au

Further enquiries relating to the committee may be directed to Nathalie Heaton at nheaton@armidale.nsw.gov.au or phone 1300 136833.

Meals on Wheels

Oct. 31st Lyn & Richard Skinner
Nov. 1st Lyn & Richard Skinner
Nov. 4th Kath Varley
Nov. 5th Don & Betty Mayleld
Nov. 6th Wendy Lockyer

Street Stalls

November 1st Masonic Lodge
Nov. 7th, 8th & 9th Rotary
Nov. 14th, 15th, 16th Rotary

Church Notices

St James Anglican

Sunday 9am Morning Service, 1st
Sunday of the month Backwater
2pm, 3rd Sunday of the month
Ben Lomond 11.30am

St Mary's Catholic

Saturday Mass 6pm in Guyra,
Sunday 9am, 1st Sunday of
month Ben Lomond, 3rd Sunday
Wards Mistake, otherwise Guyra
7am Wards Mistake, 9am Guyra
Father Stephen O'Shea

St Columba's Presbyterian

Guyra Sunday 9.00am, Ben
Lomond Service, first Sunday of
even-numbered months, 2.00pm
Rev Andrew Campbell,
Ph. 0447 724 536

Uniting Church

Regular Sunday Service 9.30am
Enq. Nancy Davidson 6779 1366

Seventh-day Adventist

Saturday from 10am Bible Study,
11am Divine Service.

Enquiries: 6779 1587

Northwest Church

66 Llangothlin St, Sunday
meeting 10am, Thursday 7pm
Food Pantry - 1st, 3rd & 5th
Friday of month 11am-12, 1pm-2pm
Tony Stace 0427956772.

Church of Freedom

10 Nincoola Street - Contact:
0421 847 973, Tuesday Prayer
6.30pm, Wed Bible Study 6.30pm
Sunday Service 10am

Service Clubs

LIONS CLUB dinner meetings
1st & 3rd Thursday of the
month at Guyra Bowling Club,
7pm. Ph: Geoff Reeves
6779 1257

ROTARY CLUB dinner meetings
2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
6pm for 6.30pm. Ph: Aileen
MacDonald 0417 079 307

Early weaning: an important management option

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services is running a series of Early Weaning Workshops to provide practical tips and benefits of early weaning for cattle producers. In the current drought conditions, early weaning needs to be considered to help manage the fat score of cows to maintain productivity for next year or to ensure cows that are in low body condition can improve prior to sale.

A 500kg lactating cow requires 13kg (8.5MJ/kg/DM) of cereal hay or 11kg of good quality hay (like lucerne hay - 9.5 MJ/kg/DM) to maintain condition with no paddock

feed available. Once the calf is weaned off the cow and fed separately, the amount of feed required for maintenance drops (7kg of good quality hay for the 500kg cow and 3.5kg of good quality hay for a 200kg weaner). The health of both the cow and calf will also improve.

Be mindful that once these calves are weaned they either need to have access to good quality pasture/forage or continue to be fed a ration daily that includes roughage if limited or no paddock feed is available.

Early weaning workshops will be held at Glen Innes on Wednesday 20 November

from 8am – 1pm, Uralla Bowling Club from 7.30am – 11am and Guyra Bowling Club 2pm – 5pm on Thursday 21 November and Tennterfield Golf Club 2pm – 5pm Friday 22 November

To RSVP to the workshops and for specific strategies and feed mix suggestions for early weaning your calves, please contact Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Livestock Officers Tahnee Manton on 0438 600 473 or Max Newsome on 0427 007 190.

Have Your Say.....

Heavy thinking needed on water

As we are approaching Day Zero in our water storage facilities, those in charge need to do some heavy thinking.

On social media this week, Mayor Simon Murray was quoted as saying "We have plan A, plan B and plan C. Let's hope that one of them is viable." He is also quoted as saying that we would need 100 truckloads per day to service the area.

Also in the Gazette (23/10) there is an article stating that the Rail Trail proposal is ready for submission to Glen Innes Council and Armidale Regional Council. If implemented this will mean that the railway line between Armidale and Glen Innes will no longer function.

It doesn't take much to work out that it would be logistically impossible to supply 100 truckloads of water per day to the area.

Why don't the ARC put some thought into getting train loads of water from the desalination plant in Sydney,

which is under-utilised. This could be done in consultation with the State Govt. far cheaper than 100 trucks could possibly do the job. Besides, where is the water to be sourced. With some upgrades of the line this could be a Plan D all the way through to Stanthorpe and Warwick.

I think this would be a far better use for the line than ripping up tracks for, what many believe, would be a retrograde step.

Ray Mulligan

Have Your Say

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67792069.

Weekly Wool Sales

The diminishing volume of wool being offered restricted Sydney to a one day sale this week. Prices were dearer for all the Merino types in what was a somewhat calmer market compared to recent times. Sales continued in Melbourne and Fremantle on Thursday with the market pushing higher again. In a good sign for next week the Fremantle market closed higher than the Eastern seaboard levels for the 19 to 21 micron categories. 25,261 bales were sold nationally for the week with the passed in level falling to less than half of the current season's average at 6.7%. Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris & Aust Merino Exp. Next week's national offering is 10,000 bales larger than this week but signs of further gains in the market are evident. Forward market prices have risen and are currently trading very near to this week's physical close out as far as January. 100,000 fewer bales have been offered for the season to date compared to last season. The fall in production combined with rather high withdrawal rates prior to sale are contributing fairly equally to this figure.

Mayor's Message

Hundreds of community members took the opportunity to explore water-saving products, seek information and gain advice from local businesses, community organisations and Council at a National Water Week Expo held at Armidale Markets in the Mall on Sunday.

More than 400 visitors to the expo kept exhibitors busy as eager community members discussed topics including the current water restrictions, rebates schemes for water-saving products and tips to reduce consumption in and around the home.

We also had a fantastic response to our competition to win a water-efficient front-loading Electrolux washing machine, with hundreds of people filling out an entry form. The competition was drawn on the day and Scott Harrison was chuffed to hear he had won the prize.

Bing Lee, Reece Plumbing and Bushman Tanks were among the stallholders exhibiting water-efficient appliances and were thrilled with the level of interest shown by visitors, while Lindsay Snell Plumbing received a lot of questions about simple greywater systems that can be implemented in the home.

Similarly, a steady stream of people took the opportunity to speak to Council representatives. We had a comprehensive display on the latest information on Council initiatives to supplement the town water supplies and minimise water use for infrastructure and community spaces.

We can expect to see more water-efficient gardening in the region, following a high level of interest in a number of displays about low water-use gardens.

Armidale Tree Group displayed a range of drought resistant plants and people absorbed tips on the best use of greywater for gardens.

Armidale Regional Libraries entertained with a demonstration on making small Japanese gardens known as kokedamas, using succulents, moss and minimal water. Enjo also showcased its water-efficient and chemical-free cleaning products.

Costa Group, Southern New England Landcare and Department of Primary Industries were also at the expo, answering many questions from residents.

It was a fantastic turn-out by the community. The positivity of residents, their stories of water saving and their enthusiasm to share their tips with others was inspiring.

It is great to know so many motivated people are working together to reduce water consumption and save our remaining water supplies.

Simon Murray



Guyra Swimming Club

Guyra Swimming Club is looking for committee members to assist in the running of the Club this upcoming season.

A final meeting to form a committee will be held on Thursday 31 October at Guyra Swimming Pool at 6.30pm.

If you would like to join the committee but unable to attend the meeting, please contact the Pool Supervisor on 02 6779 1355.



Guyra Preschool & Long Day Care Centre

Now taking enrolments for 2020.

For more information or to enrol your child please call Amanda on 6779 1715

Guyra Shire Council from 1960 to 1985, including terms as Shire President. His public service also included leadership roles to the North West Country Council.

The request will be considered by Council after 14 days of public consultation.

Please send your comments to council@armidale.nsw.gov.au or 135 Rusden Street, Armidale NSW 2350 by 10 November 2019.

Request to rename Guyra Community Hall

Council has received a request to rename the Guyra Community Hall located at the Guyra Showground. It is proposed to name the building The D. R. Gilbert White OAM Memorial Hall, after long-standing Mayor of Guyra Shire Council Gilbert White.

Mr White served as a councillor on

Australia Day



Nominations for all categories for the 2020 Guyra and Armidale Australia Day Awards close this Friday 1 November 2019 at 5pm.

Nominations can be submitted by visiting the Australia Day page on Council's website and downloading a nomination form. Printed copies are also available from the customer service counters at Council's Armidale and Guyra offices.

Categories include Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Community Service Award, Sportsman of the Year, Contribution to Sports & Recreation, Art & Culture, Community Event, and Environmental Citizen.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 November 2019 at the Armidale Council Chambers, 135 Rusden St, from 4pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Wednesday 30 October 2019

Authorised by CEO Susan Law, Armidale Regional Council
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Email: council@armidale.nsw.gov.au

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Needs-based funding for schools up

There has been a 9 per cent increase, an additional \$2.14 million, in needs-based recurrent funding for Northern Tablelands public schools in 2020. In total, the 59 Northern Tablelands public schools will receive \$25.979 million in needs based equity funding next year.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said this additional support was a result of the NSW Government being the first to sign up to and fully fund the Gonski education agreement, which will deliver \$6.4 billion in additional funding to NSW students over six years.

He said that since Gonski was introduced in NSW, the needs-based funding allocation model had seen annual recurrent funding for local public schools increase by \$16.6 million. Mr Marshall was confident school communities and principals would be delighted at the prospect of planning the use of their additional funds.

“The core of the state government’s Local Schools, Local Decisions reforms is to put decision-making about students and school communities with the people who know them best – the principals, school staff and parents,” he said. “The

distribution of funds on a needs basis under the RAM gives them exactly that opportunity.

“Many schools in the Northern Tablelands electorate will see additional benefits in areas such as literacy and numeracy support, teachers’ professional development and community engagement.

Funding for Guyra district schools:

Bald Blair Public School will receive \$62,051 up \$5,015 on last year and an increase of \$43,964 since 2013.

Ben Lomond Public School will receive \$36,054 up \$6,140 on last year and

an increase of \$11,652 since 2013.

Black Mountain Public School will receive \$102,845 up \$5,469 on last year and an increase of \$74,207 since 2013.

Ebor Public School will receive \$80,912 up \$42,840 on last year and an increase of \$56,163 since 2013.

Guyra Central School will receive \$945,426 up \$124,184 on last year and an increase of \$769,654 since 2013

Tingha Public School will receive \$333,696 down \$64,259 on last year, an increase of \$80,795 since 2013

Sharing the Dignity this Christmas

As you prepare to celebrate the holiday season this year with loved ones, charity organisation Share the Dignity is asking the community to spare a thought for women and teenage girls experiencing homelessness, sleeping rough, or seeking refuge in domestic violence shelters.

In an effort to ensure that these women and girls do not

go without, the charity has launched their 2019 ‘It’s in the Bag’ Christmas Appeal.

2019 is the fifth year the charity has run the Christmas campaign and Share the Dignity Volunteer and Guyra local Anne Lane is hoping for the biggest response ever.

“We want to give local women and girls doing it tough over the holiday period a rea-

son to smile and feel cared for,” Anne said. “We also want to restore some of their dignity by providing them with handbags filled with essential hygiene products, as well as a few extra little treats.”

“We’ve been blown away by the support this collection receives each and every year, and we’d love the communities support to show these women and girls that they are in our thoughts this Christmas.”

In Australia, domestic and family violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and their children and most women leaving a violent relationship move out of their home.

The It’s in the Bag campaign has a simple premise:

- Donate a handbag in good, used condition that you no longer use;
- Fill it with items that will make a difference to the daily life of a homeless woman;
- Be sure to include the essentials such as pads and tampons, deodorant, roll on deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner and soap; and
- Add the little luxuries like

lip balm and new socks, a magazine, anything that would make a woman or teenage girl feel special.

Individuals who donate bags are encouraged to pop a thoughtful note into the bag, to show these women and girls that someone cares and that they matter.

The campaign will run from November 22, through until December 7 and bags can be dropped off at your local BUNNINGS store. Guyra residents who want to donate a bag can also drop it in to Anne Thrift at CT Electric.

Local Share the Dignity volunteers will collect donated bags and distribute to shelters and charities like Back Track in Armidale or The Hub here in Guyra ensuring that these lovingly prepared bags are available for women and girls in time for Christmas.

Any questions regards volunteering with Share the Dignity or the #itsinthebag campaign can be directed to Anne Lane at anne.lane@gmx.com or 0404 655 679.

MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT!

Saturday November 23rd, 6pm start

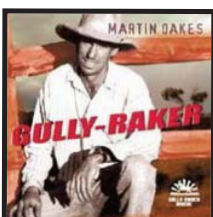
Ben Lomond Hall

Sausage/Steak Sizzle (available for purchase) BYO Drinks

Raffles, 100 Clubs and Auction

Live entertainment featuring country music stars

Martin Oakes & Charlie Fittler!



Proceeds to Sarah Rosten’s soccer tour

For any enquiries: 0436 477 378

SURVEY
Tell us what you think of the Gazette!

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?
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Ladies' Golf

Last week a field of 14 ladies competed for the annual 4BBB Championship, after 27 holes the winners were Donna White and Pam Youman with a score of 68 points. The Runners up were Pip White and Shona Mulligan with 64 points.

The ladies would like to thank Guyra Welding Works for their continued support and sponsorship.

Nearest the Pin Winners were Nancy Prisk on the 7th Hole, Donna White on the 9th Hole, Wendy George on the 10th Hole and Pip White on the 18th Hole.

This week we are playing a Stroke and Putting Competition with Belinda Lenehan as the starter.

Next week is a Stableford Event playing for Jenny Rogers trophy also with Jenny Rogers as the starter.

On Sunday 3rd November we have some ladies playing in the Armidale Jug. Good luck ladies.

Birdie

Men's Golf

Last Sunday's Sole Taxation Guyra Open was won by Jay-

den Every from Glen Innes, with Jon Izzard from Uralla runner up. The Nett winner in A Grade was Reg Walls, with Roger Chaffey from Armidale runner up. The B Grade went to Owen Presnell from Walcha with Steven Sole runner up. The B Grade Nett winner was Scott Mendes with Bill Miller runner up. The C Grade went to Pat Grills with Roger Grills runner up. the C Grade Nett winner was Len Stanley with Evan Sole runner up.

Nearest to the pins were Bill Miller on the 7th, Scott Mendes on the 10th and Owen Presnell on the 18th.

It was a great day with the lunch alone worth the cost of entry. Next Sunday will be a 4BBB par for Ducat's trophy and the November monthly mug. The following Sunday will be the much anticipated Brian Lennon Memorial two person ambrose.

The Albatross

Midweek Golf

The midweek competition is off and running with about 60 players hitting off. Team points range up to 74 maximum

points. Congratulations to Charged Up for their great scores. Only two teams got extra points for all six members playing this week.

Most of the handicaps have changed this week as we had to have a starting point for the beginning of the competition. Individual high scores go to Tony Dittman 21 and Scott Rake 21. Next highest were Donna White 20 and Peter Mulligan 20.

A reminder that it is a 9-hole competition. Also can players please put their names on the top of playing cards. One last thing – we need an email address for each team, if you could write your contact email for the team on the scoresheet board.

Middy

Vets Golf

On Tuesday, 22nd October, 13 Vets played a 4 Ball Best Ball. The winners, with a great score of 46 points were Chris Newberry and John Prisk. John also won the best Stableford score with 40 points.

Nearest the pins were awarded to Ian Taylor on the

7th, Doug Archibald on the 10th and Donald Campbell was closest to the hole on the 18th.

Walcha Vets will be hosting a Christmas Special 4BBB Medley on Thursday, 28th November with a 9.30 shotgun start. Please contact Wal Chapman 67755735 or 0488755735 or Nancy Prisk – 0438791057.

A Vet

Men's Bowls

The result of the Semi Final of the Major/Minor Pairs played over the weekend: Steven Sole and Robert Walls played Roger Cox and Boyd Stanley. Steven and Robert were out to a lead 7 nil after only two ends, but with a never say die attitude Roger and Boyd fought back and levelled the score 7 all. Steven and Robert then settled and soon opened a handy lead, try as they might Roger and Boyd were unable to catch up, but with determination they slowly fought back and by end 17 had managed to take the lead and from then on they were not headed and went on to a win 30 shots to 23 shots over 24 ends.

This weekend will see the Final of the Major/Minor Pairs played also the commencement of the 2019/2020 season.

Saturday November 2nd: Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: Robert Walls.

Final Major/Minor Pairs: Roger Cox and Boyd Stanley will play Grahame Starr and Dan Kennedy.

Club Pairs: Mallie Walls and Ian Jacobs to play Geoff Reeves and Wayne Reeves. Steven Sole and Robert Walls to play Michael Shiner and Ken Jones.

This year's Annual Carnival will start Tuesday December 3rd with Open Women's Triples, followed by the Mixed Triples Wednesday December 4th.

Thursday November 5th and Friday November 6th will see the Schweppes Pairs played.

Saturday November 7th and Sunday November 8th will see the New England Mutual Triples played.

More information next week on the Annual Carnival, until then inquiries are to be made to the Bowling Club during working hours on 6779 1499.

The Bowls Bandit

CRICKET SCOREBOARD Saturday, October 26th, 2019

1st Grade Guyra def. by City/UNE	2nd Grade Guyra def. by TAS	3rd Grade Guyra drew with Ex Services
City UNE Innings 2 for 204 off 25.3 overs	TAS Innings 228 off 44.3 overs	Ex Services Innings (match abandoned) 7 for 145 (CC)
Guyra Bowling: Mitchell Woods, 1 for 53, BJ Cameron 1 for 33, Keiran Wicks 0 for 21, Charlie White 0 for 14, Heath Dowsett 0 for 18, B Landsborough 1 for 39, Matt Finlay 0 for 24	Guyra Bowling: Dan Stace 3 for 32, Justin McKay 0 for 19, Maurie Blair 3 for 36, Corey Torrens 3 for 54, Matt Champion 0 for 37, Joey Ryan 1 for 42	Guyra Bowling: Andrew Pearson 2 for 32. Dan Vidler 0 for 25, Ian Pearson 1 for 14, Alistair Connors 1 for 15, Taylor Brennan 2 for 10, Tim Foster 0 for 26, Craig Lockyer 1 for 3, Simon Brown 0 for 11, Graham Cameron 0 for 6
Guyra Innings	Guyra Innings	Guyra Innings
B Landsborough.....22	Grant Ryan.....11	Tim Brazier.....not out.....5
Shane Wolfenden.....52	Joey Ryan.....37	Orron Surawaski.....not out.....0
Troy Martin.....23	Ben Jackson.....6	Craig Lockyer.....DNB
BJ Cameron.....20	Matt Champion.....19	Graham Cameron.....DNB
Matt Finlay.....16	Allan Boney.....0	Taylor Brennan.....DNB
D Landsborough.....24	Corey Torrens.....10	Ian Pearson.....DNB
Ben Friend.....13	Jake Brazier.....1	Alistair Connors.....DNB
Heath Dowsett.....13	Peter Presnell.....0	Tim Foster.....DNB
Keiran Wicks.....0	Maurie Blair.....5	Andrew Pearson.....DNB
Charlie White.....not out0	Dan Stace.....2	Simon Brown.....DNB
Mitch Woods.....0	Justin McKay.....not out.....0	Extras.....0
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RAFFLE RESULTS

TROUTFEST FISHING raffle winner Zack Jones. Art raffle winners Anne Thrift and Gladys Wilson. Thank you to all for your support.

MEETINGS

G/ARRA (Guyra/Armidale Residents & Ratepayers Assoc.) will meet at the Guyra Bowling Club on Monday, 18th November 2019 at 5.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend. Membership forms available only \$10.00pa. Agenda includes: ARC water issues, proposed privatisation of Armidale airport, Railway/Bike trail issues. A representative will speak on the proposed Abattoir development for Guyra. More information: Rob Lenehan 0412 669 373.



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RETURN THANKS

RICHARD (KEITH) TIBBS 14.5.1931 - 17.9.2019

On behalf of Pat Tibbs and family, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your kind words, warm wishes and all the help that was offered on the passing of Keith.

Please accept this as our personal thank you.

Pat, Greg & Aloma, Leanne & Bob

CLAIM THE DATE

SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER from 9am **St James Anglican Church Fete**

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

***NEW* SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER** 6.30pm at Ben Lomond Hall **Black Adder "Corporal Punishment"**. Light supper provided. \$10 per person. RSVP by 7th November to 0418 676 026

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

***NEW* SATURDAY, 30th NOVEMBER** **Ward's Mistake Christmas Party** starting at 2pm at the tennis courts. **BYO.**

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Spuds coaching team named

The Super Spuds have appointed their coaches for the 2020 season and could not be happier with the quality and commitment of those chosen.

Anthony Dittman will coach the men's A grade team after graduating from assistant to the 2018 premiership-winning side and having mentored the women's leaguetag team in 2015.

Beau Orchard is putting together the club's first under 18s team in many years. It is Beau's first coaching appointment, but he brings his experience as a premiership player to the role.

Ike Roberts and club president Britt Youman will combine to coach the Spudettes in the leaguetag competition while Peter Presnell has been appointed as the club's football director to help oversee all three teams and assist the other coaches.

All five coaches are Guyra

local juniors and will now turn their attention to recruiting players for the 2020 season. The club's next important job is to find sponsors.

Applications to become the club's major sponsor are now being taken and any other individual or business who would like to help financially support rugby league in Guyra are encouraged to contact the club.

Sponsorship applications should be sent to gyrarugbyleague@gmail.com by close of business Wednesday, November 27, 2019, at which time the committee will meet to consider the major sponsorship and uniform sponsorship positions.

There will also be some other club activities coming up before the end of the year, so keep an eye out for further information on our Facebook page.



Anthony Dittman will step up as coach for the Super Spuds in 2020

Bald Blair Student to represent North West



Ashlee Morgan ready to compete at the State Cross Country championships

Local Bald Blair Public School student, Ashlee Morgan, in Year 5, has been selected to represent the North West region at the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships to be held at the Sydney Athletic Centre, Homebush on Wednesday 6th November.

Ashlee qualified for this event by competing at her school carnival, the Zone carnival in Armidale and the Regional carnival in Tamworth. Ashlee's achievements at these events have been outstanding. After overcoming a bout of car sickness during her first couple of events in Tamworth, Ashlee went on to qualify in second place for the 1500m race at the state

carnival in Sydney.

Throughout 2019, Ashlee has represented her school and the Armidale zone at Regional level in swimming and cross country and was selected as part of the Regional team that travelled to Sydney for the State Cross Country Championships.

To top off an incredible year, Ashlee also took part in the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition. There were more than 19000 entrants in this competition from 335 schools. Ashlee achieved outstanding results and was awarded the Northern Tablelands District Award. She is one of only 70 students from the whole competition to receive a monetary prize.