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## Show marks new beginning



**OFFICIAL OPENING:** Reverend Tim Stevens, 2019 Showgirl Jodi Ellis, Barnaby Joyce MP, 2020 Showgirl April Heagney, President Richard Post, 2020 Junior Showgirl Lauren Irvine, Mayor Simon Murray, 2019 Junior Showgirl Colleen Pearson, Sue Ross, Sue Adams and Patron Brian Fitzroy

The 112th Guyra Show will long be remembered as a celebration that marked the end of one of the district's worst on record.

In his address at the official opening President Richard Post described 2019 as horrendous and urged the community to make 2020 the best yet, by starting with a great Guyra

Show.

"Despite the significant pressure our community has been under I am both thrilled and happy with how everything went," Richard said.

"Our aim was always to build on the big success from last year and it is a great reflection of our great little town and its surrounding districts

that we were able to put together such a fantastic schedule of events."

"I think our Show Society has made great advances in the last 12 months. We have upgraded the BBQ area and secured funding to renovate the rest of the bar area over the next 12 months. We are moving forward and trying to

get things done and this time next year we plan to open the fully upgraded building."

"Given what the community has been through in the last 12 months it was rewarding to see lots of young families supporting the show," Richard said.

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## The Guyra Show Society

would like to thank all our very generous sponsors and supporters who helped make the 2020 Guyra Show such an outstanding success, especially after a year of severe drought and bushfires.

Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

Without our Stewards and Volunteers the Guyra Show would not be possible. The President and Committee of the Guyra Show Society appreciates the hard work and many hours our members and friends put in each year to enable the best Show in the district to continue.



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# New beginning (cont.)

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“The Farm Waste to Art was a new category and it was an outstanding success, there was a huge wool section once again and there were really good crowds at the shearing, cattle, and ring events as well as in the pavilion generally.

“The men’s cake section continues to be popular with 24 entries this year, some from first time cooks. Congratulation to winner Dan McLennan for his outstanding effort.

“Overall everything was really positive and on par with last year. Given the last 12 months if we can get through this year we can get through

anything,” he said. “There was lots of positive feedback, in particular the Army Band which was really popular - they put on a really good show and Saturday’s entertainment was also well received and well supported.

“I would like to thank everyone for their support and remind them that a lot of volunteer hours go into making the Show a success. We could always do with more volunteers and I urge anyone with bit of time to spare to get involved, every little bit helps.

**See pages 8 & 9  
for more photos  
Results in coming weeks**



Barnaby Joyce hands over the trophy to Dan Sisson standing in for Dan McLennan who won the hotly contested men’s cake category

# Country life suits new Anglican Minister

If rain is considered a good omen, then Reverend Tim Stevens is off to a good start as the new minister in charge of St James Anglican Church in Guyra. Tim and his family have relocated to Guyra from Mungindi where they spent three years ministering to the drought ravaged community. They arrived in early January and have been overwhelmed by the welcome they have received and are enjoying a much greener outlook thanks to the rain.

Tim was inducted by Bishop Rick Lewers on Sunday February 16th in front of a large congregation who welcomed him into the community. The Anglican Church has been without a full time minister since the departure of Reverend Mark Evers in January 2019.

While their roots are in the city, Tim and wife Kirsty were more than happy to step outside their comfort zone for life in the bush, thanks in part to a trip to Guyra in 2012.

“Guyra is a special place to us because it was on a trip to the town in 2012 that we were first exposed to life outside the city,” Tim said “That visit was part of the reason we were able to leave Sydney and take a chance on life in the bush.”

Tim and Kirsty’s first posting was to South Tamworth where they spent 18 months



Kirsty, William, Tim and Edward Stevens are happy to call Guyra home

and they then made the move to Mungindi where they have spent the last three years.

“We loved our time there, it is a great little community and I learnt not to be just a minister of the Church but also how to be a part of the town,” Tim

said. “While I was there I also had another role facilitating and equipping youth work throughout the diocese, which involved a lot of travel and I was away from home a lot.”

“When we were asked to come to Guyra it felt like we

were coming home - we are excited to be here and the Church is excited to have us here which is great,” he said. “It will also cut down on the amount of time spent traveling and I will be able to spend more time at home.”

“We are loving the hills around the New England, which gives a different perspective to the flat country around Mungindi and we are also loving the rain after three years of extreme dry and drought.”

While Tim and Kirsty left Sydney as a couple they now have two sons, William who is four and Edward who is two. As a family they enjoy cooking, gardening and getting out and about in nature.

“The boys are missing their friends from Mungindi, but are already making new ones,” Tim said. “While we all miss our family, we are feeling less drawn to the city and more at home with the many new friends we have made.”

Tim will continue his role facilitating youth work for the diocese and you may see him out and about riding a skateboard, which he uses to get around. His message for the community is to stop him and say hello and get in touch if there is anything he can assist with.

# Show Patron surprised and humbled

The 2020 Guyra Show Patron Brian Fitzroy was presented with his badge by Mayor Simon Murray during the official opening ceremony on Friday night.

Brian was head steward of the bar for decades and President of Show for 6 years. He said that being named Patron was a great surprise and thanked Richard and the committee for putting his name forward.

"Looking through the list of patrons they are a marvellous group of people and it is a great honour to join them, it makes me feel very humble," Brian said. "I joined the Show Society back in '64 or '65 and was put on the bar committee.

"I tried to get sacked but they wouldn't have a bar of it. Looking back, it was a great honour to be on the Show Society only a couple of years after I left school and I am grateful for



Show Patron Brian Fitzroy receives his badge from ARC Mayor Simon Murray

everything it has done for me.

"It is a great organisation and I would recommend being on the committee, especially young people," he said. "You will get a lot out of it and it is

very important to keep our community together especially after what we have just been through."

The 2020 Guyra Showgirl and Junior Showgirl were also

sashed as part of the opening ceremony.

Showgirl April Heagney and Junior Showgirl Lauren Irvine were sashed by sponsor Sue Ross of Sue Ross Real Estate.

The Show was officially opened by Member for New England Barnaby Joyce who praised the organisers for their work in putting on the event following what has been a very tough year.

"The highest show in Australia is the one in Guyra and thank you to the volunteers who worked hard to ensure the Show went ahead," Mr Joyce said.

"The show brings the town together whether it is displaying your wool or bringing in your cattle or making a cake everybody plays their part. Supporting the show means you are supporting your community."

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## What's HOT

**FANTASTIC** entertainment at the Show both nights

**COUNCIL'S** free laundry assisting rural ratepayers with washing facilities during the drought – a big thank from those who have used this facility

## What's NOT

**EXTRA-LONG** lawns in Wirruna St

**GOING** to do washing only to see notice that the council laundry facility is closed – there are still many who have lost tanks in the fires or have not received good rain – would not be a great cost to council to leave this facility open for another few months.

## QUOTE of the week

**When the outlook isn't good, try the uplook - it's always good**

Bureau of Meteorology

## Weather

### WATCH

Guyra MPS

Date	Day	Min	Max	Rain
18	Tues	13.9	25.2	8.4
19	Wed	14.5	24.5	0.8
20	Thurs	7.2	22.5	0
21	Fri	11.7	22.7	0
22	Sat	13.2	16.1	0
23	Sun	11.3	17.0	0
24	Mon	11.9	17.1	3.0

Rain this week	12.2 mm
Feb. rainfall	150.4 mm
Rainfall YTD	296.4 mm
Rainfall last YTD	108.8 mm
Ave. rain to Feb.	225.2 mm

Information supplied by Jeff Martin, Observer for Bureau of Meteorology

# School leaders



**Above | to r:** Daniel Grills, Archie Jackson, Rhiannon Heagney and Lachlan Clark.

St Mary of the Angels School commissioned their school leaders for 2020 at a Blessing Mass held last Wednesday 19th February 2020. Our Year 6 school leaders for 2020 are Daniel Grills, Archie Jackson, Rhiannon Heagney and Lachlan Clark.

We congratulate them on their new leadership roles and wish them all the very best. They will share in representing our school at various events throughout this year, modelling and upholding the school's values while helping support and strengthen the relationships and connections within the school and community.

*Principal Sharon Wittig*

# The thrill of it all

.....Ramblings by the Guyra Ghost

Another Guyra Show is over but by the enjoyment in the kid's eyes as they watched Troppo Bob and the screams of enjoyment from the people on the rides on Saturday night, everyone enjoyed themselves. I know the exhibits were down but people still made an effort. As an exhibitor, I know that I really enjoyed the excitement of entering "The Show". I didn't win, but had a lovely time wondering if my produce would be ready on time or if it would be of a decent standard. The quality of local crafts shows that we are a creative, inventive area. The Farm Waste to Art category certainly emphasized this.

Have you ever run your hand over the wool fleece ex-

hibits? I did, and it's a wonderfully calming experience. You need to explore the difference between superfine and medium fleeces, and the other classes. The chooks are also relaxing, (I know you are supposed to call them fowls). All animals have their charm. The shorn lambs looked a little cold on Saturday arvo but I understand that grows better wool next year!! As for the horse classes, I was a little confused as to what was happening in the ring. So many things seemed to be going on but I did see what dedication and care the competitors took. One of my favourites is the Sheepdog Trials. Those dogs look so happy doing their bit it brings a smile to a townies face.

Then there are the Fireworks and Demolition Derby. Truly, there is something for everyone.

The welcome from the people on the gate was lovely and our morning tea in the exhibits hall was peaceful. I'm sure the jam was homemade; it didn't have that oversweet commercial taste and the trouble that the ladies took to make sure the tables were pleasantly decorated with handcrafted wood platters, lollies and pictures of Guyra Show's past made for an enjoyable break.

So, I am planning for next year. I would like to enter the needlework section and I think I'll try for an entry into the potato section.

## Have your say.....

**Congratulations to the Show Committee**

The Show Committee is to be congratulated on a highly successful Show following a difficult year, with a great

feeling of warmth from the President and Committee Members in every facet of presentation.

*David Bearup*

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# Lambs on show

The annual Guyra Lamb Show and Sale was held last Wednesday at the Guyra Sa-leyards. This year's show was sponsored by Nutrien Ag So-lutions. As a result there was a bigger yarding and the mar-ket was dearer.

A big crowd was on hand to see the winners announced. Judges were Andrew Jackson - Thomas Foods, Luke Wellings – buyer (numerous companies) and Austin Fin-layson – Fletchers Interna-tional

The Grand Champion pen of export lambs went to Smithton Farms making \$270 purchased by Thomas Foods. The Reserve champion pen were also export lambs and went to Campbell Rural Trading purchased by Ever-son making \$259.

First in the trade section was Grant and Linley Ryan purchased by Thomas Foods

for \$220. Second in the trade category were Ron and Mau-reen Looker purchased by Thomas foods for \$204.

First in the restocker cate-gory went to George Vickery and were purchased by Land-mark Tamworth for \$190. Second went to Peter and Robert Jackson purchased by Landmark Tamworth for \$180.

All lambs being a credit to the vendors considering the hard season. The total yarding on the day was 4525. Thank you to all the vendors and the judges

### Top right:

Amy Urquhart from Nutrien with Dugald McIndoe from Smithton Farms and daughter Kirsty

### Bottom right:

Robert Jackson, Ron and Maureen Looker



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## \$500,000 boosts emergency groundwater for Guyra and Armidale

What a change a month can make, with nearly 300mm of rain falling around Guyra since the start of January, taking Guyra Dam to 100 per cent and lifting Malpas Dam to 50 per cent. While this has been a big turnaround, it's important the community continues to conserve water in case the dry conditions return.

The State Government is very much taking the cautious approach with the announcement it has provided Armidale Regional Council with \$500,000 to continue drilling bores as a means of providing an emergency groundwater supply to Guyra and Armidale.

At Guyra two successful bores have been put down, one at the Showground and another at Izzeard Park, both of which will be connected to the town's water treatment plant. It's expected in coming weeks water drillers will be back at Guyra testing two further holes which show early signs of significant yield.

These funds will ease the financial burden on council as it continues to explore ways of securing Guyra's long term water supply.

## New undercover seating area for Lamb and Potato Festival on the agenda

You can nearly guarantee when the Lamb and Potato Festival gets underway it's probably going to rain.

I want to congratulate Festival President Steve Mephram and his team for the fantastic event which was held again this year, despite the wet conditions, and for the quality lamb and gravy rolls which got a big tick of approval from Deputy Premier John Barilaro.

Year on year the festival gets bigger and bigger and that's why over the last six months I have been working with the committee to try and secure a sizeable State Government grant to build a permanent, undercover seating area for the public.

The committee has applied for funding to build a 10 metre by 18 metre shed on a concrete slab, directly behind the iconic big lamb. This shed would have plastic shutters which could be put up and down depending on the weather.

I'm continuing to advocate on behalf of Guyra for this beneficial project and I expect we should hear sometime this month on whether or not the application was successful.

## Independent bushfire inquiry underway

Guyra property owners, business operators and community organisations affected by the devastating 2019-20 bushfires can now make a submission to the NSW Independent Bushfire Inquiry.

This is really the first opportunity for the community to tell its story about what took place before, during and after the many local bushfires.

While the inquiry is not holding public hearings, as part of the process the panel will visit bushfire affected communities and I will be making sure the Northern Tablelands is included in that schedule.

Submissions close on Friday, 27 March 2020 and can be made via:

**Email:** [inquiries@bushfireinquiry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:inquiries@bushfireinquiry.nsw.gov.au)

**Post:** NSW Independent Bushfire Inquiry, GPO Box 5341, Sydney NSW 2001

**Phone:** Bushfire Customer Care Program 13 77 88

**In person:** at any Service NSW service centre

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**Meals on Wheels**

Feb 27th St Marys/Sue Adams  
Feb 28th Stephen Adams  
March 2nd Kath Varley  
March 3rd Don & Betty Mayled  
March 4th Wendy Lockyer

**Street Stalls**

March 5th Hospital Auxiliary  
March 6th & 7th  
Masonic Lodge  
March 13th WRHS

**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

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Saturday from 10am Bible Study,  
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66 Llangothlin St, Sunday  
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Linden & Kerrie Pollard Ph.0412  
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Friday of month 10am-12pm, then  
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**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  
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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

# Malpas Dam hits 50 percent

Just like watching a cricketer reaching a half century, community spirits are high as residents watch Malpas Dam reach 50 percent.

Storage levels in Guyra, Malpas and Puddledock dams have steadily increased with recent rainfall, however, Level 5 restrictions remain across the Armidale region. Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said this is great news for our region and the community should be proud of their water conserva-

tion efforts.

"While it's a feel good moment and the rain has provided some much needed relief for residents, we aren't out of the woods yet," he said.

Council is assessing long-term weather forecasts and monitoring water quality and water consumption patterns to ensure long-term water security before water restrictions can be eased.

"We're still in the summer season and the Bureau of Meteorology outlook remains for

average rainfall at best," Councillor Murray said.

"Residents and businesses across the region have embraced water efficiency to extend town water supplies but we need to be confident we can continue to conserve water and our local economy remains operable".

Council is urging residents to continue to conserve water to maintain or better current water usage of approximately 135 litres per person per day to conserve supplies.

## Region plays critical role during bushfires



NSW Rural Fire Service Zone Manager Superintendent Steve Mepham and Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray

The Armidale region supplied three and half million litres of water for aerial fire fighting efforts through north eastern NSW during the recent bushfire emergency.

Over 1150 fixed wing fire-fighting sorties and hundreds of helicopter flights were supplied with water at Armidale Regional Airport between September and January, to control multiple blazes between the Queensland border and Taree.

"This region played a critical role in combatting fires throughout a huge portion of the State, with many Rural Fire Service and contract air-

craft based at the Armidale airport for several months," Armidale Regional Council Mayor Simon Murray said.

"The contribution comes at a time when the region's town water supplies are faced with an extreme water shortage and town water customers are doing so much to curb their water consumption," Councillor Murray said.

"This should be another source of great pride for local residents and businesses. Their conservation efforts have done a great deal to prolong our water supplies, while we are also able to provide raw water which has

been instrumental in managing many, many fires.

"The aerial sorties, and the millions of litres of water supplied by this region, would almost certainly have prevented further loss of property, livestock, wildlife and lives in a prolonged and extensive fire season."

He said Council's recent upgrades to road and drainage infrastructure at the northern end of the airport, and additional RFS facilities at Shand Drive was also heightening the Armidale's role as a regional hub for bushfire and emergency services.

# Helicopter called in



The helicopter landed on Ted Mulligan Oval and was met by ASNSW paramedics

Shortly after Midday on Friday February 21st, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter was called to a property on the outskirts of Guyra where an 80 year old male was injured when his vehicle rolled over him while he was working on it.

NSW Ambulance Paramedics and the Helicopter Critical Care Medical Team stabilised the patient at the scene of the accident.

The injured man was well known local Kevin Harman who was airlifted to the John Hunter Hospital in a serious condition with multiple injuries.

Daughter Megan Tijani has thanked the community for their concerns and reported that Kevin is recovering from his injuries and that his neck brace has been removed and there are no spinal injuries. He has broken ribs and

damage to a lung.

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter returned on Saturday where they responded to a motorcycle accident approximately 10 kilometres north of Bundarra on a dirt road towards Tingha.

A 53 year old male suffered head injuries and is being transported to Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital in a serious but stable condition.

## LLS nominations close soon

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services is reminding those passionate about rural issues in the Northern Tablelands region they have until the end of February to nominate for the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services board election.

Local Land Services (LLS) works with land managers to help secure the future of agriculture and the environment for NSW communities, with local boards helping deliver meaningful services.

LLS rate payers can nominate online, at LLS offices and those wishing to lodge by 'snail mail' will need to raise their hand earlier to ensure their nomination is received in time.

Northern Tablelands LLS General Manager Paul Hutchings said community input was an essential part of improving primary produc-

tion and natural resource management around the state.

Those wishing to throw their hat in the ring will need to officially nominate before the end of February, with voting due to open on 9 April 2020. The current round of nominations follows the recent recruitment process for 29 Ministerially-appointed local board members.

Paul Hutchings explained while the current focus is on nominations, there have been a few changes since the last local board elections.

"It is now easier to participate without the need to enrol. All eligible Local Land Services ratepayers will be included on the electoral roll automatically, however you'll need to let us know how you'd like to receive your voting pack - either online or in the post" Paul said.

"The regulation allows for one vote per ratepayer or company in each region, regardless of the number of holdings you have in the region. This means that each ratepayer in the region will have equal say in who will be their representative on the local board."

Local Land Services is aiming for diverse and dynamic boards that reflect modern agriculture in NSW. As such, nominations from women, Aboriginal people, younger people and other under-represented groups are strongly encouraged.

To nominate as a candidate visit [www.austelect.com.au](http://www.austelect.com.au) or [www.lls.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au) and download a candidate information package and nomination form.

### PET OF THE WEEK



Leila is a 10 week old Domestic Short Hair x Ragdoll kitten. She has a beautiful soft coat with very pretty markings. Leila is litter trained and well socialised.

Her adoption fee of \$150 includes desexing, vaccination, microchipping, worming and a flea treatment.

**For more information please call or text:**

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### PET OF THE WEEK



Larry is a 10 week old Domestic Short Hair x Ragdoll kitten. He has a beautiful soft coat with amazing markings. Larry is litter trained and well socialised.

His adoption fee of \$150 includes desexing, vaccination, microchipping, worming and a flea treatment.

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# 112th Guyra Show



**Top:** The Australian Army Band entertains  
**Above left:** Part of the entertainment from the Rooftop Express  
**Above right:** Showgirls assisted with the Bull Calcutta  
**Right:** Troppo Bob provided entertainment for the young & young at heart  
**Below:** 2019 Showgirls welcome the 2020 winners  
Jodi Ellis, April Heagney, Lauren Irvine and Colleen Pearson





The 2020 Grand Parade

## Guyra Sheep & Lamb Sale

**February 19th** - There was a sharp increase in numbers with 2,540 lambs and 2,670 sheep penned. The annual show sale contributed to the increase in lamb numbers. The quality of the lambs showed a vast improvement, carrying in to all classes. The usual processors were in attendance while restocker activity was high. Demand was high through all

categories, none more so than from restockers. Market trends were dearer throughout with the better quality store lambs showing significant improvement. The very plain condition lightweights experienced the least amount of improvement. Well finished lambs to process also sold to dearer trends with the heaviest as much as \$20/head dearer. The improved

quality of the offering contributed to some price change. The condition of the sheep yarding varied. Both well finished and plainer condition sheep in good numbers. Restocker competition was very strong on both Merino and Cross-bred ewes. The better quality lines destined for breeding, the plainer lots for finishing. Market trends for the plain condition sheep were

substantially dearer, restocker sheep showing the greatest improvement. The plain sheep to processors also much dearer, pushed along by restocker interests. Well finished sheep also sold to dearer trends, however the increased supply brought about quality related price change in many cases.

## Armidale Cattle Sale

**February 20th** - This fortnight saw the numbers almost double. Vealers, yearlings and cows made up the bulk along with another good penning of bulls. There were small numbers of well finished heavy grown steers and heifers. Overall, the quality of the offering was fairly mixed with some well bred young cattle alongside some very plain lots. The usual processors were in attendance. Restocker demand was very high with green feed the main driver. Market trends through the young cattle were generally dearer, however the low numbers at the previous sale make some market comparisons difficult. The demand for light weight steers was very strong resulting in record levels being achieved for restocker vealers. The demand was just as high for the heifer portion, however pricing levels were not as high. Plainer quality light weight yearling steers also attracted strong demand, repre-

senting a lower dollar outlay. Medium and heavy weight yearling steers to restock and feed sold to dearer trends with strong gains posted. Good quality yearling heifers to restock and feed saw a significantly dearer trend. There was some breed and quality related negative price change though the yearlings. No market comparison for the few heavy grown steers. Increased demand and an improvement in quality saw the well finished grown heifers sell to a dearer trend, up to 9c/kg. Restocker orders were plentiful through the cow market with some very good quality store cows penned. This resulted in dearer trends for those returning to the paddock. The small number of plain condition cows purchased by processors were also dearer. Well finished cows to processors saw a firm to slightly dearer market trend, some variation in quality. Heavy bulls sold to a dearer trend.

## Weekly Wool Sales

**February 21st** - Some small but welcome gains were made this week over both selling days with buyer confidence increasing as the week progressed. In a good pointer for next week's sale the Fremantle market closed strongly. In another good sign for next week's designated superfine sale in Sydney the better style types once again outperformed the market quote. 34,607 bales were sold nationally for the week with just over 11% of the offering passed in. Major buyers included Techwool, Tianyu and PJ Morris. Global health concerns (at least in the short term) appear to have taken a back seat for the wool industry with activity rebounding in the forward market this week. Prices were secured out until May at levels equivalent to or slightly in advance of this week's physical auction close. Expected upcoming weekly offerings remain behind the corresponding period last season however these could rapidly grow in size if further upward market movement occurs. Aiding proceedings the Aussie dollar has slumped to an 11 year low against the US this week, closing at levels not seen since the GFC.

## Men's Bowls

There were no Bowls played over the weekend to report on. A few changes have been made to the original Pennant teams,

The teams are as follows:

No 4 Pennant teams to play Armidale Ex Services at Guyra Saturday February 29th. Play will commence 12.30 pm (DON'T BE LATE)

Team No 1. Andrew Sparke, John Jackson, Michael Shiner and Col Stanley

Team No 2. Ian Jacobs, Cameron Peardon, Anthony Bull and John McIlwain

Team No 3. Robert Walls, Murray Bourke, Steven Sole and David Wilcox

The above teams will also travel to Moree Sunday March 1st. The cost of travel to Moree will be \$20.00. Travel times and Cars will be sorted out Thursday February 27th at Pennant Rollup.

No 7 Pennant teams have also had changes made.

The teams to play Armidale City at Guyra Saturday February 29th. Play will commence 12.30pm. (DON'T BE LATE)

Team No 1. David Lyes, Graham Starr, Boyd Stanley and

Scott Campbell

Team No 2. Wayne Reeves, Barry Walls, Paul Johnson and Chris Kliendienst

Team No 3. Mark Swain, Ken Jones, Barry Campbell and Barry Presnell

The only change to the teams to travel to Glen Innes March 1st is Geoff Reeves who will play instead of Graham Starr. Cars to Glen Innes will also be finalised Thursday night at the Pennant Rollup.

Bowlers last Thursday was a disappointment to say the least with only 12 players turning up for a Rollup, let's see if an improvement can be made this Thursday February 27th at 6.30pm.

### The Bowls Bandit

## Vets Golf

With a number of players travelling to Glen Innes for their Vets Open Day, it left only a few at Guyra to play an Individual Stableford last week.

The winner with 27 points was David Bearup, followed by Don Campbell with 25 as runner up. All scores are lower than usual following the new handicap system as well as the wet

courses having no run.

The best of the players that went to Glen Innes was Richard Burey with a score of 34. None of the scores were good enough to bring home any prizes.

This week will be Pennants in Armidale where we will sport a good team of 25 players to defend our small lead. The next Pennants game will be at Uralla on the 12th March. Please note the change of date.

On Monday and Tuesday the 2nd and 3rd of March we will be holding our Open. Please let Nancy or Wal know if you would like to play. It is a 4BBB on Monday and an Individual Stableford for the Open on Tuesday.

A Vet

## Midweek Golf

Finally, recorded scores for the last three weeks. Hopefully we will have more success this week. There will be a \$20 voucher up for grabs for the highest individual score this week—everyone on a team is eligible to win it. We will have to wait and see how the weather treats us this week! Good luck

Only one team with extra points with everyone playing

and that is the Baldersleigh Bashers. The highest individual score for this week goes to Belinda Williamson with 28 points. Well done. Next went to Tony Dittman and Jason Waters with 24 and Debbie Burey with 23 points.

Getting closer to the end of the mid-week—depending on the weather—probably only another four weeks to go. We haven't finalised the date yet.

There are a group of contenders for the highest individual point score with only about 10 points between the highest and lowest. They are not listed in any particular order.

These people are Karen Oehlers, Vicki Reeves, Ian Taylor, Wendy George, Donna White, Leonie Taylor, Peter Archibald, Matt McFarlane, Beau Orchard, and Tony Dittman. Still a chance for anyone with big scores over the next week to catch up to these.

Just a reminder that the Individual winner for the 2019/2020 Twilight Competition will receive a Flight Centre Discount Voucher to the value of \$500 (t&c apply). Thanks to Star Bishop for organising this.

Middy

## CRICKET SCOREBOARD Saturday, February 22nd, 2020

### 1st Grade Guyra defeated Easts

#### Guyra Innings

Charlie White.....	36
Shane Wolfenden.....	0
Troy Martin.....	5
Ben Jackson.....	22
BJ Cameron.....	0
Matt Finlay.....	0
D Landsborough.....	30
Jason Campbell.....	0
Joey Ryan.....	13
Tyson Burey.....	45
Justin McKay.....	not out.....3
Extras.....	16
Total.....	170

Overs.....39

#### Easts Innings

157off 42 overs

#### Guyra Bowling:

Tyson Burey 1 for 19,  
BJ Cameron 4 for 26, Justin McKay 0 for 43, Charlie White 0 for 18, Joey Ryan 3 for 26, Matt Finlay 1 for 22

### 3rd Grade Guyra defeated Hillgrove

#### Guyra Innings

Cody Patterson.....	1
Taylor Brennan.....	7
Ben Friend.....	54
Simon Brown.....	5
Orron Surwaski.....	1
Graham Cameron.....	24
Tim Foster.....	7
Peter Ahoy.....	55
Jim Lenehan.....	3
Allan Boney.....	24
Craig Lockyer.....	not out.....9
Extras.....	27
Total.....	218

Overs.....39.2

#### Hillgrove Innings

182 off 33.5

#### Guyra Bowling:

Cody Patterson 2 for 49, Ben Friend 1 for 14, Allan Boney 3 for 32, Tim Foster 1 for 22, Simon Brown 1 for 5, Jim Lenehan 0 for 6, Orron Surwaski 0 for 23, Pete Ahoy 0 for 15, Taylor Brennan 1 for 10

### Juniors

#### Under 14s

Guyra 5/147 (cc)  
defeated Hillgrove 56

#### Batting:

Brendan Landborough 50 (ret)  
Brodi Campbell 41  
Tahmani Landsborough 12 (no)

#### Bowling:

Brodi Campbell 1/2, Lincoln Brown 2//3, Harrison Brazier 1/14, Brendan Landsborough 1/2, Malekai Landsborough 1/2

#### Under 12s

Guyra 111 defeated by Hillgrove Brumbies 2/117

#### Batting:

Tynan Bull 15, Hugo Brazier 18, Angus Dullaway 13. Toby Handebo 11, Emory Levy 19 (ret)  
Aidan Brown 10 (ret)

#### Bowling:

Hugo Brazier 1/12,  
Tynan Bull 1/15

#### Under 10s

Guyra Black 5/154 (cc) def Hillgrove/CSC 72(cc)

## Ladies' Golf

On Wednesday 19th February the Guyra Golf Ladies competed in a Stroke and Putting event. Meg Simpson played some excellent golf to win the event with a 70 net. Jenny Tierney was runner up with 75 net. Karen Oehlers had 27 putts. Nearest the Pin on the 7th was Wendy George and on the 9th, Shona Mulligan.

On Wednesday 26th February several players are competing in the Open Day at Glen Innes Golf Club. At home we will compete in a Stableford event.

The Guyra Veterans' Tournament is on 2nd and 3rd March. On Wednesday 4th March we will compete in a 4BBAM for something a little bit different.

The Phantom



# Classifieds Trades & Services

## RAM SALES

### TABLELANDS DOHNE STUD



Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020  
Sale commences at 1.00pm  
at Guyra Showground  
Inspections from 10.00am  
Offering 25, 18 months old  
Dohne Rams

Further information contact:  
Josh Frazer 0424 332 313  
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Elders 02 6775 4500



## IN MEMORIAM

NANCY ARCHIBALD  
28.2.2019

Beautiful memories, silently kept  
Of one that we loved  
And will never forget  
*Your loving family*

## MEETINGS

GUYRA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE  
meeting Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.00pm  
at the bottom pub.

GUYRA ANGLERS CLUB Inc AGM  
and Presentations Day Saturday  
March 8, 2020 11am, Guyra Hotel.  
BBQ and children's activities, giant  
raffle and kid's lucky dips. Member-  
ships are due 8.3.20.

GUYRA RSL sub-Branch AGM,  
followed by a general meeting will be  
held on Wednesday, 18 March 2020 at  
3.00pm at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.  
Members, and those eligible to be  
members, are encouraged to attend.

## RAFFLE RESULTS

WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER  
SERVICE raffle at Lamb & Potato Fes-  
tival and Guyra Show: 1st Roy Jones,  
2nd Dennis Saunders, 3rd Bob Furze.  
Thanks to everyone for your support.  
HOSPITAL AUXILIARY street stall raffle  
won by Eric Reeves. Thanks to all for  
your support.

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY Demo Derby  
load of wood won by Jennifer Swilks of  
Armidale. Thanks to all who supported  
us.

GUYRA SHOW SOCIETY Woodchop  
raffle won by A. Moran of Moleton and  
S. Dunn of Glen Innes.

## CLAIM THE DATE

SUNDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH: ECUMENICAL  
SERVICE at St. Mary of the Angels  
Church at 5.00pm. Join in an even-  
ing of song and prayer with the  
Combined Churches Choir. Light  
refreshments will be served in the  
Parochial Hall. Everyone welcome.

SUNDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH: Armidale Cup  
SATURDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL: at Wandsworth  
"Celebration of Resilience" for recovery  
from drought and bushfires. Entertain-  
ment, live band, BBQ, educational stalls,  
mental health. Also will be held on 16<sup>th</sup>  
May at Bald Blair, 13<sup>th</sup> June at Guyra and  
11<sup>th</sup> July at Ben Lomond.

SUNDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL: Guyra Cup

## DEATH NOTICE

McELROY; BARRY JAMES  
25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

Suddenly, of White Street, Guyra.  
Dearly loved husband of June and  
father of Greg. Loved brother &  
brother-in-law of Ian & Kerry and fond  
uncle of their family. Aged 73 years.



Ph: 6772 2288

## 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> Feb-  
ruary if you are going to participate in this  
outing. We will leave from the RSL Hall at  
8.30am on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## 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.

#### Email applications to:

Gina Lockyer (President)  
ginaguyrajrl@gmail.com

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

GUYRA HISTORICAL MUSEUM open  
on Sundays 11am to 3pm. Enquiries or  
GROUP BOOKINGS: 6779 2132.



# Big event coming up for lady golfers

*Helen Keller said "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much".*

Hosting any event in a small community, either sporting or social, requires a large contingent of volunteers and this is ever so apparent with the upcoming NEDGA Ladies' Golf Tournament that will be held in Guyra on the 18th-20th March. The Ladies' Golf Committee have been planning this event for over 12 months with husbands, partners and friends all called upon to help. Now as Mother Nature does her part, it may not be perfect, but she is certainly trying her best to provide good golfing conditions for 100 visiting competitors.

Last year the grass refused to

grow because the rain refused to fall and the flow on in downturn for local business is astronomical, but the Sponsors continue to support. The Guyra and Armidale businesses have excelled in their generosity towards this event. I am hoping everyone who reads this article helps us to show them the appreciation they deserve.

• With a Honda Jazz as a prize for a hole in one on the 18th Phil Hardman at Hardman Honda in Armidale deserves a significant mention.

• New England Autos – Darin and Suzanne Towells have donated prizes.

• Richard and Debbie Burey from Dick Burey Country Kitchens have also contributed.

• Michael and Stacey Kirk from Kirks IGA – another great contribution.

• Sponsorship was also received from the Regional Australia Bank and MyPlates.

• Maclean Care is delighted to be involved in the event as too are the Costa Group.

• And of course, the Guyra Bowling and Recreation Club have always been great supporters of the Guyra Golf ladies.

The coordination of this event was made easy by the competent and experienced Lady Golfers and the generosity of the Guyra Golfers in providing their carts for use during the tournament is invaluable.

I hope the sponsors are proud to be part of such a prestigious

event – so again I ask the community to bear in mind that in troubled times, our local businesses suffer and we should all be humbled to know that although their pockets are a little empty, they are still deep.

So let's show our local sponsors how worthwhile it was to put their name to this event and remember....live local...shop local! I can only hope that with all these visitors in town for three days that the economy receives a boost. Thank you to all who have helped along the way, whether your contribution has been large or small.

**Vicki Reeves**  
President  
Guyra Lady Golfers

## MARIMBA CLEARING SALE

### Farm Plant and Machinery and Household Items

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am — Baxters Road, Tenterden (Guyra) NSW**

For further info and pictures — <https://eldersrural.com.au/classifieds/plant-machinery-clearing-sales/656/>

**Plant & Machinery** – 2009 Massey Ferguson 7465 125HP tractor and challenge gear including forks, blade/stick rake and 7ft bucket, 2017 Honda Pioneer 1000cc side by side with windscreen and doors, Honda CT 200 Ag Bike, International 574 tractor with blade/stick rake, bench grinder, Lincoln MIG welder, drill press, air compressor, UHF radios, chainsaw sharpener, rock guard for trailer, jerry cans, fire extinguisher, Honda pump, foam marker, Davey firefighter pump, grease guns, 3/4" drive socket set, pipe bender, tap and die set, impact sockets, drill bit sharpener, drill sets, ratchet sockets, bag trolleys, wool trolleys, angle grinders, sanders, planer, circular saw, nail gun, Dremel, trolley jacks, 12V jack, Ruddweigh bars and indicator, anvils, chainsaws, leaf blower, whipper snipper, log splitter with Kohler motor, post driver, fencing gear, LPG oxy set, wire rope, tie down straps, wool pack holders, betta batts, fox lights, bale hooks, shears, lamb bars, diesel hand pump with 600L tank, quad-bike spot sprayers, 240V cement mixer, Triton super jaws, cox ride on mower, BA pumps and sprayer 300L spot spray unit with boomless nozzle and reel, 7kva Honda Gentech generator, sheep weighing crate, 1 tonne Vikon super spreader, Hardi 850L boom spray with foam markers, in cab control, 8m boom and PTO drivers, firefighter trailer with Honda Davey pump, jetting unit with Honda engine and air jetting pumps, 1800 hd Advantage feeders, 5m pencil auger with 240V motor, 33ft Auger with Honda motor, Vennings Auger with Honda motor, tipping carry all, bulk bag lifter, diesel tank and stand, harrows, Yeomans chisel plough 11 tyne, feed out trailer, 2400 poly tank, 1000L poly tank, bogey axle, tipping trailer with sides, sheep crate for bogey axle trailer, drag chains, 7ft Pearson hydraulic grader blade, 3PL counter weight, stick rake to suit challenge gear, Superior hydraulic post hole digger, sheep crates, post hole auger, Muldboard plough, quad bike trailer, sheep yard panels, pipe, jib, 3PL hay spears, hay spears to suit challenge gear, corrugated iron, log sling,

2" pipe layer on challenge ripper, fencing materials, steel posts, wire spinner and dollys, hinge joint strainer, feed out bin, Superior 7ft slasher, Waratah gal posts, petrol tank on stand, Woolview 20/20 micron tester, shovels, rakes, picks, crowbars, tipper trailer, various tynes, Hilux ARB bulbar, Hardi 400L tank on frame, reloading gear.

**Household** – Engel fridge freezer 39L, camping chairs and tables, camping stoves, camping gas heater, fridges, weight set.

**Outside Vendors** – Machinery only.

Connor Shea direct drill 3m, 18 tyne fold down finger harrows, monitor and spares.

**Terms** – Payment required on day - EFTPOS AVAILABLE, cash or cheque. ID required, number system will operate, GST will apply after fall of hammer.

**Catering** available on the day.

**Directions** – Guyra/Tingha Rd from Guyra (18km), Tenterden Rd (12km), Moredun Dams Rd (4km), Baxters Rd (500m). Look out for signs.



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