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## 'Glimpses of New England'

A solo exhibition of vintage photographic prints by photographer John Fields is now open at the New England Regional Art Museum.

John was a master photographer and printer who explored the New England, capturing in classic black and white, its people, landscape, architecture and its subtle and poetic details. He was born in America, spent much of his life in New Zealand and from 1976 until his death in 2013 called Australia home.

From 1987 he was based in New England where he worked for UNE for almost 20 years and his final years were spent in Guyra where he settled with wife Patricia after retiring from UNE.

The exhibition comprises a collection of his photos focussed on the New England region that he took while he lived here, including many taken around Guyra. The pho-

tos, all taken in black and white, document everything from commercial buildings to landscapes and portraits of life in the New England.

Art Museum Director Rachael Parsons said that last week marked the 7th anniversary of his passing and the exhibition is a celebration of his life and work. The exhibition was one of several which were launched on the night with over 200 people attending the opening. Among the guests were former colleagues, family and friends who knew John and recognised the value of his work. The exhibition was opened by Simon Scott who was both a colleague and friend of John.

John's wife Patricia said the exhibition came about when his agent came over from New Zealand to help pack up a lifetime's collection of photos.

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John Fields wife Patricia at the opening

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## **Guyra Lamb Show & Sale**

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# Show stopper planned for 2020

Preparations for the 2020 Guyra Show are well in hand and organisers believe that recent rain has not only lifted spirits in the community, but has also lifted the prospects for a great event.

The Show is on Friday and Saturday February 21st and 22nd with the gates open at 6am both days. The key focus is on family friendly entertainment so that families can enjoy a great day out on a tight budget.

While the drought is far from over, Show Society President Richard Post said that recent rain has definitely helped and he hopes to see the whole district celebrating and enjoying the

plethora of entertainment, food and drink options available.

“Getting families involved is the key to our Show’s future so we wanted to make sure there was something to interest all ages,” Richard said.

“Given the pressure our community has been under due to the drought, we wanted to see the children have a ball during the day, and the big kids being able to let their hair down at night.”

Friday will see school groups attend the show for a range of excursion activities and on Friday night the Australian Army Band from Newcastle will provide a

wide array of music to entertain all ages. On the Saturday the focus is on children’s entertainment that does not cost anything for families who attend, such as Troppo Bob and his amazing, mystifying and really funny Comedy Magic Show. There will also be a young farmers challenge, lolly cannon and the hilarious lamb chase for all ages.

“The rooftop express Wild West show that everyone enjoyed last year will be back again with a new show at the family friendly time of 7pm Saturday, with the fireworks to follow,” Richard said.

“Ringside you can expect to see a wide range of horse events, in addition to the many livestock segments, the grand parade, farmers’ challenges, the Demo Derby and the New England Medieval Arts Society who specialise in duelling and mass combat battle displays with a variety of real steel weapons just to name a few.

“The shearing segment is a real highlight of our show, as is the huge success of the rejuvenated wood chop and dog trialling events. We will have a huge pavilion including our wool section which is known as one of the most well supported outside of the Sydney

Royal.

“If last year is anything to go by the intensely competitive section of the men’s cake competition will be bigger and better this year,” Richard said. “Last year there were 35 entrants and we are aiming to beat that number this year.”

“The head stewards and their respective teams give up an enormous amount of time and the local community that volunteers in one form or another to make it happen. It is great to see the support of our membership base that is growing again and great to see it is being led by young families.

“Adam Marshall has been fantastic in supporting us once again this year via a grant for our key entertainment which means that once you have paid to get in, you can sit back and enjoy the Show.”

Entry all weekend for families is included in the \$30 annual membership or for non-members and the general public entry at the gate per day is \$10 per adult, \$3 for pensioners and under 16 or \$20 per family. If you buy a family membership for entry to the Guyra show on both days and save \$10

## Get your Tickets to Ride for the Guyra Show



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# Fundraiser planned for Hope family

In July 2018 Samuel Hope was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia. At the age of two and a half Sam and his family travelled from Guyra to Newcastle where he began treatment at John Hunter Hospital. Sam spent months in Newcastle undergoing chemotherapy, blood transfusions and medical procedures to treat his Leukaemia and related medical issues. Sam fought hard and in May 2019 he finally returned home and entered a maintenance stage of treatment with monthly check-ups in Newcastle.

After enjoying a family Christmas and starting back at Guyra Preschool things looked bright for Sam. Sadly, on the 22nd of January test results showed that Sam had relapsed. Sam, his father Mitchell, mother Natalie and



The Guyra community is rallying behind the Hope family and little Sam who is battling Leukaemia Photo by Jaymee Solomon Photography

siblings George and Haidee have now returned to Newcastle so Sam can undergo further treatment. The family will also travel to Sydney in the coming months so

Sam can undergo a bone marrow transplant, requiring a minimum 100 days of isolation. It has been requested by Sam's Doctors that the family remain to-

gether during this time. This will mean Mitchell will be unable to return to work.

As a community we would like to offer our support to Sam and his family by holding a "Family Fun Day" Fundraiser on the 21st of March 2020. The day will be based at the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club and it will coincide with the annual 3-person Ambrose Golf day run by the Guyra United Soccer Club. Further details will be published in the coming weeks so please save the date on your calendar. We would like to ask for your support for this fundraiser and any assistance would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact Jo Dullaway on 0428747072.

## 112<sup>th</sup> Guyra Show

### Program & Entertainment

#### Friday

- 7.30am Pavilion open to receive entries
- 8.30am Show Jumping
- 9.00am Horse Events start
- 10.00am Junior Sheep Judging
- 10.00am Junior Fleece Judging
- 10.30am New England Medieval Art Society Display
- 2.00pm Junior Cattle Judging
- 3.00pm Junior Cattle Paraders
- 4.00pm Tent Pegging
- 5.00pm All Breeds Heifer Show
- 6.00pm Mechanical Bull
- 6.30pm OFFICIAL OPENING & SASHING SHOWGIRLS
- 7.00pm Australian Army Band
- 7.40pm Get Up Dance exhibition
- 7.50pm Men's Cake Champion presentation
- 8.00pm Australian Army Band
- 8.30pm Get Up Dance competition
- 9.00pm Bar & BBQ open until late - both nights

## Friday & Saturday 21 & 22 February, 2020

#### Saturday

- 8.00am Yard Dog Trials start (continuing on Sunday)
- 8.00am Horse Events start; Show Jumping
- 8.30am Beef Cattle Judging
- 9.00am Pavilion opens (until 5.00pm);
- 9.00am Shearing events commence
- 9.00am Caged Birds
- 10.00am Wood Chopping
- 10.00am Poultry Show & Judging
- 10.00am Vintage Car display; Antique Machinery display
- 10.30am New England Medieval Art Society Display
- 10.30am Troppo Bob Magician Balloon artist
- 11.00am Tent Pegging
- 11.30am Troppo Bob Magician Balloon artist (12.30, 3.30pm)
- 1.00pm Tent Pegging
- 4.00pm Grand Parade
- 4.30pm The Great Lamb Muster (for the kids)
- 5.00pm Young Farmers Challenge
- 6.00pm Mechanical Bull
- 7.00pm ROOFTOP EXPRESS
- 8.30pm Fireworks
- 9.00pm Demolition Derby

### Show Schedules

now available at



Guyra Show Society

The GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street, Guyra  
& at the Secretary's Office at the Showground



### For information about the Guyra Show:

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# What's HOT

**SENIOR'S EXTRAVAGANZA** coming up in March - bookings by February 26th to Guyra Home Support Services

# What's NOT

**STICKY FLIES** and mosquitoes disturbing the peace

**WATER RESTRICTIONS** for residents but reportedly not for some businesses

**VANDALS** destroying a vital service in town

**TRYING** to solve a phone issue and getting the run around

## QUOTE of the week

**Failure has been correctly identified as the path of least 'persistence'**

Bureau of Meteorology

# Weather

## WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
4	Tues	13.4	16.2	5.8
5	Wed	10.8	18.7	0
6	Thurs	11.7	16.1	0
7	Fri	12.9	21.6	24.6
8	Sat	14.9	19.9	2.2
9	Sun	14.6	20.7	19.2
10	Mon	14.0	21.8	5.2

Rain this week 57.0 mm  
 Feb. rainfall 57.0 mm  
 Rainfall YTD 202.6 mm  
 Rainfall last YTD 106.4 mm  
 Ave. rain to Feb. 225.2 mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

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"We put aside a selection of his works from this area and from this NERAM selected 24 for the exhibition," she said.

"He was still taking photos after he retired and documented everything that was happening in and around Guyra that often people just pass by, including building works and everyday activities."

"John spent 50 wonderful years of documenting the world and continued to take photos right up to the very last."

"To see a small selection of his works hanging in the exhibition was a fitting tribute and I was humbled to see many of his friends and renew old contacts. Photography was his life and he loved to share his passion with others and never stopped learning."

The exhibition will remain open until March 14th. Other exhibitions currently on show are Del Kathryn Barton: The Nightingale and the Rose, The Uncivilised Garden: Lizzie Horne, The View from 1919 and USE an exhibition of exquisitely crafted contemporary jewellery and small objects by seventeen artists.

Entry is free to the public or by donation.



John Fields captured the everyday life of New England including this shot of Mick Giuliani in a field of potatoes near Guyra

## INTERACTIVE TRAINING EVENT

# Vertebrate pest management

Demonstration of fox baiting techniques, pig trapping, managing rabbit warrens, camera trap monitoring, drought and fire assistance information on hand

**Thursday 20 February 2020**

9:30am - 12:30pm Ben Lomond Hall

For more information and RSVP by 17 February 2020 to Mahri Koch  
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 E: mahri.koch@glenrac.org.au



Local Land Services



National Landcare Program



This project is jointly funded through Northern Tablelands Local Land Services and the Australian Government's National Landcare Program



# ATMs smashed, but thief left empty handed

Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward after two ATMs in Guyra's main street were vandalised in an attempted theft on Thursday morning.

The incident occurred at 4.20am on Thursday, February 6, when a male smashed the front screen of the Commonwealth Bank ATM outside Kirk's IGA. He also pulled out the electronic components of the machine in an attempt to access money. The suspect then made a similar attempt to gain access to the Regional Australia Bank ATM.

Police were notified and officers from Armidale attended at about 6.30am and were able to obtain CCTV footage and speak to a number of witnesses. Forensic police also attended the scene.

The suspect has not been



**ATTEMPTED BREAK AND ENTER:**  
ATMs at Kirks IGA and the Regional Australia Bank were smashed on Thursday morning

identified and is described as being around 190cm tall and of a solid build. He was wearing

white shorts, a white long sleeve hoody, white sneakers and was last seen in the vicin-

ity of the Guyra bakery.

Acting Inspector Matthew Crotty from Armidale Police said that Guyra Police are now continuing with inquiries into the incident.

"This incident is out of the ordinary for Guyra and we are keen to get to the bottom of the damage to the ATMs," Acting Inspector Crotty said.

"We are concerned that this has happened in the normally quiet town of Guyra and are putting all available resources into the investigation," he said.

"Fortunately, the offender was not able to gain entry to either ATM, and no money was taken."

They hope that anyone who may have witnessed the robberies or who has information will contact the police on 6738 4299, or Crime Stoppers NSW on 1800 333 000.

## YARD DOG TRIALS

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Commencing at 8am

### Saturday:

Open Yard Trial  
Novice Yard Trial

### Sunday:

Maiden Yard Trials

### Entries to:

Margo Hogan  
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margocooper21@gmail.com  
by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

## Yard Dog Clinic

for Girls weekend of  
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22nd February  
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- Entries close 3pm Saturday or when 30 entries received
- All drivers must be 17 years or over and hold a current driver's licence (P plate minimum)
- Drivers enter at own risk
- Drivers must comply with the rules & regulations of the event



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## Meals on Wheels

Feb 13th Joyce Betts  
Feb 14th Golf Ladies  
Feb 17th Lions Club  
Feb 18th Pamela Carter  
Feb 19th Anne Hulbert

## Street Stalls

Feb 13th Can Assist  
Feb 14th & 15th WRHS  
Feb 21st Hospital Auxiliary  
March 5th Hospital Auxiliary

## 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 Linden & Kerrie Pollard Ph.0412 531 883.

**Food Pantry** - 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of month 10am-12pm, then 1pm-2.30pm

### 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

# Transition students welcomed



**Black Mountain Public School** welcomed new faces to transition last week  
**Front l to r:** Jack Turnham, Dustin Turnham, Nyomie Lynch and Ava Davenport (Transition class)  
**Background:** Lincoln (Kinder) and Mason Rolfe (Transition)

Welcome back all our students to our 2020 school year! We'd like to welcome our new Kindergarten and Transition classes, as well as welcome their families to our school community.

Our transition program runs every Friday for children who have turned 4 years of age. This program ensures that all students are ready for the demands of Kindergarten each year.

*Justine Eddy*  
*Relieving Principal*



**St Marys Transition class l to r:** Lynzi Beard, Alex Brazier-Kraan, Samuel Green, Casey Jones, Maddie Ellem, Tristan Nguyen, Brock Adams and Harbour Hutton

Last Wednesday St Mary of the Angels welcomed our Transition Class for 2020. These beautiful little students will attend school each Wednesday for the entire school year.

Our Transition program provides students a wonderful opportunity to de-

velop social and friendship skills within the school setting in preparation for Kindergarten the following year. They will learn and develop important literacy and numeracy skills as well as knowledge in other key learning areas, providing them with an excellent

foundation for success in Kindergarten.

We currently have places still available in this program, for more information please call the school on 67791661.

*Sharon Wittig*  
*Principal*

# CBD Update

Work on the Guyra CBD upgrade is expected to see some progress in the coming weeks. Armidale Regional Council Chief Executive Officer Susan Law said there are still two pieces of work which need to be completed.

“The good news is that new street furniture has now been ordered and should arrive within the next four to six weeks ready for installation,” Ms Law said. “This will really give the area a lift - things such as seating, bollards and rubbish bins will all be replaced,” she said. “The street art is also going ahead and recent rain may also mean that landscaping can proceed and our outdoor staff will begin working on this shortly.”

However, a timeline for the second piece of work that is yet to be completed is still up in the air. This involves the replacement of the poles and wires which need to be decommissioned and electrical connections and wires in shop awnings that will be relocated.

“Essential Energy were asked to come up with a design for the electrical works in September last year and we are still waiting for these plans,” Ms Law said. “We are hopeful that we will have something from them in the near future so that this work can proceed – unfortunately it is out of our hands and we cannot do anything until they submit the designs.”

# Choir sings for rain



The Combined Churches Choir and local churches are preparing for a special service to pray for relief from the impact of fire and drought that is plaguing our lives and lands.

They welcome all residents of Guyra and the surrounding areas of the New England to unite as a community to sing and pray for rain and the end of the current drought.

The ecumenical service will be held at St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church on Sunday March 1st commencing at 5pm. The service will also give thanks for all the rain recently received.

After the service everyone is invited for light refreshments which will be served in the Parochial Hall.

## Family entertainment

at the Guyra Show  
on Saturday night  
22<sup>nd</sup> February

## Rooftop Express New Show

A show which combines showmanship, stunts, horses and cattle with the swagger of an Aussie larrikin.



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# Glitzy gathering coming up Seniors



Margaret Lockyer and Margaret Grills enjoyed the Senior's Ball in 2018

There will be added glitz and glamour in Guyra when the biennial Seniors Extravaganza is held on Monday March 9th. Council secured a \$2,000 State Government grant for the event which promises to be a fun-filled day of entertainment and activities, encouraging people from across our region to come together and have a great time.

All seniors are invited to dress with a little sparkle and flair and attend the free event, to enjoy a morning tea, lunch and live entertainment at Guyra Community Hall.

The Guyra celebration is part of Seniors Festival events throughout NSW, which this year have adopted the theme Glitz and Glamour.

Council and the NSW Seniors Festival are sponsors of the Guyra event, which will be held from 10am to 2.30pm.

Bookings are essential by February 26th by contacting Guyra Home Support Services at GuyraHSS@armidale.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6770 7127.

# Water strategy a key step to higher dam capacity

Measures to increase Malpas Dam's storage capacity and boost water security for the Armidale region have moved another step closer, with Council launching a long-term assessment of the Armidale region's water infrastructure, supply needs and community expectations.

Armidale Regional Council has secured valuable funding to help complete a 30-year Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy and Secure Yield Model, seen as a necessary blueprint for increasing storage capacity at Malpas Dam and any other major water security options.

The strategy, estimated to cost about \$180,000, will underpin further grant applications for detailed planning, design and construction works to improve the region's water security.

Member for Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall, helped secure NSW Government financial assistance for a review of the IWCM, to address any gaps in the strat-

egy.

"This is the first stage of an extensive process to develop detailed design plans that may lead to a construction contract – subject to regulatory and environmental approvals from the NSW Government," Armidale Regional Council Chief Executive Officer Susan Law said.

"The process began last year, with Council inviting tenders from specialised dam consultants to help produce concept plans for an increase in storage capacity at Malpas Dam."

Ms Law said Council officers are also liaising closely with NSW Government departments to strengthen the IWCM and, as a result, Council's position to secure funding for a dam upgrade or other associated works.

"The strategy will ensure any proposed capital works projects stand up to cost-benefit analysis and provide affordable town water services for our residents and businesses over the long term," she said.

It also addresses the com-

plex connections between community expectations and needs and the elements of the region's urban water cycle, which includes water supply, sewage and storm water. Public health and environmental factors will also be considered in the strategy.

"Having the IWCM should ultimately help to streamline subsequent future steps to secure approvals and funding, including approval under Section 60 of the Local Government Act," she said.

The Act requires local water utilities to obtain Ministerial approval for the construction or any significant modifications of dams and flood retention basins which could cause a significant threat to public safety if there was a failure in that infrastructure.

Section 60 approvals provide an independent review of the proposed works to ensure they are fit for purpose and provide robust, safe and cost-effective solutions, while meeting environmental and regulatory requirements.

# Nominees sought for restored access advisory group

Residents with experience and a passion for inclusive and accessible communities are invited to nominate for a new Council advisory group.

The Access Advisory Working Group will find positive solutions to help ensure the Armidale region's facilities, services and activities are inclusive for everyone who lives, works and plays in the region.

The 10-member group will include representation of

several groups in the community, including people with disability, parents and carers with young children, seniors, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, youth and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Working group members will also be well informed on issues of access and inclusion and will be well connected in the region's community.

The Access Advisory Work-

ing Group is an initiative of Council's Community Well-being Committee, which was formed last year and resolved to re-establish an advisory group on issues of access and inclusion.

Expressions of interest are open until March 4th and nomination forms are available on the Community Support page of Council's website.



# Turning waste into business opportunity

Times are tough in the bush, but opportunities are still available for people who are prepared to innovate. A common problem for graziers is the fallout from sheep under shearing sheds, which builds up and is often difficult to clear away.

Having visited lots of farms over the years and seen the problem first hand, Rod Merritt has come up with a new vacuum system which solves the problem. The portable vacuum system is mounted on a trailer and literally sucks all the fallout from under the shed and drops out on the paddock.

The system has already been tested on a number of local shearing sheds and feedback has been very positive. Rod says that his invention will clean out both the solid and loose product from under the shearing shed.

Once the fallout is cleared, an assessment can be made of the sheds foundations and repairs and restumping carried out if needed. Rod expects demand to increase due to people moving



A mobile solution to a common on-farm problem - a trailer mounted vacuum

back into sheep once the drought breaks.

To see this system for yourself, it will

be set up at the Guyra Show on February 21st and 22nd. For more information contact Rod on 0477 151 124,

## Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**February 5th** - There was an increased supply of lambs with sheep numbers remaining steady. The total yarding was 2090 with 1100 lambs and 990 sheep on offer. The quality of the crossbred young lambs was good most, however suited to restockers. There was a fair supply of plain condition Merino lambs, while processors struggled for

well finished lots. The usual processors were in attendance and there was very strong restocker competition for lambs. Demand was very high for lambs from restockers facing improved seasonal conditions. Trends were significantly dearer with the lightest and plainest condition lambs showing some of the greatest improvement. The plain

condition Merino lambs attracted very strong competition with restockers outbidding processors in most cases. Many of the Merino lambs attracting prices similar to the Crossbreds. Well finished lambs suitable to the trade also experienced substantially dearer market trends. There was strong competition from processors in the sheep

market, however there was very little restocker activity. Well finished sheep to processors were significantly dearer. Plain condition ewes sold to cheaper trends with the limited competition from restockers. Plain condition, lightweight Merino wethers carrying 2 to 3 inches of wool sold strongly with the wool values the attraction.

## Armidale Cattle Sale

**February 6th** - An improvement in seasonal conditions with more rain forecast saw numbers remain low. The lowest levels on record for this time of the year.

The quality and condition of the offering was fair to good with some well finished cows and grown heifers. The quality of the young cattle was only fair. There was a reduced gallery of processors, however restocker presence was high. Demand far outweighed supply in the young cattle.

Green feed in paddocks the driver for a very strong restocker market. Yearling steers met

strong competition to record a trend in excess of 100c/kg dearer in a fortnight. There were some extremes in price ranges with breed the main factor. Heifer yearlings also met with strong restocker competition.

Market trends showing an improvement of 50c to 70c/kg. Processors competed strongly for well finished grown heifers and cows. Restockers purchasing the majority of the plainer condition cattle. Light and medium weight cows to restockers averaged 52c to 67c/kg dearer. Well finished medium and heavy-weight cows were as much as 40c/kg dearer.

## Weekly Wool Sales

**February 7th** - Amid on-going concerns over the coronavirus outbreak the wool market managed to once again surprise many by closing in positive territory for the week. Gains were made over both selling days strengthening as the week progressed.

Most of the activity centered on the better style Merino types with up to 50 cent rises recorded for some individual micron categories. The smaller than expected national offering no doubt played its part in assisting the price recovery with 11.5% withdrawn prior to sale.

26,027 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed

rate of 14.8%. Major buyers included Techwool, Tianyu and Modiano. AWTA test data released early this week has the weight of wool tested nationally for the season date recording a 5.3% decline compared to last season.

AWEX data has the number of bales sold for the season to date as down over 15%. These figures would indicate a rapidly growing "holding paddock" of wool in broker's stores across the nation. This can cause some wild fluctuations in weekly rostered quantities on offer especially if we see a sustained upward movement in prices.

## Men's Bowls

There were a number of Club Championships played over the weekend (in between showers that is). Firstly, a game of Major Singles played between Dan Kennedy and Barry Presnell. Dan led from the start never letting Barry into the game. Dan took the win 31 shots to 15 shots over 27 ends.

There were also two games of Club Pairs played. John McIlwain and Anthony Bull played Steven Sole and Robert Walls, in this game Steven and Robert enjoyed a handy lead by end 13 they led 20 shots to 9 shots. It was at this stage John and Anthony reeled off 6 ends in a row and as a result the lead changed. Steven and Robert won the next end but it was too little too late as John and Anthony won the 21st end and with that they took victory 23 shots to 21 shots over 21 ends.

Game two was between John Jackson and Barry Campbell who played David Wilcox and John Hamel. This game was a closely played contest that is for the first 13 ends. The lead was swapped on a number of occasions during this time however John and Barry took control and went on to victory 24 shots to 16 ends over 21 ends.

Club Championships set down for this weekend:

Sunday February 16th:  
Start: 1.00pm. Starter and Umpire: David Wilcox.

Open Singles: Steven Sole to play Andrew Sparke marker Barry Campbell.

David Wilcox to play Col Stanley marker John Jackson.

Minor Singles: Ken Jones to play Geoff Reeves marker Wayne Reeves.

Handicap Singles: Ian Jacobs to play Robert Walls marker Dan Kennedy.

Following are the Pennant teams selected to play February 29th and March 1st.

No.4 Pennant teams:

Team 1: Ian Jacobs, John Jackson, Michael Shiner and Col Stanley

Team 2: Roger Cox, Cameron Peardon, Anthony Bull and John McIlwain

Team 3: Robert Walls, Murray Bourke, Steven Sole and David Wilcox

Above teams will play Armidale Ex Services at Guyra Saturday February 29th

Bowlers to be at the Club by 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start.

The above teams will also travel to Moree Sunday March 1st, Bowlers to be at the Club by 7.30pm. Bowlers will be notified as to vehicles and who they will travel with. Cost to yet be determined.

No.7 Pennant Teams:

Team 1: David Lyes, Barry Campbell, Boyd Stanley and Scott Campbell

Team 2: Wayne Reeves, Barry Walls, Paul Johnson and Chris Kliendienst

Team 3: Mark Swain, Ken Jones, Andrew Sparke and Barry Presnell.

The above teams will play at Guyra against Armidale City Sunday February 29th

Teams are to be at the Club by 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start.

The above teams will also be the teams to travel to Glen Innes Sunday March 1st. Cars will depart the Club 11.45am. Start Glen Innes 12.30pm. Cost of travel \$7.00 per bowler.

Reserves: Evan Sole, John Hamel Robert Moore and Mallie Walls. 2nd (Grahame Starr and Geoff Reeves).

The teams are for the first two games and are subject to change to give the Reserves a game.

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

*The Bowls Bandit*

## Ladies' Golf

Last Wednesday we had a field of 10 ladies play a Par Medal Round with Belinda Lenahan winning on a count-back from Pip White with a score of +2.

We played the front nine twice as the back nine is still closed.

The Nearest the Pin Winners were on the 7th hole Shona Mulligan and Karen Oehlers.

Vicki Reeves and Karen Oehlers won the Nearest the Pin on the 9th hole.

This week is a Stableford along with the Graham Betts 1st Round.

Black Mountain Nursery is the trophy donor and Julie Walker is the starter.

Next week is a Stroke and Putting competition along with the 1st Round of the NSW Medal. The starter is Donna White.

*Birdie*

## Vets Golf

A Chilly day reduced the numbers for our Reg Taylor Stroke competition on Tuesday February 4th. The stand-out player for the day was Terry Mulligan who took out the win with net 70. He was also the top putter with 29 putts and was nearest the pin on the 7th. The only result he could not get on the day was runner up taken out by Wal Chapman with net 73.

The new handicap system has everyone struggling for good scores.

*A Vet*

## Midweek Golf

It was too wet to play last week so all scores will be carried over to this week. This will give everyone a chance to play.

*Middy*

## Senior Soccer

ATTENTION ALL SENIOR SOCCER PLAYERS!

To anyone playing or interested in playing senior soccer for the Guyra United soccer club this year, there will be a short meeting at the recreation grounds this Thursday at 6:30pm to discuss this year's playing format.

This will be followed by a kick around to get our 2020 season underway. Hope to see you all there.



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## PROBUS NOTES

Our monthly meeting was held this week. Our guest speaker was Margaret Schaefer from Armidale who gave us a talk on making patchwork quilts and she brought along some she has made which were beautiful.

Next Monday, 17th February we are going to Evan Miller's to view his garden and also machinery. If you would like to go please contact Judy Jackson on 6779 1409 and leave a message. We will car-pool from the Bowling Club at 9-9.30am.

Yearly subs of \$30.00 are now due.

**Judy Jackson**

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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**Guyra Junior Rugby League** is calling for expressions of interest for Coaches, First Aid, and League Safe positions for the 2019 season.

### Age division are:

6s, 8s, 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s (Boys); Junior, Intermediate and Senior leaguetag.

### Email applications to:

Gina Lockyer (President)  
ginaguyrajrl@gmail.com

Applications close 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

## COURSES

**RSA** starts Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 8.30am-4.30pm. \$205.00.

**RCG** starts Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 8.30am-4.00pm. \$155.00.

**Combined Food Safety Supervisors** starts Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 9.00am-5.00pm. \$185.00.

**New England Community College**  
136 Bradley Street, Guyra  
Phone: 6779 2132

## CLAIM THE DATE

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY: GUYRA SHOW**  
**SUNDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH: Armidale Cup**  
**SUNDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL: Guyra Cup**

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## FUNERAL NOTICE

**ELLIS; EDITH MARY**  
10<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Peacefully at Guyra MPS, of Marne Street, Guyra.

Dearly loved wife of Lloyd (dec'd). Loving mother and mother-in-law of Kathleen & John Davis, William & Sharon, Linda, Phillip and loved grandmother, great-grandmother & great-great-grandmother of their families.

**Aged 87 years**

Funeral Service to be held at St Mary of the Angel's Catholic Church, Guyra on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 commencing at 10:00am, followed by interment at the Guyra Lawn Cemetery.



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## SHOW SCHEDULES

**GUYRA SHOW SCHEDULES** are available at The GALA Centre, 136 Bradley Street. Phone 6779 2132.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**KEY ENTERTAINMENT** at the Guyra Show: the **Australian Army Band** will perform on Friday evening and **Rooftop Express** is back with a new show for our family-friendly Saturday evening.

**PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRIES** for the Guyra Show close **TODAY**, Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February. Entries may be left at The GALA Centre or posted to Guyra Show Society, P.O. Box 37, Guyra.

## LIONS CLUB MYSTERY TRIP

**Notice to the Senior Citizens of Guyra and District**

Guyra Lions Club annual Senior Citizens mystery outing is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We invite Seniors to advise Jim Betts on 6779 1460 or tell Eric Heagney at the Senior Citizens Club by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February if you are going to participate in this outing. Also advise if there are any dietary requirements. We will leave from the RSL Hall at 8.30am on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**Community Information Session Proposed Tilbuster Solar Farm**

Enerparc and NGH will be holding a community information session in Armidale to provide further information about the proposed Tilbuster Solar Farm.

The session will offer a forum to learn more about the proposal and provide feedback to Enerparc and Environmental Assessment representatives. Feedback can also be provided to:

<http://tilbustersolarfarm.com.au/about-us/>  
The format is a drop in session to encourage one on one discussion on:

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 5pm-8pm  
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# Europe definitely didn't disappoint!

In January Sarah Rosten flew to the other side of the world with people she hadn't met to play soccer. She knew it was going to be interesting, with the tour group all departing different areas of Australia from Perth to Darwin and anywhere in between. This week we share the highlights of her tour.

The first stop was London which was a bit of a change from what we Aussies were used to. There was green grass, puddles everywhere, no sunlight and the cold sure was a struggle. The sun went down very early and it was pitch black by 4 pm. We saw Buckingham palace, Big Ben (which was undergoing renovations so didn't really see much), then onto our first

game in the freezing cold at 6 pm where I scored the first goal of the tournament!

The Tower of London and London bridge were amazing as well as getting to see squirrels come as close so they could have a hold of our phones! We also visited little country towns in the Cotswolds, Borough on the water, Stow on the water (which sure were small with not much going on) and Gloucester cathedral where Harry Potter was made.

The team enjoyed watching four premiere league games - Cardiff vs QPR, Saints vs Huddersfield, Everton vs Brighton, and the best of all the women's game Chelsea vs Totnum where Sam Kerr debuted for Chelsea.

Onto France where we visited the Louvre (seeing the Mona Lisa) and visited WWII Battle fields where the Anzacs fought including Villers-Bretonneux. There was also time to visit Museums and the Eiffel Tower (going up the two levels was amazing!)

In France we played eight games, winning five, drawing two and losing one, which was a pretty good outcome when none of us had played together.

It was a great opportunity and experience that I'll never forget. I met some great people, made new friends and played with some great athletes. I really appreciate the support of the community who helped me along the way. It definitely didn't disappoint!



## FARM WASTE to ART

Put your "Inner Artist" on display at the Guyra Show

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### Categories:

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### Entries to:

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Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February



**Guyra Show Society**

Ph: 6779 2132

[admin@guyrashow.guyra.net](mailto:admin@guyrashow.guyra.net)

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