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Lamb and Potato Festival underway

Last minute preparations for the 34th annual Lamb and Potato Festival were well underway on Tuesday for the event which will run from January 15th to 27th.

While conditions have not been ideal, the small committee have plenty of experience in pulling together a fortnight of food, entertainment and things to do and see.

President Steve Mepham was onsite on Tuesday as the tent city started to grow along the highway and said that things are on track for a great Festival.

"There were a few rumours that the festival was not going ahead, but lots of things have been thrown at us in the past, including tornadoes, and a drought was not going to stop us," Steve said.

"We're still here, the stallholders are still coming to support us and we are just waiting for food to come in and we will be right to go."

"The drought has made it tough for everyone and we



Committee members Mark Werts, Steve Mepham, Chris Bell, with Gordon and Shirley Kelly from Grafton who came down from Grafton to enjoy the cool weather and lend a hand

have seen quite a turnover in stallholders, but that has also been an opportunity for a bit of change," he said.

"Yes we have lost a few who have not been able to get here

due to the drought and fires, but that also means that about one third of the stalls are fresh so there will be something different to look at."

At this time of year, the com-

mittee usually look to the skies hoping for fine weather, but this year nothing would be more welcome than rain.

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Australia Day Dinner - Saturday, 25th January

6.30pm at Guyra Bowling & Recreation Club

Tickets \$25

Bookings and collect your tickets at GALA

136 Bradley Street, Guyra

Ph: 6779 2132

Meet Guyra's Australia Day Ambassador and celebrate with all those who have been nominated for Australia Day Awards



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Music in the street on Saturday

The Guyra Lamb and Potato Festival will be running for its 34th year from Wednesday January 15th until Monday January 27th.

While the main focus of events will continue to be on the New England Highway, a special event is being planned to draw some of the crowds across the railway line and into Guyra's main street.

A special Drought Relief concert will run in Bradley Street on Saturday January 18th, aiming to provide entertainment and a degree of relief for those affected by drought and fire. The concert, which will commence at 9.30am and run until 1.30pm, is funded by Armidale Regional Council and is looking to attract Festival goers and other visitors into the main street to support local businesses which are suffering greatly under present conditions.

Music coordinator for the Lamb and Potato Festival Committee Ian Russell said that there will be varied line up of quality acts performing and is encouraging everyone to get behind the event.

"The opening act will be a

stirring performance by the Glen Innes Pipe Band and will be followed by Lily Rose, one of the most outstanding performers in our region," Ian said. "The Armidale City Brass Band will then play from 10.30am until 11.15am and then the newly formed band 'The Pinch' will take to the stage to entertain the crowd."

"I'm sure many people will remember the fabulous show by 'Belly Dance Earth and Sky' at last year's Festival who will take to the stage at 12 noon, and their return performance is sure to delight," he said. "The high quality entertainment will continue with a rousing hour of 60s rock and roll from Vinnie and the Cuban Missiles to close the event."

"We hope to see a big crowd in Bradley Street enjoying the entertainment, having a relaxed morning tea or lunch, and browsing through our local businesses," Ian said. "We thank Armidale Regional Council for their invaluable support for this event, which we hope will be a tremendous day for the community."

Lamb and Potato Festival (cont)

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"We are trying to maintain a positive outlook and if it rains, may it be good rain that fills our dams and we will be out dancing in it along with everyone else," Steve said.

The committee are always on the lookout for new helpers with the core group of workers now down to about six members who take on the bulk of the organisation and decision making. However, there are lots of small roles that they would welcome new blood to come along and help with.

"We would welcome anybody who wants to help physically and take some of the pressure of the committee," he said. "There are all sorts of little jobs that need doing, from wiping down tables to picking up rubbish or working the PA

system, anyone can come along and contribute as much or as little as you like."

"We've done it tough in the bush this year and would really appreciate people from outside coming in and spending money and supporting our town. Come along and help us through this tough time and find out a bit more about our town."

If you haven't visited the Festival before it is best described as an up-market, market stall that runs for two weeks. During the week it's pretty much about market stalls, food and music. On the weekends there are extra activities including the Drought Concert on January 18th, the Show and Shine on January 25th, Antique Machinery, Military Vehicles, Vintage Caravans and lots more.

DROUGHT RELIEF CONCERT

Sponsored by Armidale Regional Council

Saturday 18th January

9:30am - 1:30pm

Bradley Street Guyra

9:30am - 10am	Glen Innes Pipe Band
10am - 10:30am	Lily Rose
10:30am - 11:15am	Armidale City Brass Band
11:15am - 12pm	The Pinch
12pm - 12:25pm	Belly Dance Earth and Sky
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Vinnie and the Cuban Missiles

Come along and enjoy the entertainment,
have a relaxed morning tea or lunch and
browse through our local businesses.

STOP PRESS: AUSTRALIA ALL OVER COMING TO GUYRA ON AUSTRALIA DAY

ABC Radio Show 'Australia All Over' will be broadcast from Guyra on Sunday January 26th.

At this stage, full details are not available but the broadcast will most likely take place at the Showground (to be confirmed).

You will have to be up early with the show starting at 6am and running until 10am.

Anyone interested in helping with setting up and/or catering can contact Dave Bearup on



0412 856 679.

Full details in next week's Gazette.

The Show will go on

\$7,700 to provide entertainment at 112th Show

Despite terrible drought conditions continuing to grip the Guyra area this year's annual Show will still go off with a bang and is hoping to become the drought busting event that everyone is looking for.

They have received a \$7,700 State Government grant to help provide entertainment at what will be the 112th Show which will take place on the Saturday the 21st and Sunday the 22nd of February.

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said he was pleased to be able to support the historic show at a time when many local show committees are worried whether they will be able to host an event due to a lack of exhibits or sponsorship.

"Things are bloody tough at the moment, however there are still people on the land and in our towns doing amazing things worth celebrating and that's why I've been working with show societies to ensure they keep their gates open this year," Mr Marshall said.

"As a community and as farmers, we have so much to be proud of and I think this year's Guyra Show will be a great opportunity for locals to



Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall with Guyra Show Society Secretary Dorothy Lockyer at the Showground.

take some time off the property, come into town and catch up with friends and family.

Guyra Show Society President Richard Post said the grant would ensure the event attracted entertainment for the entire family.

"I want to thank Adam for his support year on year of our little show which means so

much to the Guyra community," Mr Post said.

"The Show committee has been worried about what this year's event will look like but we are still powering ahead with a full schedule including the old favourites like Miss Showgirl, horse and livestock exhibits, shearing and show dog trials as well as a fire-

works display and demolition derby.

"Sponsorship from local businesses is getting harder to come by and this grant will go a long way towards hosting an event which is exciting for Dad, Mum and the kids and which takes people's minds off the dry."

One for the record books - 2019 driest and warmest year on record

2019 may be one year that most would like to forget, but it is one that will remain etched forever in our memory banks and the record books.

Figures from the Bureau of Meteorology have confirmed what everyone already knows – 2019 was the driest and warmest on record for Guyra.

Official rainfall records were taken at the Guyra Post Office from 1886 until

the early 1980s and since 1984 have been taken at the Guyra Hospital.

The rain total of 302.0 mm recorded for Guyra was 576 mm lower than the average or just 34 per cent of normal rainfall for the year. A look back through the figures reveal that 2019 was the driest year ever recorded with the previous driest exactly 100 years ago with just 554mm recorded in 1919.

Rainfall was below average

in every month with the most severe deficits occurring in the seven months from April to October.

It was also Guyra's warmest year on record with maximum temperatures averaging 20.3 degrees, 2.7C above the long term average. The previous warmest year was 1936.

Temperatures reached 30.0C or higher on 20 days, well ahead of the long term average of just 3.3 days.

DECEMBER SUMMARY

(Long term average in brackets)

Rainfall: 30.2 mm (89 mm) on 5 days

Average maximum temp: 27.6C (22.7C)

Average minimum temp: 12.5C (10.8C)

Highest: 34.6C on 22nd

Lowest: 2.3C on 3rd

Frosts: 1(0)

Sunny days: 24 (15)

Days with thunder: 6 (8)

Source: <http://www.weather-armidale.com/guyra.html>

What's HOT

RAIN - forecasts are looking promising for a good drenching over the next couple of weeks

LAMB & POTATO FESTIVAL - get behind this great event and enjoy the food, music and activities

GUYRA SHOW getting closer. Time to start preparing your entries

What's NOT

TOO MANY hot days in December and January - this week's cool change is welcome

QUOTE of the week

If you learn from defeat, you haven't really lost

Bureau of Meteorology

Weather

WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
7	Tues	16.0	28.5	4.4
8	Wed	14.1	30.1	6.4
9	Thurs	16.6	30.2	4.4
10	Fri	14.9	30.2	16.6
11	Sat	18.6	25.2	0
12	Sun	12.9	17.0	0
13	Mon	9.0	24.0	0

Rain this week	31.8mm
Jan. rainfall	46.2mm
Rainfall YTD	46.2mm
Rainfall last YTD	10.0mm
Ave. rain to Jan.	121.3mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

Sports presenter is Australia Day Ambassador

High-profile journalist, author and football fan Liz Deep-Jones is the Armidale region's Australia Day Ambassador for 2020.

A former presenter of SBS Television's nightly sports news program, Ms Deep-Jones will be guest speaker at the Guyra Australia Day Awards dinner on Saturday January 25th and the Armidale Awards and Citizenship ceremony on Sunday January 26th.

The Guyra Australia Day Awards Dinner, sponsored by Regional Australia Bank, will be held at the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club from 6.30pm. Tickets can be purchased from the Gala Centre until January 23rd. There is a healthy list of nominations for this year's Guyra awards.

The Ben Lomond Memorial Hall will host an Australia Day Breakfast from 7am and a flag raising ceremony will be held at Guyra's Rotary Park at 9.30am.

The Armidale Australia Day Awards & Citizenship Ceremony will be held in Armidale Town Hall, starting with a morning tea at 10.30am and the citizenship and awards ceremony from 11am.

Ms Deep-Jones will participate in each of the events and everyone is invited to attend. In a television career spanning 15 years, she was a producer and presenter for SBS's On the Ball football program.

Ms Deep-Jones also reported on the 1998 FIFA Football World Cup in Paris and the Sydney 2000 Olympics, where she met her idol Nelson Mandela.

Her resume also includes reporting for in-



Liz Deep-Jones

igenous national news program Living Black, working as Executive Producer for NITV, producing the Deadly Awards at the Sydney Opera House and producing Indigenous news stories for the Aljazeera network.

She has since turned her skills to writing teens novels with a soccer theme, including inspirational stories of the Matildas.

The UNICEF Australia Ambassador has a passion for empowering young people and runs writing workshops for school students.

All I Got For Christmas..

Ramblings by the Guyra Ghost.

We haven't given each other gifts for Christmas or Birthdays for a long time. After all, if we need or want something we buy it if we can afford it, or otherwise, save up or do without. Our gift is always the joy of seeing our children. Obviously, we see them other times during the year, but Christmas does seem special.

I'm the only gardener in the family so they all have to suffer a tour and hear about my triumphs and disasters. This year has not been a success for obvious reasons, so imagine my delight at being able to pick two small, undernourished zucchinis on

Christmas morn. Along with the rest of Australia I have been saving the grey water, and then having to decide which particular plant receives a dose. The collected shower water is wonderful. I figure that the suds double as a bit of a bug deterrent.

Perhaps a couple of zucchinis are not everyone's idea of a Christmas present but, for me, they were wonderful. They weren't enough to make a zucchini slice but with the addition of other struggling bits out of the garden we had a veggie slice. It was a success and we now have a new family favourite.

The garden is still strugg-

ling, as is the country, but the weather forecast is for an improved 2020. Hopefully it will be. Unfortunately, it will be too late for some, but we have seen people banding together to help each other and communities determined to survive. So many people and organisations are working hard giving time and resources for their neighbours and complete strangers with no thought of reward for themselves. It seems that even rich and famous international stars care about us and want to help. Perhaps this selflessness and generosity is our Christmas Gift this year.

Grant funds help raise the roof

The ongoing restoration of the roof on Guyra's Anglican Church has been given an \$11,300 boost, thanks to a grant from an unusual source.

Church Warden John Davidson said that they were invited to apply for a grant amounting to 50% of the cost of finalising the repairs to the roof by Ansva, the organisation responsible for insuring the Armidale Anglican Diocese properties.

"This is a surprisingly proactive move by Ansva, the idea being if they help fix the roof we won't need to make a claim for damages in the event of a severe storm," Mr Davidson said.

The first two stages of the repairs have been carried out over the last few years by the contractor S & DC Grant from Glen Innes. Stage 1 was to remove all the lichen from the Terra Cotta tiles to enable the identification of all broken tiles. Stage 2 involved the re-



Contractor Steve Grant undertaking stage 2 work on the Anglican Church roof in 2018

placement of the broken tiles and the re-pointing of the tile beds.

To complete the project,

stage three will involve the replacement of all the lead flashings and the final stage will see the overcoating of the val-

ley flashings to extend their life. The overall cost of all four stages of the repairs to the church roof will amount to some \$54, 674.

"We have managed to pay for the first two Stages from a Donation Fund set up for the purpose plus a small amount paid out of church funds," Mr Davidson said.

"Contractor Steve Grant graciously stood by his original quote for the first two stages but unfortunately between the time of the quote back in 2015 and receiving the grant the cost to completion increased considerably. As a result the budget has blown out by about \$6200, which we will again have to fund from donations and church funds."

"The contractor has now been instructed to proceed with the next stage and we are just waiting for all the gear to arrive to enable work to start."

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Guyra Art Exhibition

17th to 27th January 2020
@ the GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street



Exhibition Open Daily from 10am to 3pm
Local and Visiting Artists
Painting ~ Sculpture ~ Garden Art

Opening Night Friday 17th @ 6pm
Tickets \$10pp (please RSVP for catering)

Hosted by CWA Guyra Evening Branch
Contact Anne 0413 595 353 - Leonie 0408 207 664 or
Marni 0401 320 580 for more information or to RSVP for Opening Night



Meals on Wheels

January 16th Lesley Credland
January 17th Ann Williams
January 20th Lions Club
January 21st Pamela Carter
January 22nd Guyra CWA

Street Stalls

January
No stalls scheduled
February 7th & 8th
Masonic Lodge

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

Please do not feed stray and feral cats

Many well-meaning people are currently feeding stray cats in the area and we are urging them to stop. The feeding of stray cats creates an artificial food source and gives them the ability to breed rapidly. Unfortunately, the offspring of these cats often end up in the pound, which is already at capacity with cats. As a result, vet clinics are having to euthanise litters of kittens at a time which is very distressing for all concerned.

Although people may feel they are helping the animals they are feeding, it is actually the opposite. Stray cats often have a very tough and short life. They are suscepti-

ble to many diseases and injuries. Even a simple thing like a cat fight abscess can kill them, because they do not receive any veterinary care. They often have parasites such as worms and fleas, further impacting on their quality of life. They are susceptible to dog attacks and getting hit by vehicles on the road. Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is a disease that is very prevalent in the Guyra stray cat community. Many of these cats carry and spread FIV, potentially impacting on the health of owned pet cats.

So what should you do if you have stray cats at your place? We suggest you hire a

trap from council or the vet clinic. You can bring the cat to us and we can scan it for a chip. In some cases, these cats may be humanely euthanised (if deemed to be truly feral and not having a microchip). We believe this is a much better option than suffering on the streets and contributing to the massive cat over-population problem that we currently have.

If you have any questions or concerns about stray cats in your area please contact council or you can give us a call at the Guyra Vet Clinic.

Dr Ainslie Lund
Guyra District
Veterinary Services

Human rights award for Council

A national human rights award has been presented to Armidale Regional Council for its role in a program to settle Ezidi refugees in the region. They won the Government category at the Australian Human Rights Commission's 2019 awards.

Council has been a key partner in a Settlement Services International program to relocate Ezidi refugees from Syria and northern Iraq. The awards ceremony was held since mid-2018, Armidale has welcomed around 450 Ezidi people who have fled their country, fearful of the war with ISIS and the risk of persecution. Its estimated another 380 will arrive in the next financial year.

Councillor Simon Murray said that Council was quick to assist with the Ezidi settlement program, to help ensure a smooth transition and to make them feel welcome, and the national award is an added bonus and great recognition for all the groups that have helped to make their settlement as smooth as possible.



Council representative Aimee Hutton (left) receives the award from the Australian Human Rights Commission's Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Kate Jenkins.

Guyra finally makes the switch to NBN

Residents in the town areas of Guyra are now able to access the National Broadband Network (nbn) for the first time.

The final phase of the rollout in the area is now live, and residents are being encouraged to make the move by contacting their preferred phone and internet provider.

Depending on where you live you can now access either the Fibre to the Node (FTTN) or Fibre to the Curb (FTTC) technologies, allowing you to connect to the network and enjoy the benefits of access to fast broadband.

For the first time residents have a choice of speeds when selecting a broadband package and they should ask their phone

and internet provider about the typical speeds they can expect to experience when they switch to a plan over the nbn access network, particularly during busy times. They should also seek advice on how to set-up their internet connection correctly to receive the best possible speed.

Head of nbn local for NSW, Ryan Williams, said that the rollout of the nbn access network is one of the biggest transformations to happen to Australia's telecommunications industry.

"We're excited that more than ten million Australian homes and businesses can now connect to nbn access network, and this now includes Guyra.

"Connecting to a plan

through your preferred phone and internet provider means people can embrace the benefits of access to fast broadband, such as such as running businesses from their homes, accessing remote health and education services, and staying better connected in this digital age."

"It's important to remember that making the switch is not automatic. To take advantage of connecting to services, we encourage people to contact their preferred phone and internet provider to discuss the right speed plan for their household or business needs and to place an order."

As the rollout nears completion, Mr Williams is

warning residents to be wary of scammers pretending to collect payment on behalf of NBN Co.

"NBN Co is a wholesale-only company and does not request money direct from consumers. NBN Co do not make unsolicited calls, request remote access to a resident's computer or door knock to sell broadband services to the public.

"If someone claiming to work for NBN Co has contacted you trying to sell you an internet or phone service, ask for their details, hang up and call your phone and internet provider to check if they are legitimate. If you've already provided your details, contact your financial institution immediately."

Bags of fun at sewing class

Kids Sewing Class was enjoyed by ten children in early January with kids from Guyra, Tingha and Brisbane taking part. The children were aged from 7 to 14 years old and were very keen to sew. Their project was to make a two tone bag with handles.

They learnt new skills including feeding fabric through the sewing machine evenly and straight, reversing at beginning and end of seams (this was a bit challenging, but we got there), and sewing ric-rack braid across the bags.

Once again they used donated fabric for the class and would like thank those that have donated, it is much ap-



Above l to r: Harry Vander-Laan, Ashlee Readett, Reeghan Woods, Madison Collins, Audrey Tighe, Aiden Tighe

Back: Georgie Mendes, Ella Vander Laan, Jack Wesley, Angus Tighe

preciated. Thank you to parents for supplying yummy morning tea, the children always enjoy the break and talking to each other.

Big thank you to the wonderful helpers Vicki, Caitlin, Tim Bell, Gwen and Colleen Pearson, the child benefit from the extra help. The next

Kids Sewing Class will in the July School Holidays. I look forward to planning another sewing project.

Robin Godlonton

THE Seed SCHEME to launch in Guyra

Women in Guyra are invited to apply for THE Seed Scheme - an innovative program to support rural women start an enterprise, launch a big idea or get a business up and running. Applications are now open and close on the February 14th, 2020.

THE Seed Scheme is managed by THE Rural Woman and funds provided by their Partners mean successful members receive ongoing support which empowers connection for isolated women, enabling them to build thriving lives and businesses in their rural locations - using the power of the internet and online technology!

"With a scaffolded support and education approach, we expect that a percentage of our Seed SCHEME members will go onto become small businesses and a further percentage will become medium businesses which will see the economic and social impact of this scheme expand exponentially in years and decades to come," said Rebel Black, CEO and Founder of THE Rural Woman.

Launched in 2015, by Founder Rebel Black, THE Rural Woman's head office located in the outback opal mining town of Lightning

Ridge, NSW and the business has a team of 15 across Australia and Asia including some Australia's leading advisors, mentors and coaches, administrative, tech and training consultants.

THE SEED SCHEME GOALS

Through training, mentoring and community support, every THE Seed Scheme Member achieves:

- Clarity in her vision and ambition, in her product/service, in her financial goal and profitability, in her marketing and sales processes,
- Confidence in herself, to take her product/service to market, in her ability to succeed
- Connection to the tools and training she needs to achieve her goals, the technology required to take her product/service to market and manage it effectively, to other micro-enterprise Founders for mutual support, advice, collaboration and encouragement, connection to Sponsor Partners and their extended network

For further information, interviews or connection to local Seed Scheme Members please contact Project Manager, Rachel Allan, 0408 177 700 or rachel@theruralwoman.com.au

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THE Seed Scheme provides you with a 6 week intensive business course and then 12 months of support. Express your interest today and join our Confidence Challenge.

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Friday 14 February 2020,
5pm AEDT

Express an interest in THE Seed Scheme to receive access to a Confidence Challenge.

LEARN MORE: <https://theseedscheme.com.au/eoi2020/>

CRICKET SCOREBOARD Saturday, Jan. 11th

2nd Grade

Guyra defeated Easts

Guyra Innings

Grant Ryan.....	17
Heath Dowsett.....	59
Troy Martin.....	28
Ben Friend.....	41
Jake Davies.....	33
Peter Presnell.....	not out.....1
Jake Brazier.....	dnb
Andrew Boyle.....	dnb
Corey Torrens.....	dnb
Keiran Davies.....	dnb
Justin McKay.....	dnb
Extras.....	23
Total.....	4/202

Overs.....32.4

Easts Innings

197 off 29.2 overs

Guyra Bowling:

Justin McKay 3 for 43, Keiran Davies 1 for 46, Corey Torrens 1 for 11, Jake Davies 0 for 34, Andrew Boyle 2 for 30, Heath Dowsett 1 for 28

3rd Grade (T20)

Guyra def. by Ex Services

Ex Services Innings Innings

7/158 (cc) off 20 overs

Guyra Bowling:

Cody Patterson 0 for 23, Andrew Pearson 1 for 10, Billy Youman 0 for 27, Pete Ahoy 1 for 28, Tim Foster 3 for 26, Cameron Surawski 0 for 29, Simon Brown 2 for 15

Guyra Innings

Cody Patterson.....	12
Graham Cameron.....	2
Adrian Cameron.....	38
Jim Lenehan.....	13
Billy Youman.....	11
Tim Foster.....	11
Andrew Pearson.....	22
Mal Gaukroger.....	not out.....14
Pete Ahoy.....	not out.....3
Simon Brown.....	dnb
Cameron Surawski.....	dnb
Extras.....	22
Total.....	148

Overs.....20

Vale Colin Gadd

Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said the Armidale region has lost a strong advocate and one of its true champions in Colin Gadd who passed away on December 23rd.

Colin was well known in the Guyra district having served as Principal at Bald Blair Public School and later working at Guyra Central School. He was also heavily involved in the sporting life of the town, an involvement which continued through his work as a soccer referee and cricket umpire.

Colin was a life member of Armidale District Football and New England Football Referees Association having served the region's soccer community as a player, coach, official, referee, referees coach and mentor. He was also a fixture on Armidale's cricket

fields as an umpire.

Colin served as an Independent councillor on the former Armidale Dumaresq Council for two terms 2008 to 2012 and 2012 to 2016. He represented Council on numerous committees and, after the merger of Armidale Dumaresq and Guyra Shire Councils, he was a member of the Administrator's Advisory Committee.

In 2018, he was recognised for his contribution to the Armidale region with an Australia Day Award for long-standing services to the community and with a NSW Premier's award recognising his 40 years as a volunteer.

Colin held every board position at five different Lions clubs, including the role of regional chairman and president of Dumaresq Lions Club.



Bushfire Response – Australian Defence Force Reserve Call Out

For the first time in Australia’s history, Australian Defence Force (ADF) Reserve Brigades have received a Call-Out Order of Reservists: Operation BUSHFIRE ASSIST 2019-2020.

At the request of the Australian Government the Governor General, His Excellency General, (Retd), the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC has issued the Call Out Order.

The Call Out will see up to 3000 predominately Army Reservists deployed to help State Agencies throughout the fire affected areas. The majority of Reservists who have been called out come from the Australian Army’s 2nd Division, 4 Brigade, 5 Brigade, 6 Brigade, 9 Brigade, 17 Sustainment Brigade and the broader ADF Community.

With skills in professions including engineering, medical, logistics and transport, Reservists will support agencies in responding to the current bushfire emergency in New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia.

The priority for those involved will be to assist in ensuring the safety of life, support the evacuation of affected people, provide assistance to communities and support State-managed evacuation centres.

Reservists currently supporting the fires are exempt from this Call Out. For more information about exemptions please visit www.defencereservessupport.gov.au

FOR RESERVISTS	FOR EMPLOYERS
<p>If you have been called on to provide support, you will be notified by a letter or through your chain of command.</p> <p>The Reserve Call Out is compulsory.</p> <p>Your service is protected under the <i>Defence Reserve Service (Protection) Act 2001</i>. This means your employer must release you from your civilian employment.</p> <p>You will be employed under continuous full time service with all entitlements.</p> <p>Families wanting information or advice can contact The Defence Community Organisation 24/7 Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608 or 1800 801 026.</p>	<p>Your Reservist employee will have information for you.</p> <p>If your Reservist employee is subject to the Call Out, you do need to release them unless a valid reason can be provided. Please call the Unit point of contact in the information your Reservist will provide to you.</p> <p>To assist with the costs associated with the absence of your employee during this period you can apply to receive payments under the Employer Support Payment Scheme (ESPS).</p>

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Ladies' Golf

In the last week of 2019, 10 ladies played a Par Medal round with Vicki Reeves winning with +2.

Jenny Rogers was the runner up from Pip White on +1.

Nearest the pin winners were Pip White on the 7th and Vicki Reeves on the 9th holes.

This week 15th January the ladies are playing a stroke and putting competition.

Next week is a Par Medal with Donna White as the starter.

On the 29th Jan is the ladies annual Bring a Friend Day.

Birdie

Men's Golf

Last Sunday's golf was an 18 hole stableford with the winner being Roger Grills with 39 points. The runners up prize went to David Lyes. Nearest to the pins were Chris Newberry on the 7th and Michael Shiner on the 9th.

Next Sunday will hopefully be a rain event on the Guyra

course, but 16 golfers will be travelling to Glen Innes for the 2019 pennants that were washed out in December, good luck to those travelling.

The Albatross

Vets Golf

On Tuesday January 7th, 10 players competed in the Reg Taylor stroke Shield. The winner with 87 was Ian Taylor and the net winner Wal Chapman shot a 68 net.

Ian was the best putter with 28 putts. Nearest the pins went to Kim Shaw and John Prisk.

A couple of things to remember coming up are our roster on the Lamb and Potato Festival on Monday morning the 20th. The next day Tuesday 21st the Yamba players are heading up our way to challenge us, and the first Pennants game will be held at Guyra on Tuesday 28th.

REMINDER: Mid week golf is back from this week.

A Vet

Men's Bowls

The Annual Top of the Range Fours Carnival will be held at the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club on the weekend of Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th January. This will be a two day Men's Carnival. Prize money is \$5,800 and it will be played over five games comprising of 15 ends per game. 9.00am start, at a cost of \$60 per player. This covers lunch both days and breakfast Sunday morning.

There have been 30 teams nominate and this means that the nominations are full. Teams hail from: South West Rocks, Macksville, Murrurundi, Inverell Sports, South Tamworth, Kilcoy, North Tamworth, Armidale City, Glen Innes, Park Beach, Armidale Ex Services, Kempsey, Bingara, Lightening Ridge, Barraba, West Tamworth, Guyra and a number of Composite Teams.

For further information, please contact the Bowling Club on 6779 1499 during working hours.

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Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

January 8th - Some very useful storm rain across the drawing area saw a small sale to commence the new year. There were just 440 lambs and 1150 sheep yarded. Sales will revert to weekly from now on. Lamb quality was fair, there

were a few pens of good quality young store lambs. The regular buyers were in attendance along with some strong restocker competition, bouyed by the recent rains. Lamb prices were cheaper than the last sale held a month ago. Re-

stockers were keen on those good quality store lambs. Weight and quality contributed to the lower prices for those to process. The majority of the sheep fell into the lower end of the condition scores. They attracted strong restocker com-

petition, both Merino's and crossbreds. The market showed strong improvement. Medium and heavyweight sheep to processors saw a firm to cheaper market trend with weights and quality contributing.

Rural Market Reports

Armidale Cattle Sale

January 9th - Storm rains and a hint of a change in seasonal conditions saw a small sale to commence markets for the new year. Quality and condition varied greatly, with some very well finished supplementary fed grown steers and heifers. There was little condition and not much weight in the majority of the young cattle. Well finished cows were in short supply. There was limited processor competition, however restockers and feedlotter were active. Restockers bouyed by the storms and a green carpet were active through the young cattle. Market trends were however generally

cheaper than pre Christmas levels with quality making up most of that. Breed and breeding were factor in some of the wide price ranges. There have no well finished grown steers or heifers for quite some time to enable a market comparison. The plainer quality and condition grown heifers sold to cheaper trends mostly. An isolated sale to a restocker close to firm. Plain condition cows to restock and feed experienced little change in value compared to before the break. The well finished cows were as much as 15c/kg dearer. Little change in the bull market.

Weekly Wool Sales

December 19th - The market experienced somewhat of a Santa Claus rally as volatility returned with a vengeance. After breaking a three week downtrend last week the market surged to close the calendar year at levels near to a three month high. Once again fewer bales than expected were presented to the trade and this combined with the market now in recess for the next three weeks had buyers striving to fill orders. 32,091 bales were sold nationally for the week with the passed in rate at 7.7% falling to half the seasonal average. Major buyers included Techwool, Fox & Lillie and PJ Morris. First hand bales offered for the first

half of the selling season are 12% lower than the previous season. This is slightly misleading however as the timing of the recess has seen an extra sale take place this season. With no physical sales scheduled over the next three weeks the forward market often becomes a pointer as to how the physical will respond when sales recommence in January. At present time forward prices are indicating a solid opening after the recess.

Sales recommence the week of the 13th of January. We thank you for your ongoing support and wish you all a happy and safe Christmas.

This report will recommence on the 17th of January.



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80TH BIRTHDAY



Archer twins turn 80

Edna (Storey) and Enid (Harper) celebrated their 80th birthday on January 4th.

The family gathering was held at Cooma, NSW with surprise guests being brother Robert from Newcastle and sister Maureen Lockyer from Guyra.

PUBLIC NOTICES

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM will be open from 11am to 3pm on Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday during the Lamb & Potato Festival.

A WORKING B will be held at the Ollera Cemetery at 9am on Sunday morning 19th January. All enquires to Bob Burey at Guyra Welding Works. Phone 6779 1810 or 0429 416 838

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Cricketers represent at annual carnival

Two Guyra junior cricketers, Brodi Campbell and Jack Lockyer, were part of the Armidale District team which played in the Walter Taylor Shield carnival held in early January. Both boys play for Guyra in the under 14 competition. Jack is a specialist wicket keeper and batsmen, while Brodi is an all-rounder.

The team was coached Guyra's Mitchell Woods. The annual carnival was contested by seven teams with Armidale competing against teams from the Hunter Valley, Ballina, Northern Rivers, Tamworth, West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook and the Queensland Bears.

On the first day of competition Armidale secured a win in the first T20 game against Ballina and followed up with wins against West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook and Hunter Valley on day two of the carnival. The third day of the carnival saw Armidale go down in a 50 over game against Northern Rivers, which led to a play off for third and fourth against the



Guyra was represented at the Walter Taylor Shield Carnival by Coach Mitch Woods and players Jack lockyer (front left) and Brodi Campbell (front, 2nd from right)

Queensland Bears. The young team went down in a close game to finish fourth with Tamworth the overall victors winning the final against Northern Rivers.

Clearing Sale (Property Sold) 'Seaforth' 305 Glenshiel Rd Llangothlin Friday 17th January @ 10.30am

PLANT & EQUIPMENT: Acco tip truck 4870 mod. 00, John Deere Gator XUV 825i, Yamaha 700 Viking side by side-15,000km, Suzuki king quad 4 wheelers x 2 (1 operational, 1 parts only), Suzuki 200DR 2 wheel bikes (1 operational, 1 parts only), 10 x hvy duty gal steel cattle feeders (new) 6.5m w rubber belting lining, 7 x Bromar grain lick feeders, 4 x steel sheep grain sheep feeders, fuel bowzers - unleaded approx. 1000L, overhead - diesel approx. 1500L, 3 P.L 600L spray tank with duel hose reels & PTO pump, Jetting unit with pump-trailer-tank & hoses, pencil auger, horse float, poultry cages, mobile elec. cold store box suit trailer or ute, Ramage cattle head bale, calf cradle, qty steel posts, gates & netting, lge qty high tensile nuts, washers and bolts (3",4",5",6" +) ute /trailer crates, wool table, wool dividing bins, handpieces and general shearing gear, Pirelli 285/60 r18 x 4 tyres near new, post driver 3 P.L, hydraulic hay feed out forks 3 P.L, Hino tip truck (parts only), suzuki ute (parts only), harrows, disk plough (parts only), coolroom panel offcuts, Gun Crutcher and panels to fit, hay feeders, oz mulcher, 2 x approx. 800L fiberglass water tanks, approx. 2000L gal water tank, chemical cupboard, 3 x cement water troughs, Hardi boom spray (parts only), molasses roller lick drum,

HOUSEHOLD & COLLECTABLES: 3 x horse drawn ploughs, Baby cot, baby toys, qty. of infant accessories, kids bikes, lge qty of Donna Hay series Magazines, timber kitchen bench tops, bar fridge (170L), clothes drying racks, flower decorating implements, treadmill, steam mop, light coverings, kid safe fire guard, mountain buggy pram (VG cond.) converts to twin pram, french bike wine rack, curtain rails, office desk, cupboards, double French doors, windows, bathroom vanity, ultimate fan forced wood heater with flu & fire guard, bricks and pavers.

Outside entries welcome - further bookings invited.

Directions: Take the New England Highway North of Guyra for 6km and turn left on the Crystalbrook Road, Follow flags for a further 4.5km.

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